

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the Republic of the Philippines

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 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 measures²¹.

4.3.1 Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with an entrusted entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

Applicable to SO1

- Demonstrated experience working in the Philippines;
- Positive relations with the various state and non-state actors involved in the implementation of the justice reform system and Rule of Law;
- Demonstrated experience supporting complex and vast range of activities related to the national Justice system framework;
- Demonstrated experience in implementing gender and conflict sensitive and human rights based development programmes;
- Demonstrated experience in capacity building for national, regional and local government entities; and
- Established operational capacity in the Philippines and experience in the management of funds.
- Demonstrated ability to continue, build on, and adapt existing EU-supported governance programmes in Justice Sector (GOJUST I and GOJUST II).

The implementation by this entity entails the activities related to Outcomes and expected Outputs as outlined in section 1.1 and 1.2 for SO1.

Applicable to SO2

- Demonstrated ability to continue, build on, and adapt existing EU-supported justice sector interventions in the Philippines
- Positive relations with the various state and non-state actors in the sector
- Technical expertise in managing and implementing justice and rule of law actions
- Demonstrated experience in capacity building and sub-granting for regional and local government entities, CSOs and academic institutions
- Established operational capacity in the Philippines and vast experience in the management of funds, including those for vulnerable groups

The implementation by this 'entrusted entity' entails the activities related to Outcomes and expected Outputs as outlined in section 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 for SO2.

Applicable to SO3

- Demonstrated experience working in the Philippines;