Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Activity: BEI - A.C.T. SMART 2.0 (10-0002518)

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SAP application number	4000006315

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Key data

Activity basics

Type	Standard
Short name	BEI - A.C.T. SMART 2.0
Contract party	Berytech Foundation (30029022)
ODA	Yes
Amount EUR	9000000
Start date	31-12-2022
End date	30-06-2027
Full name	Agrifood and Clean Technology Innovation Hub
Summary	A.C.T. SMART 2.0

Activity details

Date of receipt of proposal	01-01-2023
Proposal’s reference number	
Budget holder	Ambassade Beiroet (8251BEI)
Limit access	Yes
Related activity	

Accounting data

SAP application number	4000006315
Funds center	BEI LB Private sector development contr (1701U03020014)

Policy data

Cooperation modality	Other program-based aid
Technical assistance	Between 10% (inclusive.) and 25% (exclusive) of the activity budget
CRS code	25030 Business development services
Policy Keywords	
Refugees & host communities	No
Team Europe Initiative	No
Policy Markers	
Climate change: mitigation	Principal
Equality between men & women	Principal
Environmental protection	Principal
Youth employment	Principal
Explain your choices	Aanpassing Policy marker ivm CRS++ DAC

Beneficiary location

Beneficiary location	Country
Country	Lebanon
Location type	
Specific location	

Policy Appraisal

The partner requested a no-cost extension to complete all planned activity cycles, launch new investment and commercialization mechanisms, and strengthen the sustainability of the clusters by transitioning them toward partial financial autonomy and improved governance.
This request follows delays in 2025 that were beyond the partner's control, compounded by disruptions in previous years due to security and related constraints. As the proposed activities are expected to consolidate project achievements and enhance the long-term sustainability of the clusters established under the project, which remains a key objective, the embassy approved the requested no-cost extension.

Results

Monitoring and evaluation

This is a migrated activity.

Finance

This is a migrated activity.

NCE request till 30-06-2027
For the full budget, please refer to MINBUZA-2026.56303.

- The salary component increases by 149k (6%) to cover the additional 6 months. This is roughly half what was expected based on the average salary costs per month. In addition, 39k additional contribution from Berytech is moved to this budget line. For the first time, we have received the salary breakdown. These will increase by 5% in 2027, which is according to the HR standard from Berytech.
- In budget line 1.2.3 there is USD 48k in additional staffing costs (only in Y1-Y3). The increased staffing costs allocated to partners are primarily due to delays in the submission of invoices by some partners. As a result, certain retroactive staffing amounts were not captured during earlier budget revision cycles and were subsequently reflected under this line item. Note that the initial approved program design budget amounted to USD 810,000, while the total expenditure to date stands at USD 748,548.
- Less startups have made the selection for the cleantech section, thereby delivering some savings.
- For the QOOT cluster, there are some significant changes that overall do not change the total budget for this line. Notably, an additional 41k is amde available for staffing, which is needed to sustain operations. These changes are in line with the findings from the midterm review. Berytech will explore channels for securing a minimum level of sustainable financing for Qoot's future operations, beyond the scope of this project.
- Cost share remains 8,7 mln. USd for EKN and 300k for Berytech. Because some activities for which Berytech contributed were decreased in size, the own contribution from Berytech was allocated to salaries to ensure that the balance in total remains the same.
- Note that the activity value is 9 mln. EUR. This is incorrect but cannot be changed while the activity is running. It does not affect the value of the commitment, which is 8,7 mln. USD (correct).

New budget totals:

Budget Revision no.3					Budget contribution					Berytech Contribution	Dutch Embassy Contribution	Y3 Savings	Y3 % of deviation	Y3 Explanation	Total Budget
Year 1 Jan-Dec 2023	Year 2 Jan-Dec 2024	Year 3 Jan-Dec 2025	Year 4 Jan-Dec 2026	Year 5 Jan-Jun 2027	Year 1 Jan-Dec 2023	Year 2 Jan-Dec 2024	Year 3 Jan-Dec 2025	Year 4 Jan-Dec 2026	Year 5 Jan-Jun 2027						
										0	0	0			0
$1.396.475	$1.953.309	$2.437.064	$2.287.786	$925.365	$27.866	$12.000	$67.925	$116.932	$75.276	$299.999	$8.700.002	-$701.965	-22%		$9.000.000

The liquidity request for 2026 MINBUZA-2026.56303, which matches the budget. Based on the approved budget and this request, the February payment will be transferred after the amendment has been countersigned.

ANNUAL LIQUIDITY FORECAST

Country program: Lebanon — Date (dd-mm-yy): 30/Jan/26

Contracting party: Berytech

Name program: ACT SMART 2.0 — Activity No.: 4-6315 ?

Currency: USD ? — Budget year: 2026 ? — Correction % for delays: 5% ?

		1	2	3	4	5	6
		1st quarter 2026 ?	2nd quarter 2026	3nd quarter 2026	4th quarter 2026	Total year 2026	indication 1st quarter 2027
A	Estimated bank and cash balance at the beginning of the period ?	389,562					
B	Planned expenditure on activities ?	368,735	214,725	201,250	179,195	963,905	320,475
C	Planned operational costs ?	97,191	95,051	86,328	107,878	386,448	56,518
D	Planned overhead costs ?	270,135	212,976	213,786	240,537	937,434	167,538
E	Less: Expected other income ?	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	Total planned expenditure as per Annual Pl	736,061	522,752	501,364	527,610	2,287,787 ?	544,531
G	Less: Correction for possible delays	-36,803	-26,138	-25,068	-26,381	-114,389	-27,227
H	Requested payments from EKN by 1st February and 1st August	1,123,841 ?		1,004,864 ?		2,128,705	
I	Estimated bank and cash balance at the end of the period	814,145	317,531	846,099	344,870	344,870	-172,435

ANNUAL LIQUIDITY REQUEST

Date: 30/01/2026

To: EKN Lebanon

From: Berytech

Subject: Payment request 2026 Act number 4-6315 0

I herewith request EKN to transfer to the program upon approval of the annual plan and the above quarterly liquidity forecast the following amounts in the year 2026 :

- 1st payment by the 1st of February but not later than 15 February an amount of 1,123,841 USD
- 2nd payment by the 1st of August but not later than 15 August an amount of 1,004,864 USD
- In total for the year 2026 2,128,705 USD

I herewith confirm that the above liquidity planning is realistic and reflects the expected progress of the program.

Underspending of more than 15% of the liquidity forecast will be reported in an early stage to the Embassy, including a revised liqidity forecast to adjust the second payment of the year.

You are requested to transfer the funds: (pls mark the applicable)

- To the bank account as specified in the signed contract ☐
- Or, to the following bank account: ☒

Account holder:	Berytech Foundation
Bank name:	Banque Libano Francaise SAL
Bank address:	Hamra
BIC/SWIFT code:	LB100010000000017780039003840
Bank account no:	01 7780039 003 840

On behalf of Berytech

Name: Haroun Chammas.

Signature:

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