

Results	Results chain (@): Main expected results (maximum 10)	Indicators (e): (at least one indicator per expected result)	Baselines (values and years)	Targets (values and years)	Sources of data	Assumptions
						forestry sector, quality standards for wood products, and labour safety in forest sector.

## 4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

### 4.1 Financing Agreement

In order to implement this Action, it is envisaged to conclude a financing agreement with the Lao PDR.

### 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 78 months from the date of entry into force of the financing agreement.

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

### 4.3 Implementation Modalities

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 measures<sup>10</sup>.

#### 4.3.1 Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

The specific objective 1: Enhanced quality development of coffee and tea sectors through agro-ecological community-based action, climate-resilient and inclusive value chains with a gender and human rights-based approach, may be implemented in indirect management with Agence Française de Développement (AFD).

The envisaged entity has been selected using the following criteria:

- i) experience working in the sector;
- ii) experience in promoting alignment of EU interests, policies and values in partner countries; and
- iii) expertise in providing advisory services, capacity building and/or technical assistance to the public and civil society sectors.

This implementation entails a contribution to the achievement of the specific objective (outcome) and the four corresponding outputs specified in 3.1 (1) 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4.

On i) AFD has demonstrated experience in Lao PDR and in the region, in the agriculture sector (especially in coffee and tea value chains).

On ii) AFD as part of French Development Cooperation is fully integrated in the planning and implementation of the European Joint-Programming process in the Lao PDR, including the current Team-Europe Strategy

<sup>10</sup> [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://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.