

#### **4.4.3.2 Specific objective 3 and 4**

A part of this action may be implemented under indirect management with an entity which will be selected by the Commission's services.

For “*to foster sustainable, eco-friendly, employment-oriented agriculture for health and nutrition*” and “*to restore, manage and protect terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystems through a territorial approach*” the following criteria will be used:

technical, financial and operational capacities and proven experience in the field of rural development, environmental protection and monitoring.

Since several actors work in both this area as well as education in 4.4.3.1, the experience in the creation of synergies will be used as an additional main criterion.

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

##### **4.4.4.1 Specific objective 2**

The part of the action under the budgetary envelope reserved for indirect management with entrusted entities for specific objective 2 may, partially or totally be implemented in direct management grant as follow;

##### **(a) Purpose of the grant(s)**

To improve equitable learning outcomes of students at early childhood, primary and secondary level considering gender gap reduction as a key driver.

##### **(b) Type of applicants targeted**

Public entities which are active in this area.

##### **4.4.4.2 Specific objective 3 and 4**

The part of the action under the budgetary envelope reserved for indirect management with entrusted entities for specific objective 3 and 4 may, partially or totally be implemented in direct management procurement to furnish a technical assistance in view to foster sustainable, eco-friendly, employment-oriented agriculture for health and nutrition and to restore, manage and protect terrestrial biodiversity and ecosystems through a territorial approach.

#### **4.5 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, subject to the following provisions: 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).