

Objectives 2 and 3, Outputs 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2 – Cooperation Facility composed of	
Procurement (direct management) – cf. section 4.3.2	2 700 000
Evaluation – cf. section 5.2 Audit – cf. section 5.3	300 000
Totals	6 000 000

4.6 Organisational Set-up and Responsibilities

The contracting authority for the programme shall be the Delegation of the European Union to Lesotho. For the cooperation facility, an annual activity plan will be prepared by the respective contractors on the basis of the annual objectives which will be set by the Delegation in coordination with the relevant national stakeholders. In view of the necessary flexibility, these plans will be indicative.

For the support to civil society, the responsibility for the implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the remaining activities will be with the beneficiaries of the grant(s) as per contractual requirements set by the Practical Guide for EU funded actions. A Project Steering Committee will be established to oversee the strategic implementation of the civil society support measures. Its composition will be defined during the inception phase. The EU Delegation will ensure that any form of steering committee encompasses a wide variety of stakeholders to ensure the representation of vulnerable people, including right holders such as vulnerable and marginalised groups.

As part of its prerogative of budget implementation and to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, the Commission may participate in the above governance structures set up for governing the implementation of the action.

5 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

5.1 Monitoring and Reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced. Indicators shall be disaggregated at least by sex. All monitoring and reporting shall assess how the action is taking into account the rights-based approach and gender equality.

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission for implementing such reviews).

5.2 Evaluation

Having regard to the importance of the action, a final evaluation may be carried out for this action or its components via independent consultants contracted by the Commission.

It will be carried out for accountability and learning purposes at various levels (including for policy revision), taking into account in particular the fact that the civil society support component may introduce innovative financing support mechanisms (sub-granting) and that the cooperation facility supports, for the first time, a “whole-of-Delegation” approach.