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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: BGUE-B2023-14.020140-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 3 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 3 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with: The entity to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.4.			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

The current context of the fight against trafficking in human beings in the Plurinational State of Bolivia shows that there has been a big advance in an area in which, until some years ago, there was marginal public policy intervention. According to the Trafficking in Person Report for the US Secretary of State of 2023, Bolivia was in the Tier 2 Watch List, which meant it was doing ‘little or no effort to comply with minimum standards’. Bolivia took recommendations seriously and started implementing a public policy in this area. They created coordination networks with international institutions and the coordinator role played by the Plurinational Council with Regional Departments was enhanced. In the last report by the US Secretary of State in 2023, Bolivia was downgraded to the Tier 2 Watch List. The Government of Bolivia does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so. These efforts included adopting a new NAP for the elimination of trafficking and reportedly sentencing three traffickers who had been in pretrial detention since 2016. However, the government did not demonstrate overall increasing efforts compared with the previous reporting period. Officials did not report investigating, prosecuting, or convicting traffickers and did not report identifying or referring victims to care.

The EU signed a Financing Agreement (FA) with Bolivia, including sector budget support for an amount of EUR 30 million to support the National Strategy on Fight against Illegal Drug Trafficking in December 2021. This FA supports other policies of the Bolivian State on fighting organised crime and drug trafficking. Included in this FA, there is a programme that supports Police Reform and will tackle Trafficking in Human Beings as a follow up of the current project implemented by the International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) on Police Reform that also tackles this issue.

This Action will support the current Bolivian policy on fight against trafficking in human beings through a single intervention and will build on current experiences and good practices developed by ongoing projects, mostly funded by the EU both at bilateral and regional level. The ongoing EU funded project “EU Law Enforcement Support to Bolivia’s Special Police Force to Fight Drugs” 2016-2024 includes a component on fighting trafficking in human beings that will be used as baseline for this Action. This intervention will aim at enhancing the current Bolivian policy and national strategy on trafficking in human beings through supporting the Departmental Councils on the implementation of their strategies on fight against trafficking in human beings, with a comprehensive approach including prevention, prosecution (including access to justice) and protection of victims. The Action will promote synergies with regional initiatives, and in particular with EUROFRONT “Support to the fight against human trafficking and migrant smuggling in Latin America”, which includes Bolivia among its 7 partners countries, and with EL PACCTO 2.0. In addition, this Action will be aligned with the current EU Strategy on Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings (2021-2025), focussing on: