

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The overall objective of the Action is to strengthen the OCTs' capacities, to engage in the EU-OCT policy dialogue as well as to formulate and implement strategic policies, regulatory frameworks and cooperation programmes.

The specific objectives of the Action are:

1. demand driven support for the implementation of the DOAG, the design and implementation of OCT policies, strategies and programmes and their monitoring and evaluations as well as better awareness of EU horizontal programmes for which OCTs are eligible;
2. fostering of a more coherent and informed approach on themes of common interest such as the Green Deal², just transition, trade, resilience, gender, youth and inclusion, within the OCTs as well as inter- and intra-regionally, including with Outermost Regions, ACP countries and other countries by means of studies, training and capacity building;
3. support to the EU-OCT policy dialogue including for the organisation of the annual EU-OCT Forum; support to youth initiatives in the EU-OCT partnership;
4. support strategic communication and public diplomacy activities designed to raise awareness, understanding and perception of the EU (as relevant and appropriate)

The Outputs to be delivered by this Action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are:

- 1.1 Technical Assistance for implementation of EU Programmes
- 1.2 Studies in the areas of common interest.
- 2.1 Training on EU procedures attended by the OCTs
- 3.1 Seminars and Conferences with participation of the OCTs
- 4.1 Strategic communication and public diplomacy activities designed and implemented (as relevant)

3.2 Indicative Activities

Activities related to Output 1.1:

Carrying out studies or technical assistance including in support of programming/implementation of the DOAG. Audits and evaluations of projects when they cannot be financed from other sources.

Activities related to Output 1.2:

Studies in the areas of common interest. Provision of expertise that would facilitate and increase the understanding of issues concerning development, trade, environment, etc. by key OCTs' actors (policy-makers and/or other relevant stakeholders).

Activities related to Output 2.1:

Supporting the OCT bodies and institutions, as well as administrations and agencies, in maintaining or improving their levels of implementation and monitoring of new and ongoing projects; when this support cannot be provided within the projects or programmes themselves.

Activities related to Output 3.1:

Organising conferences, seminars and trainings considered relevant by the Commission. This may also include the funding of the annual OCT-EU Forums and inter and intra-regional seminars including with Outermost Regions, ACP countries and other third countries and territories;

Supporting the participation of OCTs representatives in events related to international cooperation initiatives and in regional integration processes and participation of non-OCTs representatives in OCTs' events.

Activities related to Output 4.1:

² [Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, The European Green Deal, COM\(2019\)640 final.](#)