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	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.02.01.30 Total estimated cost: EUR 32 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 32 000 000 of which EUR 27 000 000 for budget support and EUR 5 000 000 for complementary support.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing ¹	Direct management through: - Budget Support: Sector Reform Performance Contract - Grants - Twinning grant - Procurement			

1.2. Summary of the Action

The EU will provide further support to the Kyrgyz Government to assist in the continued reform of the Education Sector with special focus on inclusive and equitable quality education in line with the SDGs 4 and 5. The EU also intends to better integrate the 21st century skills in teaching and learning and address the digital, media and green skills gaps.

This entails improving the quality of teaching and upskilling through innovative pedagogical and child-centred approaches and by establishing sustainable support system with educational stakeholders through a constructive social dialogue.

The proposed new Education Sector Reform Performance Contract (SRPC) is envisaged to be implemented during the period 2023-2027, and is built upon the achievements of past and ongoing EU assistance to the Education Sector.

The specific objectives of this Action will be to add value to (i) inclusive and equitable quality education, enabling more children to achieve at least a minimum proficiency level in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics), elimination of gender-blindness in new teaching and learning materials, and the increase of inclusive education schools, enabling the involvement of children with disabilities in the learning process; (ii) digital skills development enabling to increase number of teachers trained in ICT skills and students using a computer at school at least once a week; (iii) media literacy development enabling systematic media literacy training for teachers and students; and (iv) green skills development enabling systematic green skills training for teachers and students.

Overall, the new programme will continue to support the Kyrgyz government-owned Education Development Programme 2021-2040 adopted by the Government Decision in May 2021 and its rolling Education Action Plans 2021-2023 and a successive 2024-2026, strengthen institutional capacity, and enhance the policy dialogue.

The Education SRPC represents the follow-up assistance funded from the Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2021 of the financial envelope 2021-2027.

2. RATIONALE

2.1. Context

Kyrgyzstan is a land-locked mountainous country in Central Asia. The Kyrgyz Republic is a lower middle income

¹ Art. 27 NDICI