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<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>12. Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2021-14.020141-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 1 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 1 000 000			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Direct management</b> through: Procurement <b>Indirect management</b> with Belize.			
<b>14. Type of measure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility <input type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society			

## 1.2. Summary of the Action

The proposed Action is being designed in a post-Cotonou context where a new partnership between Belize and the European Union has been settled under which policy dialogue is enhanced and the fulfilment of the Agenda 2030 and the SDGs is well recognised, as well as two new Priority Areas for joint cooperation have been outlined.

Taking into consideration the allocations for Belize under the Multiannual Indicative Plan (MIP) 2021-2027 as well as former experiences under EDF funding, the EU programme will require seamless coordination between several Ministries, involved public bodies and non-state actors. In the wider context of development cooperation, the need for support measures is evident for the design of the new actions, the strengthening of joint monitoring, accountability and donor coordination.

The proposed GoB *Management Service for Externally Funded Projects (MSEFP)*, part of the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Investment, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Immigration aims at offering a slim and efficient mechanism to coordinate and support MIP 2021-2027 actions across all levels, constituting a flexible interface between the government, the EU, local stakeholders and also regional institutions. Therefore, the overall objective of this action is: to contribute to the successful execution of MIP 2021-2027 for the mutual benefit of Belize and the European Union.

The *Management Service for Externally Funded Projects* will contribute to the following specific objectives: (1) All MIP actions are designed, contracted and stakeholders are associated; (2) The established monitoring system for the MIP actions identifies shortcomings and recommends corrective activities; and (3) donor coordination between international partners and government enhanced for efficient use of domestic and external resources.

The *MSEFP* will benefit from this action through (i) Technical assistance (TA); Exchange of experiences (including study-visits); (iii) Organisation and participation to seminars, congresses or other events; (vi) Financing studies and other relevant initiatives.

<sup>1</sup> Art. 27 NDICI