

Democracy

By strengthening the implementation of Decision 217 on social monitoring and debating, the Action indeed opens an opportunity to deepen social accountability of public policies in Viet Nam and thus contributes to improved democracy. It is important to stress also that the National Assembly of Viet Nam, for the first time, has started in June 2022 to discuss openly on a **draft Law on implementing grassroots democracy**. The Action will certainly align to the key principles of this Law, publicly announced by the Minister of MoHA as “people know (transparency), people discuss (participation), people do (engagement), people monitor (evaluation), people supervise (accountability) and people benefit (democracy)”. The Law is indicatively scheduled for official endorsement in October 2022, entering into effect since 2023.

Conflict sensitivity, peace and resilience

Viet Nam Women’s Union is keen on promoting “peace culture” in the society to mitigate any potential conflicts. In addition to that, they wish to address non-traditional security issues, such as cyber security in the form of fake news, cyber frauds and malicious information on social networks, under the larger topic of integrating WPS agenda. Last but not least, the Action will contribute to improving climate and disaster resilience in Viet Nam.

Disaster Risk Reduction

The Action will support disaster risk reduction and management, aiming to achieve Specific Objective 1.1 of the MIP on resilience to climate related hazards and natural disasters.

Other considerations if relevant

The Action will consider digital transformation as one of the key drivers for change of consumption and production patterns, as well as business practices - towards greener, more sustainable and climate-neutral direction.

3.4 Risks and Lessons Learnt

Category	Risks	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating measures
Legality & regularity aspects	Government may employ more restrictions officially or unofficially to limit the operations of the NSAs.	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carefully designing the activities for specific objectives and the guidelines for grant projects to build reciprocal trust of the government and the NSAs - Positioning the EU and its Member States working together in a Team Europe approach as the strategic partner of Viet Nam for Green Transition and Gender Equality, while promoting NSAs as the integral bodies of social accountability mechanism
Planning, process and system	Different interpretation of legislations, regulating the ODA / non-ODA projects, may delay the approval process or make trouble to the implementation of NSAs initiatives.	M	H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building partnership with central and provincial authorities, aiming for common understanding and interpretation of legislations - Insisting in having a reference letter, which demonstrates an in-principle agreement of relevant authorities, submitted as part of the full proposal of NSA initiative
Communication and Information	Uneven understanding across the government system on the importance and the timeframe of Viet Nam’s international commitment can hinder the engagement of	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aligning the Action to existing institutional mechanism and on-going legislative discussion (and later the Law) on implementing grassroots democracy - Linking Viet Nam’s international commitments with national and local legislations and/or policies to incentivise