

	education and research			
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BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.050100.02 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 1 million			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Cooperation Facility Measures in favour of Civil Society Direct management through: - Procurement			

1.2 Summary of the Action

Since February 2020, there are 13 Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) which have special relations with Denmark, France and the Netherlands. The OCTs' association with the European Union (EU) is based on the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and further defined in successive Overseas Association Decisions. The Decision on the Overseas Association including Greenland (DOAG) adopted on 5 October 2021¹ sets the current framework for the financial cooperation with the EU, including the funds for the technical assistance as per its article 82.

Being islands with very small populations, the OCTs have limited administrative capacities and resources what may result, amongst others, in difficulties in policy work and implementing cooperation programmes.

The objective of the proposed Technical Cooperation Facility (TCF) is therefore to support capacity building of the OCTs, which will mainly take form of studies, technical assistance, seminars, training and evaluations. The TCF will also allow to reinforce strategic communication about the important EU-OCT partnership (as relevant), support new initiatives such as the OCT youth network and logistically facilitate major EU-OCT gatherings such as the annual Forum.

Under the DOAG, the OCT TCF will be a flexible and demand driven facility to rapidly mobilise technical expertise and support to underpin the EU-OCT partnership. It builds on similar support measures in place in previous periods.

2 RATIONALE

2.1 Context

General context:

There are 13 OCTs, spread from the Poles to the Tropics, associated with the Union. Despite the big diversity

¹ [Council Decision \(EU\) 2021/1764 of 5 October 2021 on the Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories with the European Union including relations between the European Union on the one hand, and Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark on the other](#) (OJ of 7.10.2021; L355,6).