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	digital connectivity	YES	NO	
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	transport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	health	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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Migration @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reduction of Inequalities @	<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): 14.020120 Total estimated cost: EUR 35 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 35 000 000 Members States supporting the TEI “Green Pact with Sierra Leone” are Ireland, France and Germany with a total estimated amount of EUR 85 million			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Indirect management with entrusted entities to be selected in accordance with the criteria set out in section 4.4.1			

1.2 Summary of the Action

The Action intends to upgrade the food systems of Sierra Leone, and aligns with the Government of Sierra Leone *Medium Term National Development Plan (MTNDP) 2024-2030* which intends to (i) reduce import substitution of key staples; (ii) boost export earnings from agriculture; (iii) create jobs and generate income; (iv) alleviate hunger and malnutrition; and (v) significantly improve climate resilience. The Action will be implemented through indirect management with entrusted entities. The proposed action intends to (i) Upgrade the selected value chains with low-carbon, efficient, inclusive production, and value addition for market oriented of main products and by-products, using climate smart approaches; and (ii) Improve capacities of Sierra Leoneans, in particular of women and youth, men, girls and boys, through technical and vocational training (TVET) to take full advantage of market opportunities.

The action will focus on three commodities’ value chains: oil palm, cassava, and infant food value chains. Oil palm and cassava value chains are relevant as they: (i) are traditional commodities in Sierra Leone; (ii) provide potential for both import substitution and exports; (iii) have potential to enhance climate adaptation through improved climate-smart practices from production to processing including regeneration of abandoned or non-productive plantations; (iv) offer significant opportunities to economically empower women in farming and other related sectors. The infant food value chain, on the other hand, is a novel value chain which provides great opportunity for more diverse production habits and for reducing malnutrition. Key sets of activities across all value chains include (i) strengthening of input supply system; (ii) introduction of innovative, climate-smart and gender-sensitive technologies at farm level; (iii) strengthening micro-small and medium enterprises across the value chains, including promotion of circular-economy approaches and women-led entrepreneurship; (iv) reinforce producer networks (e.g. out grower schemes and contract farming); (v) strengthening consumer awareness; (vi) building the capacity of membership-based farmer institutions; (vii) strengthening the technical and vocational training sector; (viii) skilling Sierra Leoneans in practicing sustainable agriculture; and (ix) strengthening coordination, and implementation and monitoring of policies in the country.

The approaches promoted will be based on best practices and observed challenges in the current ecosystem for sustainable agriculture and private sector development. Special attention will be given to variety selection and climate smart production techniques, as well as to aspects around business planning, demand and financial analysis for enterprise development, sustainable access to energy for production, and strengthening capacities of