

4. IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1. Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is not envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country. This option is however envisaged in order to implement the twinning part of the action, using the appropriations made available during the financial year 2023.

4.2. Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 84 months from the date of adoption by the Commission of this Financing Decision.

The indicative operational implementation period for the twinning part of the action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 48 months from the date of entry into force of the Financing Agreement.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

4.3. Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures¹³.

4.3.1. Direct Management (Grants)

Grants: (direct management)

i. Twinning actions

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

It is possible that grants will be signed to support the achievement of Outcome 1 and related output 1.1.

Twinning projects might indicatively be linked to the green transition, standards and competition policy areas.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

The primary type of applicants include EU Member State administrations and their mandated bodies.

ii. Other (non-twinning) actions

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

It is possible that grants will be signed to support the achievement of Outcome 2.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

In order to be eligible for a grant, applicant must:

- be legal entities, public and private sector operators, international organisations and economic operators such as SMEs.

¹³ www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.