

#### 4.3.2 Direct Management (Procurement)

Technical assistance will be contracted for supporting the achievements of outcomes 1 and 2 by providing:

- The coordination of the implementers of the 2 components of the action and their national counterparts;
- The technical advice and capacity building for the implementers, institutions and beneficiaries;
- The proper functioning of the governance structure at both actions (steering committee) and geographic (Lake Yojoa basin and El Tablón area) levels,
- The support to the EU Delegation in the monitoring, follow up and visibility in order to achieve the technical and administrative provisions of the Financing Agreement effectively.

#### 4.3.3 Indirect Management with an entrusted entity

A part of this action may be implemented in indirect management with an entity, which will be selected by the Commission's services using the following criteria:

- Solid technical experience in environment management projects, including all facets of the issue: water, forests, agriculture, livestock, fisheries, communities development, local authorities and further relevant subjects.
- Proven experience in managing EU-funded projects;
- Availability of procedures for awarding direct grants to implementing partners;
- Able to mobilize a multidisciplinary team of experts related to targeted subjects on water basin management;
- Experience in working with the private sector and the civil society;
- Experience in providing support to private sector and to public institutions

The implementation by this entity could entail outcome 1 of the action.

#### 4.3.4 Changes from indirect to direct management mode (and vice versa) due to exceptional circumstances (one alternative second option)

In case the actions as described in section 4.3.1 (direct management/grants) and 4.3.2. (direct management/procurement) cannot be implemented through direct management due to circumstances outside of the Commission's control, then the relevant part of this action will be implemented through indirect management with a pillar assessed entity which will need to demonstrate the same criteria as above.

#### 4.4 Scope of geographical eligibility for procurement and grants

The geographical eligibility in terms of place of establishment for participating in procurement and grant award procedures and in terms of origin of supplies purchased as established in the basic act and set out in the relevant contractual documents shall apply.

The Commission's authorising officer responsible may extend the geographical eligibility on the basis of urgency or of unavailability of services in the markets of the countries or territories concerned, or in other duly substantiated cases where application of the eligibility rules would make the realisation of this action impossible or exceedingly difficult (Article 28(10) NDICI-Global Europe Regulation).