

4 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

4.1 Financing Agreement

In order 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 72 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.

4.3.1 Direct Management (Grants)

Grants: (direct management)

(a) Purpose of the grant(s)

The purpose of the grant is to provide agro-forestry services at local, regional and national level in order to achieve the two intended outputs of the action described in section 3.1.

(b) Type of applicants targeted

Applicants should be legal entities, public and private sector organisations, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), natural persons or groupings without legal personality; local authorities, public bodies, international organisations, NGOs, economic operators such as SMEs.

The part of the action under the budgetary envelope reserved for grants may, partially or totally and including where an entity is designated for receiving a grant without a call for proposals, be implemented in indirect management with an entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

- Specialisation in providing forestry and agriculture-related technical assistance and having all expertise required for the delivery of the results expected under this project;
- Specific expertise in the sectors covered by this action;
- Capability to ensure coordination and operating coherently at all levels with Timorese public institutions as well as other organisations and stakeholders and donors dealing with these sectors (including civil society, associations, media, etc.);
- Knowledge of the country context and prior experience in Timor Leste;
- Experience in promoting alignment of EU interests, policies and values in partner countries.

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.