ETSI informed, the remaining budget when Ittiam contract is paid is:

* 204 000 Euros for the Labs

The Audio SWG has the same understanding, see [1]:

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| **Task** | **Sub-task** | **Amount in EUR** |
| Selection Phase  | Listening lab – Force Technology | 239000 |
|  | Listening lab – HEAD acoustics | 179000 |
|  | Listening lab – Mesaqin.com | 180000 |
|  | Listening lab – MC University | 36000 |
|  | Global Analysis Lab – HEAD acoustics | 12000 |
| Characterization Phase | FL-to-FX conversion – Ittiam | 350000 |
|  | Listening labs and GAL – external labs (tbd) | 204000 |
| Total  |  | 1200000 |

ETSI requested information on the following:

* When the contracts will be issued with the Labs
	+ A matter for ETSI and Labs, testing is currently planned for [April 14 – May 9 2025 (4 weeks)].
* The amount for each Lab
	+ Information is partially available in the draft test plan [2] clause 3.2:
	*External LLs: Mesaqin.com, FORCE Technology
	GAL: HEAD acoustics GmbH*

*The external LL will run the following experiments:*

* + - *10 x P.800 (10 x 18000 = 180000 Euros)*
		- *1 x BS.1534 headphones test (1 x 10000 Euros)*
	+ Amounts currently allocated for LLs:
		- *Mesaqin.com: 5 x P.800 = 90 000 EUR*
		- *FORCE Technology: 5 x P.800 + 1 x BS.1534 = 100 000 EUR*
	+ Amount currently allocated for GAL: 12 000 EUR
	+ Currently unused amount: 2 000 EUR
	+ Finalization of IVAS Characterization test plan, which would include the allocation of listening test experiments is expected by SA4#131 (17th – 21st February 2025)
* The tasks that each Lab will handle.
	+ See [2] Clause 3.3
* The starting and ending dates of the contracts with the Labs.
	+ A matter for ETSI and Labs, testing is currently planned for [April-May 2025].
	+ Terms for corresponding Selection test contracts were rather tight and did not allow for changes in the schedule. The Audio SWG is proposing to set start and end dates that allow for some slight changes in the planning.

[1] SA4aA240038: Organization of IVAS Characterization Phase rev 1

[2] S4-241195: IVAS-8b (Characterization test plan)

[3] S4-24xxxx: IVAS\_Codec\_Ph2 time plan v0.1.0