

AECID will partner with INBAR for implementing the action. AECID will provide strategic oversight and will take care of managing the action, whereas INBAR will provide the technical expertise for the development of the activities.

AECID will participate in financing the action, contributing with 200.000 EUR to the action.

In case the envisaged entity would need to be replaced, the Commission's services may select a replacement entity using the same criteria. If the entity is replaced, the decision to replace it needs to be justified.

Another part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with AICS. This implementation entails the activities foreseen to achieve the specific objective 2: 'To strengthen the local and national competent authorities' capacities to prevent, monitor, control forest fires and their causes, enhancing landscape connectivity, providing fundamental ecosystem services and contributing to improve the environment and the living conditions of local communities'. Outputs 2.1 and 2.2 will be implemented in indirect management with AICS. AICS' team of experts, together with the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, will provide technical support to different stakeholders involved in the action, in supporting the prevention of forest fires, and strengthening research on traditional knowledge of forest management and agricultural practices.

The envisaged entity has been selected using the following criteria:

- Member State agency that has proven experience in the field of forest fires prevention:
 1. 1999-2009: Bilateral Project Italy-Brazil "Amazonía sin Fuego" of EUR 10 M
 2. 2012-2017: Trilateral Project Italy-Brazil-CAF "Amazonía sin Fuego en Bolivia", managed by Italian cooperation and with a total financing of EUR 7 M
 3. 2017-2022: Trilateral Project Italy-Brazil-CAF "Amazonía sin Fuego en Ecuador-PASF", managed by the Environmental Ministry of Ecuador with the technical support of AICS and FIAS and total financing of EUR 2 M
 4. 2022-2025: Trilateral Project Italy-Brazil-CAF "Amazonía sin Fuego en Ecuador-PASF 2nd phase", managed by the Environmental Ministry of Ecuador with the technical support of FIAS and financing from the Italian-Ecuadorian Fund of EUR 2 M
 5. 2023-2027: Regional Programme AMAZON+, coordinated by AICS in collaboration with EF and FIIAPP with EU funding of EUR 18.4 M
 6. 2023: design and implementation of the TAIEX on forest fire prevention by AICS with EU financing
- Involvement in the TEI design process;
- Close relationship with Ecuadorian authorities relevant to forest fires and forest management;
- Strong support from the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, entity that will co-implement the project and with significant expertise in forest management and research;
- Pillar assessed entity with proven technical, administrative and financial capacities in the country of action;
- Satisfactory visibility of EU funding, going beyond the requirements laid down in the contribution agreements.

AICS will be in charge of managing the project, in addition of implementing output 2.1 on forest fire prevention. AICS will partner with the Hungarian Forest Research Institute, who will undertake the necessary activities for output 2.2 on forest management and restoration.

AICS will participate in financing the action, contributing with 100 000 EUR to the action.