

Activities relating to Output 3.2: *Institutions, businesses and consumers are sensitised to quality, circularity, traceability and sustainability in agro-industrial value chains.*

Activity 3.2.1: Raise awareness among public and private entities, of the importance and benefits of sustainability, quality, traceability and circularity.

Activity 3.2.2: Promote the principles of sustainability among intermediate and end-consumers and general public, contributing to the preference for quality, traceable, circular and sustainable goods and services.

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 of a TEI framework.

3.3 Mainstreaming

Environmental Protection & Climate Change

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) results

The EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) screening classified the action as Category C (no need for further assessment). However, the intervention funded on a case-by-case basis under the different Outcomes, especially Outcomes 2 and 3, may require an EIA.

Outcome of the climate risk assessment (CRA)

The climate risk assessment (CRA) concluded that this action is null or low risk (no need for further assessment). However, the intervention funded on a case-by-case basis under the different Outcomes, especially Outcome 3, may require an ERC or an ERC as part of an EIA.

Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls

The activities shall be carried out in a participatory manner and taking into account issues of equality and women's empowerment, in accordance with Paraguay legislation. Sex-disaggregated data shall be incorporated into all indicators. A strong focus will be put in place during the design of funding interventions under the different outcomes. The evaluations set out in section 5.2 of the programme will integrate an approach to equality and women's empowerment.

This Action is also aligned with the EU GAP III and its key priorities: "Addressing challenges and harnessing the opportunities offered by the green transition and the digital transformation" and "Promoting economic and social rights and empowering girls and women".

Human Rights

The Action will apply a human rights-based approach. The work on sustainable and inclusive economic development is itself a cross-cutting activity, which at its core contains work that aligns with several prominent issues of global concern, including environmental protection, which is a right enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of Paraguay.

Actions will also contribute to reducing inequalities (mainly based on gender, age and ethnicity) by providing new employment or livelihood opportunities. The rights of indigenous peoples will be taken into account by regularly consulting, through the competent authority (Instituto Nacional del Indígena – INDI), representatives of indigenous peoples on measures that may affect their rights, in order to respect the right to free, prior and informed consent, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples¹² and Law No 1039/18 'Protocol for the Process of Free, Prior and Informed Consultation and Consent with Indigenous Peoples living in Paraguay'.

¹² https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf