

certification body as per ISO17065, drafting regulations for relevant value chains and the development of national packaging capacities;

- 2.1.2. Installing the necessary testing capacity (infrastructure and equipment) in SLSB, PMB or through PPP in private laboratories in line with market needs and national priorities;

Activities relating to Output 2.2 Strengthened capacity of economic operators to conform with national, European and international quality and environmental standards

- 2.2.1. Establishing curriculum on quality standards, SPS, and social and environmental standards required for particular EU exports as well as organising training courses in partnership with universities for strengthening specific value chains and marketing products.
- 2.2.2. Providing support to economic operators (MSMEs and agricultural cooperatives) to implement national, European and international quality and environmental standards.

Activities relating to Output 3.1. Laws and policies in the field of doing business developed/revised and better implemented

- 3.1.1. Technical Assistance to relevant national authorities for updating and implementing business related regulations and laws;
- 3.1.2. Technical Assistance and equipment to improve access to doing business information (taxes, fees, dispute settlement mechanisms, creating a company, etc);
- 3.1.3. Providing equipment and logistical support, if necessary, to relevant national authorities to implement of business environment institutional reforms.

Activities relating to Output 3.2: Increased Foreign Direct Investments to Sierra Leone

- 3.2.1. Technical assistance to set a One-stop-shop¹⁴ centre for potential international investors, negotiations of investment and trade agreements and capacity building activities;
- 3.2.2. Equipment, if necessary, for setting online platform (One-stop-shop) and improving their managerial and operational capacities;
- 3.2.3. Training, upskilling & capability development of staff in all aspects of investment eco-system, especially, promotion, facilitation and aftercare best practices/global benchmarks.
- 3.2.4. Fostering the public-private dialogue in the areas of EU investments, trade requirements, business environment, taxation, fulfilments of the requirements to access the EU market and other areas.
- 3.2.5. Organising trade fairs and business forums aiming at improving trade and investment relations between Sierra Leone and the EU.

The commitment of the EU's contribution to the Team Europe Initiative to which this action refers, will be complemented by other contributions from Team Europe members. It is subject to the formal confirmation of each respective member's meaningful contribution as early as possible. In the event that the TEIs and/or these contributions do not materialise, the EU action may continue outside a TEI framework.

3.3 Mainstreaming

Environmental Protection & Climate Change

The Action aims to improve the quality of BDS to support entrepreneurs and MSMEs to scale up their business endeavours. Specific attention will be paid on sectors with a potential to foster sustainable development in Sierra Leone such as circular economy, renewable energy, eco-tourism, sustainable agriculture, improving products traceability and others. The Action will also build capacities of national authorities to inspect and verify compliance of products and companies with EU, WTO, ECOWAS and ACFTA requirements and standards, including environmental and social ones.

Outcomes of the SEA screening

¹⁴ One-stop-shop for investments is a place where a potential investor receives all information; it reduces the need of speaking with multiple regulators and agencies before investing. One-stop-shop is expected to facilitate foreign direct investments and save time and resources of companies.