



# EU GENDER ACTION PLAN (GAP) III

## Country Level Implementation Plan (CLIP) for Vietnam (2021-2025)



The European Union (EU) and its Member States (#TeamEurope) are vigorously promoting gender equality and women empowerment in their relations with partner countries. The new EU Action Plan on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment in External Action (2021-2025) is now under implementation in Vietnam.

### GAP III

**Gender Equality is a core value of the EU and a universally recognized human right, as well as an imperative to well-being, economic growth, prosperity, good governance, peace and security.**

### Vision

**Through external actions, the EU will confirm its role as the global front-runner in promoting gender equality.**

### Rationale for the CLIP

- According to the Global Gender Gap Report (2021), Vietnam ranks 121<sup>st</sup> over 156 countries, in terms of women political empowerment, 152<sup>nd</sup> for health and survival, 26<sup>th</sup> for economic participation and 94<sup>th</sup> for education attainment.
- Gender-biased norms prevent women from (i) having a substantial impact on decision-making processes; (ii) contributing to and benefiting from green transition and digital transformation; and (iii) engaging in some income generation activities. Gender-biased stereotypes are also the main reasons for gender-based violence and unmet needs in sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights.

### Gender mainstreaming and targeted actions

- Gender equality and women empowerment 2021-2027 is being mainstreamed in the 3 areas (1) climate-responsive digital circular economy; (2) responsive entrepreneurship and decent employment; (3) governance, rule of law and institutional reform.
- With targeted action, the EU intends to support Vietnam Women’s Rights Organization to play its coordination role in (1) promoting women’s leadership and participation in decision-making processes that aim for gender-responsive climate change adaptation and disaster resilience plans; (2) supporting women-led entrepreneurship & start-up that aim for improved digital and circular value chains; (3) addressing women’s and girls’ security issues in emergencies.
- Bilateral development cooperation program.

### CLIP - Areas of Engagement

- 1) Fighting gender-based violence
- 2) Promoting sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights
- 3) Empowering women
- 4) Advancing leadership and participation
- 5) Integrating women-peace-security agenda
- 6) Green transition and digital transformation

### Engagement in dialogue

- Policy and Political Dialogue is as important as gender mainstreaming and targeted action(s).
- Evidence-based dialogues will be carried out by EU Delegation and EU Member States at regional, national & local levels.
  - Cooperation with ASEC’s gender division for EU-ASEAN Gender Equality Dialogue is foreseen
  - Strategic dialogue via Vietnam Women’s Union, with Legislative agencies (i.e. National Assembly); Executive agencies (i.e. Ministry); Local authorities (i.e. Provinces); non-State actors (i.e. private sector; universities; social enterprises; research organizations; unions; and associations); and the UN, is foreseen.

### Delegation of the EU to Vietnam

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### Public Diplomacy Activities

- Ambassadors of EU Delegation and EU Member States and Vietnam’s Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) will play the role of “Gender Equality Champions” in Vietnam, taking the opportunity of ceremonial days and of any moments that could be suitable for gender equality public diplomacy activities.
- Public diplomacy activities will be assisted by a team of professional communication experts.