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## **ANNEX**

### **ACTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING**

- (1) The exchanges and dissemination of information referred to in Article 8(5), point (a), shall, among others, be targeted at:
- best practices in preventing counterfeiting and counterfeiting-related fraud relating to the euro, including potential threats to the future digital euro,
  - methodologies for monitoring and analysing the economic and financial impact of counterfeiting,
  - operation of databases and early warning systems,
  - use of detection tools, including with computer back-up,
  - enquiry and investigation methods,
  - scientific assistance, including monitoring of new developments, also with regard to potential threats posed by and investigational opportunities offered by Artificial Intelligence,
  - protection of the euro outside the Union,
  - research actions,
  - provision of specific operational expertise;
- (2) The technical, scientific and operational assistance referred to in Article 8(5), point (b), shall include in particular:
- any appropriate measure which establishes teaching resources at Union level, such as a handbook of Union legislation, information bulletins, practical manuals, glossaries and lexicons, databases, especially in the area of scientific assistance or technology watch, or computer support applications, such as software and Artificial Intelligence tools,
  - relevant studies with a multidisciplinary and transnational dimension, including research on innovative security features,
  - development of technical support instruments and methods to facilitate detection actions at Union level,
  - support for cooperation in operations involving at least two countries when such support cannot be made available from other programmes of Union institutions and bodies;
- (3) For the purpose of Article 8(6), eligible professional groups shall include:
- staff of agencies engaged in detecting and combating counterfeiting, in particular police forces;
  - customs and financial administrations;
  - parcel and delivery services;
  - intelligence personnel;

- representatives of the national central banks, the mints, commercial banks and other financial intermediaries, in particular as regards the obligations of financial institutions;
- court staff, prosecutors, judges, specialist lawyers and other members of the judiciary in this field;
- any other group of specialists concerned, such as chambers of commerce and industry or comparable structures capable of providing access to small and medium-sized enterprises, retailers and cash-in-transit companies.