

#### 4.4.2. Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with the European Space Agency. The Agency will be tasked with implementation of the Innovative agriculture Component 3 (using Copernicus/remote sensing for applied agri-climate uses). This will enable an objective and repeated assessment of the agricultural landscape, especially in the priority states of the EU projects. It will contribute to the understanding of the processes in a coherent environmental system.

The envisaged entity has been selected due to its specific mandate, in particular when it comes to implementation of the Copernicus Programme.

If negotiations with the above-mentioned entity fail, that part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with another specialised EU or EU MS agency participating in the Copernicus Programme. The implementation by this alternative entity would be justified because of the following criteria: specific expertise and mandate, operational capacity, and pillar assessment.

#### 4.4.3. Contribution to the Africa Investment Platform

Contributions to Components 1 and 2 may be implemented under indirect management with the entities, called Lead Finance Institutions, identified in the appendix 2 to this Action Document.

It is expected that implementation of the AgriFI ElectriFI (Nexus) Country Window, i.e. Component 1, may be delegated to FMO pending the completion of the EDFI MC pillar assessment.

AFD will be delegated a blending operation for Agri-TVET which will combine the loans for infrastructure with grants for skills and curriculum development under Component 2.

The added value (or additionally) of EU support in these blending operations lies in the enhanced development impact:

- Under Component 1, access to finance will be enhanced for much needed investments in agro-businesses, especially those supported by EU-VACE – a value chain development facility to be established under AAP 2022;
- Under Component 2, the EU contribution for “soft” support to curricula and skills development will leverage financing for “hard” infrastructure revitalisation and modernisation of TVET institutions.

#### 4.5 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.

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 realization of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation).