

### **Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls**

As per the OECD Gender DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as G1 (“significant”). This implies that gender equality will be mainstreamed in the project/programme, as it is considered an important and deliberate objective, but not the principal reason for undertaking the programme.

It also implies:

1. Using information from existing gender analyses and if need be conducting a specific analysis of the project and using it for designing the action.
2. Presence of at least one explicit gender equality objective backed by at least one gender-specific indicator.
3. Indicators and data disaggregation
4. Commitment to monitor and report on the gender equality results

### **Human Rights**

The Action can contribute to fairer human rights by promoting sustainable development, reducing inequalities, and fostering social inclusion. The Action will foster collaboration, dialogue, and collective action, circular economy models strengthen social cohesion and promote the realization of civil and political rights, including the right to participation and freedom of expression. It will foster the shift in value creation towards local communities undertaking initiatives providing decent work and fair wages, strengthening economic rights and promoting social inclusion. It will also help alleviate poverty by increasing access to affordable goods and services and improving access to essential services such as water, energy, and sanitation, which are fundamental to realizing basic human rights, the right to health, and the right to an adequate standard of living. By reducing pollution, strengthening the country’s climate adaptation capacity, at the same time mitigating climate change, and protecting natural ecosystems, circular economy initiatives supported by the Action will also contribute to environmental justice and ensure that all individuals have the right to live in a healthy and safe environment. Last, the support to providing training on circular economy principles, will foster a culture of sustainability and contribute to the realization of the right to education and the right to information.

The Action will ensure the implementation of the Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA) principles and the activities will be tailored to *‘leave no one behind’*. Groups with specific needs (women, persons with disabilities, youth, etc.) will take an active part and participate in decision-making processes. To this end, a consultation processes to right-holders about their needs and aspirations will be carried out along the different stages of the project’s cycle. An accountability mechanism will be in place for people and communities who believe that they have been, or are likely to be, harmed by the Action, and access to information will be ensured.

### **Disability**

As per OECD Disability DAC codes identified in section 1.1, this action is labelled as D10. This implies that the Action will include activities related to gathering data on needs of persons with disabilities and help to mainstream inclusiveness and special needs across all activities, appropriate infrastructure and materials and all activities all possible measures will be taken to ensure inclusive policy dialogues. Therefore, attention will be paid to ensure and enable the participation of people with disabilities in the transition to a green and circular economy.

### **Reduction of inequalities**

The Action is labelled as I-1 (“significant”). This implies that the reduction of inequalities will be mainstreamed in the project/programme, as it is considered an important and deliberate objective, but not the principal reason for undertaking the programme.

### **Democracy**

The Action will contribute to democracy by fostering the participation of the private sector and the civil society in the national and sector dialogue mechanisms that will be at the core of the implementation of the CE Roadmap and Action Plan. This is also supported by strengthening the inclusiveness of policy dialogues as well as an accent on the importance of good governance, transparency, anti-corruption and the rule of law. The action will support a culture of social inclusion, institutional dialogue, data sharing and knowledge dissemination as well as participation of civil society and other partners in decision-making processes.

### **Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience**