

contribution as early as possible. In the event that the TEIs and/or these contributions do not materialise, the EU action may continue outside a TEI framework.

### 3.3 Mainstreaming

#### **Environmental Protection & Climate Change**

Inclusive green growth, environmental protection and good governance, particular of natural resources, are important objectives of the bilateral MIP for Namibia as well as of the MoU on renewable hydrogen and raw materials. The support measure for Civil Society funded under this Action will be used to provide capacity building in a wide sense to local CSOs to enable them to participate in policy advocacy, and to request accountability, citizen participation in decision making and transparency from duty-bearers and the private sector. The support measures will be highly complementary to the action “Sustainable Energy and Renewable Hydrogen Support Programme”, equally presented under the AAP2023. The latter proposed action will facilitate public and private investments in renewable energy/hydrogen, combined with flanking measures regarding investment climate, regulatory reforms, capacity building and skills development.

**Outcome of the SEA screening** (Strategic Environmental Assessment – relevant for budget support and strategic-level interventions): The action does not meet the conditions that require an SEA and will therefore not be undertaken

**Outcome of the EIA** (Environmental Impact Assessment) **screening:** An EIA is not required.

The proposed actions (Support Measures in Favour of Civil Society) have no environmental aspects to be addressed. On the contrary, they will complement and strengthen the EU interventions in the area of the “inclusive green growth” and “governance” (particularly anti-corruption) (Objectives 2+3 of the MIP).

**Outcome of the CRA** (Climate Risk Assessment) **screening:** This is a climate low-risk project and there are no climate related risk aspects that will be addressed.

#### **Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls**

As per the OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1. This implies that Gender will be a significant objective. This action will directly contribute to the implementation of the [Gender Action Plan III \(2021-2025\)](#), as gender will be integrated as a crosscutting priority and women and youth CSOs will be specifically involved among those CSOs that will participate in the action. Special attention will be given to ensure that the funded actions also increases women empowerment and equally benefits youth and the most marginalised people , including people living in remote areas, and their organisations. The action will also use sex-disaggregated data and GAP III indicators to monitor its contribution to the EU commitments to gender equality.<sup>7</sup>

#### **Human Rights**

Weak governance, corruption and lack of inclusive involvement of civil society can seriously undermine all human rights - civil, political, economic, social and cultural, as well as the right to development. The action operationalises the human rights-based approach by ensuring that all rights are respected and that empowerment, participation, non-discrimination, accountability and transparency are promoted. It will capacitate "rights-holders" in claiming their rights and partially also "duty-bearers" in meeting their obligations. The HRBA will be applied at all stages of the intervention cycle, to enhance national and local capacities of the “rights-holders” to access to their natural resources, including access to renewable energies and their opportunity to live in an uncontaminated environment (e.g. clean water and air, and protection of their landscapes and biodiversity). Special attention will be paid to integrate vulnerable communities and people living in remote areas as beneficiaries of the actions.

#### **Disability**

As per OECD Disability DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as D1. This implies that people with disabilities will be included in all planned activities and that disability will be, like gender equality, a crosscutting priority. The action will take in consideration that all its public activities will facilitate the participation of people with disabilities as e.g., in its seminars and workshops and in its awareness and communication campaigns. CSOs with and for people with disabilities will be included in the consultation processes.

#### **Democracy**

<sup>7</sup> Note that the AAP2022 includes a dedicated action programme to advance gender equality and to combat Gender-Based-Violence.