



Ministry of University and Research Directorate-General for Internationalisation and Communication

Public notice for the submission of project proposals to be funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)

Mission 4, "Education and Research" - Component 2, "From Research to Business" -Investment line 1.2, "Funding projects presented by young researchers", funded by the European Union – NextGenerationEU

Compilation notes for Annex 2A – Declaration of compliance with the DNSH principle and the relevant national and European environmental legislation

With reference to point 2 of the declaration, please consider the related notes 1, 2, 3, 4.

The research activities within the project do not include "brown" research and innovation activities, pursuant to the Communication of the European Commission 2021/C58/01:

- *i. fossil fuel related activities, including downstream use*¹;
- *ii.* activities under the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS) that result in greenhouse gas emission projections that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks²;
- iii. activities related to waste landfills, incinerators³ and mechanical biological treatment plants⁴;
- iv. activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause damage to the environment.

¹ Except projects under this measure in power and/or heat generation, as well as related transmission and distribution infrastructure, using natural gas, that are compliant with the conditions set out in Annex III of the "Do no significant harm" Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01).

 $^{^2}$ Where the activity supported achieves projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks an explanation of the reasons why this is not possible should be provided. Benchmarks established for free allocation for activities falling within the scope of the Emissions Trading System, as set out in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/447.

³ This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in plants exclusively dedicated to treating non-recyclable hazardous waste, and to existing plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency, capturing exhaust gases for storage or use or recovering materials from incineration ashes, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants' waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.

⁴ This exclusion does not apply to actions under this measure in existing mechanical biological treatment plants, where the actions under this measure are for the purpose of increasing energy efficiency or retrofitting to recycling operations of separated waste to compost bio-waste and a naerobic digestion of bio-waste, provided such actions under this measure do not result in an increase of the plants' waste processing capacity or in an extension of the lifetime of the plants; for which evidence is provided at plant level.





With reference to <u>table of the declaration</u>, please consider the related note 5.

Environmental goal	Was the DNSH principle fulfilled with regards to the environmental objective? (Yes/No) ⁵	Justifications:
Climate change		
mitigation		
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adaptation		
The sustainable use and		
protection of water and		
marine resources		
The circular economy,		
including waste		
prevention and recycling		
Pollution prevention and		
control to air, water or		
land		
The protection and		
restoration of		
biodiversity and		
ecosystems		

⁵ If the research activities do not have a significant impact on the environmental objective, a "Yes" answer can be provided. Justifications must be always provided for each row.