

3.5 The Intervention Logic

The **underlying intervention logic** for this action seeks to strengthen democratic governance in Guinea Bissau, with the purpose of consolidating democracy and facilitating lasting peace in the country. The action will be based on three components: **civil society, parliament and elections**. The expected results/outcomes are: 1) Strengthened civil society as actors towards an inclusive development at national and local levels; 2) Strengthened representative and inclusive democracy through the effective and gender-sensitive functioning of the parliament; and 3) Enhanced credibility, inclusiveness, legitimacy and transparency of elections, in line with the domestic legislation and regional and sub-regional obligations.

The logic assumes that:

IF CSOs more widely interface with political/administrative actors, then political conflicts will be mitigated and governance will improve, as common interests will be more consistently introduced and maintained on the governance agenda, **SO THAT** civil society as actors towards an inclusive development at national and local levels will be strengthened, and

IF CSOs (especially women organizations) interface with ANP members and committees and other democratic institutions at the national level, **THEN** representative and inclusive democracy through the effective and gender-sensitive functioning of the parliament will be strengthened; and

IF members and staff of the ANP are further capacitated to exercise their institutional and elective mandates, **THEN** checks and balances and representation of citizen interests will be enhanced; and

IF the CNE agrees to take into account EU EEM priority recommendations, **THEN** the project could invest in its results transmission project, which could **THEN** produce more transparent results publication, and

IF CSOs sustain, modernize and widen their civic/constitutional education, early warning on hate speech and disinformation and electoral monitoring function, **THEN** credibility, inclusiveness, legitimacy and transparency of elections, in line with the domestic legislation and regional and sub-regional obligations, will be enhanced, and

THEN democratic governance in Guinea Bissau will be strengthened, with the purpose of consolidating democracy and facilitating lasting peace in the country.