

digital economy (priority area 1), responsible entrepreneurship and enhanced skills for decent employment (priority area 2), and strengthening governance, rule of law and institutional reform (priority area 3).

- (5) The objectives pursued by the annual action plan to be financed under the Regulation (EU) 2021/947 geographic programme ‘Asia and the Pacific’ are to deepen its engagement with Vietnam, in particular by supporting climate action through restoring carbon sinks, reducing green house gas emission and increasing climate-resilience, and by making Vietnam more competitive and by fostering TVET’s relevance for the labour market through strengthening digital and green skills. The objectives will be pursued through two actions included in the annual action plan.
- (6) The action entitled ‘EU-Vietnam Forestry Support Programme’ will contribute to green, sustainable and inclusive growth as well as to reduce vulnerability to climate change in Vietnam. It will strengthen climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts through climate-sensitive sustainable conservation, restoration and management of forests and promote climate-sensitive environmentally sustainable forest-based value chains.
- (7) The action entitled ‘EU-Vietnam TVET Programme (VETVET)’ will improve knowledge and job skills of the labour force for decent employment and entrepreneurship in the framework of climate change mitigation, and green and digital transitions in Vietnam. It aims at enhancing governance and coordination among the institutions and stakeholders involved in the TVET sector and at increasing quality and coverage of Skills Development Programmes for young women and men in their diversity in accordance with national and international labour market demands.
- (8) Pursuant to Article 26(1) of Regulation (EU) 2021/947 indirect management is to be used for the implementation of the action
- (9) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regards to entities and persons entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 154(3) of the Financial Regulation. To this end, such entities and persons are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 154(4) of the Financial Regulation⁷ and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 154(5) thereof before a contribution agreement can be signed.
- (10) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (11) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the action plan, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (12) The action plan provided for in this Decision is in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established under Article 45 of Regulation (EU) 2021/947.

⁷ Except for the cases of Article 154(6) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046, where the Commission may decide, not to require an ex-ante assessment.