

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this action, it is envisaged to conclude a Financing Agreement with the partner country .

4.2 Indicative Implementation Period

The indicative operational implementation period of this action, during which the activities described in section 3 will be carried out and the corresponding contracts and agreements implemented, is 60 months from the date of entry into force of the financing agreement. Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

4.3 Implementation Modalities

The Commission will ensure that the EU appropriate rules and procedures for providing financing to third parties are respected, including review procedures, where appropriate, and compliance of the action with EU restrictive measures.

4.3.1 Indirect Management with a pillar assessed entity

This action may be implemented in indirect management with one or more entities which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

- the technical capacity, expertise and mandate in the areas of interventions covered by the action,
- the local presence or proven similar experience from another developing country,
- the complementarity with existing European funded interventions,
- the ability to provide co-financing and capacity to launch a Call for Proposals.

Implementation by this entity(ies) entails the achievement of all the objectives and results under section 3.

4.3.2 Changes from indirect to direct management mode (and vice versa) due to exceptional circumstances (one alternative second option)

In exceptional circumstances, where the EU would fail its negotiations with the organisations mentioned in section 4.3.1, part or the entirety of this action may be implemented in direct management through procurement or grants.

Grants: (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

Grants will contribute to the achievement of the two specific objectives as specified in section 3.1.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

Applicants targeted would be legal entities and could be public bodies, international organisations, NGOs or organised private sector.

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4.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply, subject to the following provisions.