

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

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 48 months from the date of entry into force of the financing agreement.

Extensions of the implementation period may be agreed upon by the Commission's responsible authorising officer by amending this Financing Decision and the relevant contracts and agreements.

4.3 Implementation Modalities [applicable for Project modality or for complementary support to a BS]

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 measures⁸.

4.3.1 Direct Management (Procurement)

In order to achieve the outcome and outputs under section 3.1, procurement contracts will be signed to implement the relevant activities.

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

In case procurement envisaged under section 4.4.1 cannot be implemented as planned due to circumstances outside of the Commission's control, the alternative implementation modality will be indirect management with one or more pillar assessed entities which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

- Recognized international expertise in the domains that are at the core of the present Action, including on applying a human rights-based approach and gender mainstreaming
- Previous in-country experience and knowledge as regards the country's policy issues and constraints
- Capacity to entail policy dialogue with the higher levels of the administration in the domain of the TA

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.

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the markets of the countries or territories concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the eligibility rules would make the realisation of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation).

⁸ www.sanctionsmap.eu. Please note that the sanctions map is an IT tool for identifying the sanctions regimes. The source of the sanctions stems from legal acts published in the Official Journal (OJ). In case of discrepancy between the published legal acts and the updates on the website it is the OJ version that prevails.