

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the partner country.

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 60 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 of the Budget Support Component

N.A.

4.4 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures⁴⁰.

4.4.1 Direct Management (Grants)

Grants: (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

The grant(s) will contribute to achieving **Specific Objective 3 (SO 3)** of the action (enhance relevant peacebuilding and violence prevention mechanisms and structures across national and traditional authorities, CSOs, including women's organisations, forcibly displaced populations and their host communities).

(b) Type of applicants targeted

Non-profit organisation/s with a sound level of technical competence, experience and expertise in the field of community security, mediation, early warning systems, peace building and conflict prevention activities in Ghana, particularly Ghana's Northern Regions and with national and regional institutions, communities, traditional and religious leaders, and NGOs.

The part of the action under the budgetary envelope reserved for grants may, partially or totally and including where an entity is designated for receiving a grant without a call for proposals, be implemented in indirect management with an entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the criteria defined in section 4.4.4 below.

4.4.2 Direct Management (Procurement)

Procurement (services) will provide technical assistance support for activities related to **Output 1.1** (strengthened capabilities of State actors involved in countering violent extremism and terrorism, while upholding rule of law and human rights) and **Output 1.2** (enhanced coordination in efforts to counter violent extremism and terrorism).

⁴⁰ 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.