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<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>12. Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line(s): BGUE-B2022-14.020120-C1-INTPA Total estimated cost: EUR 7 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 7 000 000 The contribution is for an amount of EUR 5 000 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2022 and for an amount of EUR 1 600 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2023 and for an amount of EUR 400 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2024, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing</b>	<b>Indirect management</b> with the entity(ies) to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.3.1 and/or <b>Direct management</b> through grants (section 4.3.2).			

## 1.2. Summary of the Action

In view of the increasing political polarisation and threats to peace and stability as the country moves closer to the parliamentary and presidential elections in 2023, the European Union renews its commitment towards democratic governance in Sierra Leone and pledges support to the conduct of peaceful and credible elections and enhanced citizens' participation in electoral processes and political space.

The present action aims at consolidating the democratic process in Sierra Leone and supporting change processes undertaken by the Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) and promote rights holders and citizens participation (notably women and youth) in democratic governance and political process through strengthening of Civil Society Organisations (CSO)-led initiatives, media and democratic institutions supporting transparency and accountability of duty bearers. In line with the results outlined in the multiannual indicative programme, the action will seek to consolidate democracy, peace and social cohesion in Sierra Leone, specifically by:

- providing the national electoral management bodies with needed know-how and means to conduct peaceful and credible elections, (notably addressing implementation and accountability gaps in the areas of legal reforms, electoral planning, electoral risks management, conflict prevention and mitigation results management systems, civic/voter education, gender equality and inclusion);
- supporting elections' related conflicts and violence prevention/mitigation/management by i) identifying (root) causes of electoral conflict, ii) promoting inter-party dialogue and dispute resolution mechanisms, iii) improving