

As part of its prerogative of budget implementation and to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, the Commission may participate in the above governance structures set up for governing the implementation of the Action and may sign or enter into joint declarations or statements, for the purpose of enhancing the visibility of the EU and its contribution to this Action and ensuring effective coordination.

5 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

5.1 Monitoring and Reporting

The day-to-day technical and financial monitoring of the implementation of this Action will be a continuous process, and part of the implementing partner's responsibilities. To this aim, the implementing partner shall establish a permanent internal, technical and financial monitoring system for the Action and elaborate regular progress reports (not less than annual) and final reports. Every report shall provide an accurate account of implementation of the Action, difficulties encountered, changes introduced, as well as the degree of achievement of its results (outputs and direct outcomes) as measured by corresponding indicators, using as reference the logframe matrix (for project modality) and the partner's strategy, policy or reform action plan list (for budget support).

The Commission may undertake additional project monitoring visits both through its own staff and through independent consultants recruited directly by the Commission for independent monitoring reviews (or recruited by the responsible agent contracted by the Commission for implementing such reviews).

Roles and responsibilities for data collection, analysis and monitoring:

It is envisaged that the monitoring and reporting of the Action will be done by the implementing partner. Fine-tuning the logframe and establishing a baseline for the Action will need to be done. In consultation with the government of Liberia, the logical framework will be defined during the preparation/inception phase of the Action so that the results and indicators match the Action logframe. Monitoring and reporting on the Action will be the responsibility of the selected implementing partner. Reports will be drawn every six months for each result. They must be accompanied by the corresponding invoice, financial report and expenditure verification report. A final activity report accompanied by a final invoice, the financial report and the expenditure verification report must be drawn up at the end of the contract with the implementing partner. The draft final activity report including both operational and financial aspects must be submitted at least three months before the end of the implementation period of the contract. All monitoring and reporting will assess how the Action is considering the principle of gender equality, the human rights-based approach and the rights of persons with disabilities, including inclusion and diversity. Indicators shall be disaggregated at least by sex whenever possible and meaningful.

5.2 Evaluation

Having regard to the importance and nature of the Action, a mid-term and a final evaluation will be carried out for this Action or its components via independent consultants contracted by the Commission. The mid-term evaluation will be carried out for problem solving and learning purposes, in particular with respect to the fact that the Action will complement other EU funded projects in Liberia but provides a much more market-oriented approach and includes innovative actions considering the green economy and sustainable value chains. The final evaluation will be carried out for accountability and learning purposes at various levels (including for policy revision), taking into account in particular the fact that there are innovative activities and approaches and a potential subsequent phase of the Action.

The Commission shall inform the implementing partner at least 4 months in advance of the dates envisaged for the evaluation missions. The implementing partner shall collaborate efficiently and effectively with the evaluation experts, and inter alia provide them with all necessary information and documentation, as well as access to the project premises and activities. The evaluation reports may be shared with the partners and other key stakeholders following the best practice of evaluation dissemination. The implementing partner and the Commission shall analyse the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations and, where appropriate, apply the necessary adjustments.