

diversification; Transparent, accountable and effective governance; Human development.

- (5) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Sub-Saharan Africa’ are to support Angola’s sustainable economic diversification, while reinforcing the relevant governance systems.
- (6) The action entitled ‘Initiative for a sustainable and strategic Blue Economy in Angola’ aims to promote a strategic and sustainable blue economy in Angola, including the conservation and sustainable management of marine resources and coastal ecosystems in the context of climate change.
- (7) The action entitled ‘Support to upgrade the value chain of Solid Waste Management and adoption of a Circular Economic Model’ aims to improve solid waste management and scale up circular economy, while boosting decent job creation, private sector development and green entrepreneurship.
- (8) The action entitled ‘Strengthening the Rule of Law and Justice in Angola’ aims to strengthen the Rule of Law and justice for all citizens and especially for women, youth, people living with disabilities and people living in rural areas in Angola.
- (9) The action entitled ‘Bridging the Gap: capacity building for Civil Society Organisations’ aims to contribute empowering civil society in Angola as a governance and development actor, defending and promoting human rights and democracy, as well as to improve its safe and enabling environment.
- (10) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action.
- (11) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation⁶ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (12) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (13) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to determine the changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (14) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the NDICI-Global Europe Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947,

⁶ Except for the cases referred to in Article 154(6) of the Financial Regulation, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.