

3.2 Indicative Activities

Activities related to Output 1.1: The capacities of public institutions and other relevant stakeholders involved in the implementation of the economic/trade aspects of the Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA) with the EU are strengthened.

- 1.1.1 Policy dialogue to monitor the effective implementation of the EPCA and identify areas/needs for financial and technical assistance, focusing on areas not yet covered by other (including regional) programmes and initiatives (e.g. agriculture, rural development, consumer protection, subsidies, environment); technical capacity building activities in strategic areas such as critical raw materials and transport/Trans-Caspian Transport Corridor to improve regulation harmonisation with EU standards;
- 1.1.2 Technical Assistance interventions with close involvement of EU Member States experts and institutions related to rule of law, business climate, the protection of foreign investment, or other areas;
- 1.1.3 Where relevant, data-driven public awareness campaigns, particularly targeting younger audiences, designed and implemented to increase awareness, understanding and perception of the EU-Kazakhstan cooperation priorities.

Activities related to Output 2.1: The capacities of public institutions and other relevant stakeholders involved in Kazakhstan's work to comply with obligations under the Paris Agreement and further national commitments on climate change, including on greenhouse gas emissions reduction, notably methane, renewable energy, including renewable hydrogen, and energy efficiency, are enhanced

- 2.1.1 Scientific and technical capacity building activities to support Kazakhstan to, inter alia, further develop and revise its Emissions Trading Systems, introduce measures aligned with the EU Methane regulation and support activities under the Global Methane Pledge, and comply with its commitments and obligations under the Paris agreement on Climate Change, including achieving its nationally determined contributions, and its long-term strategies, and meet renewable energy (to support the decarbonisation of Kazakhstan's energy sector) and energy efficiency objectives;
- 2.1.2 (if relevant) Strategic communication activities designed and implemented to raise awareness and understanding of EU-Kazakhstan partnership on climate, energy and environment.

Activities related to Output 3.1: The opportunities for policy dialogue and knowledge exchange on human rights protection measures and the transfer of competencies to local authorities are increased.

- 3.1.1 Policy dialogue to monitor the effective implementation of the EPCA in the field of rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, with particular focus on the Constitutional Court;
- 3.1.2 Strengthen capacity of local authorities and provide technical expertise to support the transfer of management responsibilities on local affairs to local authorities.

3.3 Mainstreaming

Environmental Protection & Climate Change

Outcomes of the EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

N/A

Outcome of the CRA (Climate Risk Assessment) screening (relevant for projects and/or specific interventions within a project)

N/A

Climate change mitigation and adaptation and environmental protection feature prominently in the proposed intervention and will be specifically addressed during the implementation of relevant components of the Cooperation Facility. In particular, this Action will support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including methane emissions and compliance with key obligations under Paris Agreement.