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	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): 14.020131 Total estimated cost: EUR 7 000 000 Total amount of EU budget contribution EUR 7 000 000			
<b>MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>				
<b>13. Type of financing</b>	<b>Direct management</b> through grants			

## 1.2 Summary of the Action

The EU and Viet Nam have a strong partnership, building on various bilateral agreements, notably the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and the Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA). Since the entry into force of the EVFTA, bilateral trade between the EU and Viet Nam has grown significantly. To date, Viet Nam is the EU's biggest trading partner in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the EU is one of the biggest foreign investors in Viet Nam. In the context of sustainable socio-economic development, the EU and Viet Nam share a common interests in the green and circular transition. As a lead global player in achieving net-zero by 2050, the EU has put in place a set of strategies and policies to support this transition process, which also impacts economic actors in partner countries including Viet Nam. The policy reforms under the EU-Viet Nam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) and the EU Green Deal in particular require them to fulfil increasing social and environmental standards, for which the regulator and the business sector in Viet Nam will need to be supported in order to achieve more progress. Supporting Viet Nam to develop a responsible and circular economy (RCE), focusing on sectors which have strong linkages with the EU market and the priority value chains of the EU Circular Economy Action Plan would contribute to the green transition process of both sides.

This action aims to strengthen the role of the non state actors (NSAs) in circular economy in Viet Nam, who have been playing a critical role in supporting the country in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a variety of roles including advocating for change in business practices, providing knowledge or capacity building, serving as technical providers and implementing agents in development projects, notably at the grass-root level. Generally, the involvement of NSAs in the government funded programmes (including

1 For more information, please consult: The European Commission inequality marker - Publications Office of the EU (europa.eu) and Inequality Marker – Complementary Guidelines Application of the I-Marker to SSC fiches and Action Documents | Capacity4dev (europa.eu)