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	Reduction of Inequalities (methodology for marker and tagging under development)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020131 South and East Asia Total estimated cost: EUR 35 650 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution is EUR 20 000 000 This action is jointly co-financed by: - France for an amount of EUR 4.65 million - Germany (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development - BMZ) for an amount up to EUR 11 million			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
14. Type of financing	Indirect management with Agence Francaise de Développement (AFD) Indirect management with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)			

1.2 Summary of the Action

This Action is part of the Team Europe Partnership with Lao PDR to increase sustainable and inclusive trade, investment and connectivity in the agriculture and forestry sectors (TICAF), which is the **flagship programme under the Green TEI** for Lao PDR, with **contributions** from the EU, DE, FR, European Financial Institutions, supporting the broader EU **Green Deal**², the **Indo-Pacific Strategy** (2021)³ and the **Global Gateway Strategy** (2022)⁴. . The action intends to support **Lao PDR's Green Growth Strategy**, by contributing to a **greener, sustainable and more inclusive growth through increased domestic production, processing, exports, national revenue, and decent job creation in the coffee, tea and forest-based value chains**. This will be achieved by **improving governance** in the 2 pillars of the green TEI i.e. agriculture value chains, and forestry partnerships, through **policy dialogue, private sector partnerships, sharing of knowledge and expertise, capacity building and technical assistance support** in each of the sectors. EU will play a prominent role, in particular to foster **policy dialogue** in relation to ensuring deforestation-free commodities, responsible investment, climate-resilient approaches, and environment and labour standards. TICAF will not only drive the design and adoption of policies and legislation, but also provide support for their implementation. It will combine national, provincial and district level approaches. Each component will support the sector-strategy: National Forest Strategy 2035 (in drafting process, to be adopted in 2023) and the Agriculture Development Strategy to the year 2025 and vision to the year 2030. The action is also aligned and will contribute to the commitments taken by the Lao PDR in its Nationally Determined Contribution and Disaster Risk Reduction strategy.

Therefore, the TICAF intervention structure aligns with the national architecture. The TICAF is composed of four components, two of which this Action contributes to: **1) Targeted support to sustainable rural development through better governance in the agriculture sector and the coffee and tea value chains**; and **2) Targeted support to enhance forestry governance and sustainable forest conservation and production throughout forest-based value**

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en

³ [European Commission. 2021. The EU strategy for cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. 16 September.](#)

⁴ [European Commission. 2021. The Global Gateway. 1 December](#)