

- Strengthen networks and long-term relationships with key target audiences and partners (e.g. youth, students, academics, think tanks, CSOs, business, creative industries), including leveraging existing EU programmes, in order to facilitate future cooperation across policy areas.

The commitment of the EU's contribution to the Team Europe Initiative to which this action refers, will be complemented by other contributions from Team Europe members. It is subject to the formal confirmation of each respective member's meaningful contribution as early as possible. In the event that the TEIs and/or these contributions do not materialise, the EU action may continue outside a TEI framework.

3.3 Mainstreaming

Environmental Protection & Climate Change

Cross cutting issues were identified as poverty reduction, climate change, good governance, gender, environment, and health. Activities funded under the Support Measures will include matters concerning environmental sustainability, gender equality, good governance and human rights as appropriate. Where relevant, studies will assess the social and environmental impacts of future development programmes. In particular, climate change, disaster risk reduction and resilience issues will be taken into account. The activities contribute to sustainable development, by making meaningful contributions to capacity building at various levels in the private and public sector, which assists the government in meeting its social development and poverty reduction goals. Additionally, to ensure the sustainable management and exploitation of forest resources in view of minimising the impact on biodiversity and the environment, conservation organisations (such as Conservation International and WWF) will be duly consulted and may be invited to multi-stakeholder coordination activities. Their role in safeguarding and monitoring the environment (wildlife and biodiversity in general) can be crucial in this forest partnership.

Outcomes of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening

By accompanying actions of the Forest Partnership priority area, the action will contribute to EU objectives in terms of support for biodiversity and/or climate change policies. The EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening is therefore category C (no need for further assessment).

Outcome of the CRA (Climate Risk Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

The Climate Risk Assessment (CRA) screening concluded that this action has no or low risk (no need for further assessment).

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls

As per OECD Gender DAC codes, identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1. Support measures in favour of the civil society will ensure that a rights-based approach is streamlined in the Action, given that these organisations integrate important cross-cutting issues, such as human rights and the empowerment of at-risk groups such as women, youth and forest peoples. Particular emphasis will be placed on implementing the GAP III Country Level Implementation Plan for Guyana and mainstreaming gender and youth participation.

Human Rights

Human rights protection and promotion (which comprises gender equality, indigenous rights, persons with disabilities, etc.) will be mainstreamed throughout the different activities whether through the Measures in favour of Civil Society or the Cooperation Facility. Several EU documents will help to incorporate a rights-based approach in future cooperation activities.