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Subject: Date:	Final operational conclusions of the 5th meeting of the ESI Steering Committee, 25 June 2020 lundi 6 juillet 2020 18:08:00
	Dear colleagues,
	Please find below the final version of the operational conclusions of the ESI Steering Committee meeting of 25 June, following the useful comments received from
	Present:
2. Strategic use of the remaining ESI budget	

In the light of this, the Steering Committee discussed the relative merits of each of the new actions proposed for ESI funding, bearing in mind their EU added-value, their complementarity with other EU and national actions, the interest of diversification of resource use, feasibility and confidence of delivery in a short time-frame, and relevance in the context of preparedness:



• Funding for the interoperability of tracking and tracing apps was approved (EUR 10 million) given that this is a key supporting element in the opening of internal borders and the safe restoration of internal free movement, has clear EU added-value, responds to a strong request from Member States, and

alternative (bilateral) arrangements would be both less effective and less efficient in terms of resources. It was highlighted that the action should be implemented rapidly or it would risk losing its added value;

