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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"/>
<b>BUDGET INFORMATION</b>				
<b>12. Amounts concerned</b>	Budget line(s) (article, item): 14.020120 Total estimated cost: EUR 10 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 10 000 000 The contribution is for an amount of EUR 7 850 000 from the general budget of the European Union for year N+1, and for an amount of EUR 2 150 000 from the general budget of the European Union for N+2, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing</b>	<b>Direct management through:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grants</li> <li>- Prizes</li> <li>- Procurement</li> </ul>			
<b>14. Type of measure</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society and Local Authorities			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

<p>The Action “support measures” is a flexible tool to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Facilitate the implementation of the Multi-annual Indicative Programme (MIP)</li> <li>2. Increase awareness, understanding and perception of the EU and Global Gateway delivered as Team Europe</li> <li>3. Promote Local Authorities (LA) and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) as development actors.</li> </ol> <p>The action will enhance the EU’s global agenda, values and positions in Sierra Leone and contribute to build “A Stronger Europe” in line with the Global Strategy for the European Union’s Foreign and Security Policy and the Global Gateway agenda. The action will serve the interests of the EU, and of its public, economic and cultural diplomacy - including through strategic communication actions towards the wider public.</p> <p>The action will facilitate a Team Europe approach and help to coordinate, design, implement and assess respective initiatives.</p>
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## 2 RATIONALE

### 2.1 Context

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sierra Leone remains a vulnerable and fragile country.</b> Since the end of the civil war (1991-2002), several major setbacks limited Sierra Leone’s development and economic progress: 2014-2016 Ebola and iron ore price slump; 2019-2021 Covid-19; 2022 economic downturn due to the Russian aggression on Ukraine.</li> </ul>
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