

	digital connectivity	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital entrepreneurship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	digital skills/literacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	digital services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Connectivity @	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	transport	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
people2people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
energy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
digital connectivity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Migration @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Reduction of Inequalities @	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Covid-19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line: 14.020131 (NDICI South and East Asia) Total estimated cost: EUR 2 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 2 000 000			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	Direct management through: - Grants			
14. Type of measure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperation facility <input type="checkbox"/> Measures in favour of Civil Society			

1.2 Summary of the Action

This Action aims to fund a Cooperation Facility for Bangladesh for the period 2025-2027, providing the European Commission with the possibility to finance small-scale activities that are needed for the achievement of the objectives of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI-Global Europe), as articulated in the country's MIP priority areas.

The EU aims to support accountability and digitalization in Bangladesh, a country facing challenges with integrity, by partnering the Supreme Audit Institution (SAI) i.e. the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor-General (OCAG) in Bangladesh with the SAI(s) of one or more EU Member States. This collaboration seeks to bolster OCAG's governance and technical capabilities in Financial Auditing, Performance Auditing, and the relatively new area of Information Technology (IT) Auditing. The initiative complements ongoing support for OCAG in financial, performance, and compliance audits, as well as the ongoing EU Budget Support programmes in education and social protection of each more than EUR 200 million. Given the increasing demand for IT infrastructure and IT-assisted audit products in Bangladesh's modernizing government, this effort aims to equip and support OCAG to effectively implement reforms and improve service delivery. Overall, it aims at enhancing accountability of public expenditure in all sectors of the economy for better governance and awareness for collecting more taxes and spending public funds better with the ultimate aim to diminish the large disparity in income. At the same time, this action should reduce the risk of fraud and corruption, and elevate the public awareness regarding climate change, the environment, human rights, gender balance and income inequality in audit practices. The latter, through defining actions in the Steering