

BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS

Modalities for projects on plastic waste under the conventions' Regional Centre Small Grant Programme (SGP) (rev)

Annex I

Project proposal template

(to be completed by the project proponent)

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1. Identification

1.1 Title of the project

Improving the ESM of plastic waste and preventing and minimizing the generation of plastic waste through the certification of plastic recycling industries in Argentina

1.2 Implementing Basel Convention regional and coordinating centre or Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centre

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2. Implementation

2.1 Country(ies) of project implementation **Argentina**

2.2 Project duration (number of months)¹ **12 months**

Background and project justification, including previous and/or planned projects/initiatives it builds on (max 250 words)

This project seeks to encourage the consumption of products made of certified recycled plastic contributing to circular economy and preventing marine contamination by plastics and microplastics.

Although there are some shortcomings in the traceability of plastic recycling materials in Argentina, there is still an imperative need to improve traceability processes through the implementation of certification systems. The "Protocol for the Certification of Recycling Industries for Plastic Materials" developed by the Argentine Chamber of the Plastic Recycling Industry (CAIRPLAS), together with the Technical Directorate on Plastics and the Certification Body of the Argentine National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI), represents a starting point on this purpose.

Under this project, an accurate revision of the existing Protocol will be developed. Then, recycling industries will be reach out to present them the Protocol and to encourage them to be part of the audit process. Awareness will be raised promoting the consumption of plastic products with certified recycled materials. In addition, Regional training workshops for Auditors will be launched to make more agile the certification process throughout the country. Finally, lessons learnt in the implementation of the certification protocol in Argentina will be shared with other Latin American and Caribbean countries, since most of them face similar challenges on the traceability of plastics recycling.

This project aims to effectively implement the aforementioned Protocol, addressing some key points of the National Strategy to address the environmental sound management of plastics through their whole life cycle approved by Resolution 407/2019 of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina.

2.4 Objective(s) (max 150 words)

Improving the ESM of plastic waste and preventing and minimizing the generation of plastic waste through the strengthening of traceability and certification process of the recycling plastics and the commercialization chains.

This strengthening will be reflected in the design and implementation of a seal that allows each party to:

- Offer an endorsement or recognition to the plastics recycling industries that act according to the highest standards, differentiating it from the informal sector.
- Guarantee suppliers and buyers that recyclable plastic materials delivered to a certified industry will be recycled in accordance with BAT/BEP, and in compliance with environmental legislation and regulations;
- Increase national capacity of auditors through training workshops
- Promote the use of recycled material

The seal also pursues the following objectives:

- Increase the number of certified industries in Argentina
 - Analyze and foster the replication of the model in other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean
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2.5 Activities (please enumerate, indicate a title for each activity and describe briefly; add rows if needed) (max 350 words)

1. Review and adjust the Certification Protocol

¹ Minimum and maximum duration are to be determined.

The Certification Protocol developed by INTI and CAIRPLAS has already been implemented. Since then, two industries participated of the certification process. The idea of the its revision aims to test locally and adapt the existing Protocol in line with the continuous improvements policy of INTI. The revision will also include: a brief summary of the legal framework (including Basel amendments on plastics), alignment with National Strategy to address the environmental sound management of plastics through their whole life cycle, workflows and other schemes to facilitate its comprehension, among other items to emphasize the correct environmental management of polluting plastic waste

2. Listing of plastics recycling industries in Argentina

A comprehensive list of plastic recycling industries will be developed, taking into account those industries already identified by CAIRPLAS. Recycling Industries and Industrial chambers identified under this activity will be invited to participate in the presentation events of the Certification Protocol mentioned in activity 3.

3. Dissemination of the certification model throughout Argentina

Workshops for the presentation of the Certification Protocol will be organized in each Argentinean province inviting recycling industries and industrial chambers, government environmental agencies, consumer associations, among other relevant Stakeholders.

During these events, Recycling industries and industrial chambers identified as a result of activity 1, will be encouraged to present certification audits request forms.

In parallel, educational and outreach materials will be designed focused in behavioral changes, in order to promote the consumption of plastic products with certified recycled materials.

4. Certification of plastics recycling industries

Certification audits will be carried out in each recycling industry that has applied for certification (as a result of dissemination events under activity 3). After analyzing results and non-conformities, the INTI-CAIRPLAS seal will be issued.

5. Regional Auditors’ trainings workshops

Certification Auditors training workshops will be held regionally through the country. Under this activity is expected to reach out all the Argentinean provinces speeding up the certification processes throughout the country.

6. Project the replication of Certification Model in Latin America and the Caribbean

The Certification model will be promoted and disseminated in other countries of Latin America and the Caribbean. Workshops, seminars and/or webinars will be carried out to exchange knowledge within the region. Contacts with industrial chambers, plastics recycling industries, government environmental agencies and other Key Stakeholders will be done to enhance this exchange.

2.6	Area of intervention(several ticks possible)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Controlling the TBM of plastic waste <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving the ESM of plastic waste <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prevention and minimizing the generation of plastic waste <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reducing the risk from hazardous constituents such as persistent organic pollutants in plastic waste
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Through the certification of plastic material recycling companies, it contributes to the fact that these companies can make an improvement in the management and processing of such materials, promoting a sustainable and environmentally friendly management of plastic waste. Also contributes to minimizing the plastic waste, promoting its use in recycling industries.

Contributes in an indirect manner to reduce the risk from hazardous constituents, by controlling reception, handling and processing of plastic waste from WEEE and agricultural plastics waste and prevent the use of plastic in some cases contaminated with POPs and once identified managed them properly.

The TBM of products produced with recycling plastics could be controlled by the implementation of this certification process. In the future, could be one of the required certificates to export these types of products.

- 2.7 Communication plan: Please provide a brief (max 250 words in total) description outlining how project outputs and outcomes will be communicated to relevant stakeholders.
Activities to be undertaken (add, if needed):

The communication plan aims to disseminate the certification Protocol and raise awareness on responsible consumer behavior at the local, national and regional level. On this purpose the plan encompasses four key activities:

Activity 1: Promotional Brochure of the Certification Protocol: Based on the protocol developed by INTI-CAIRPLAS. A revised and friendly designed version will be developed, published and disseminated.

Activity 2: Dissemination educational and outreach materials developed to promote behavioral change: A Video tutorial will be developed to encourage industries to apply to the certification process and other interactive material to promote sustainable consumption in civil society.

Activity 3: Dissemination of videos/photos and factsheet of Presentation Events: Each event developed under this project will be recorded and will have institutional press coverage in order to put the subject on the local, national and regional agenda.

Activity 4: Factsheets will be developed to show in a systematic manner the results of project activities (audited/certified industries, Regional Auditors Trainings, plastics recycling industries and environmental organisms in Latin America and the Caribbean, results of the implementation of the certification protocol in Argentina, to other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.)

Communication products to be developed (e.g. brochures, factsheets, videos):

Promotional Brochure of the Certification Protocol

Video tutorials and educational videos

Videos and Photos of Presentation events and Auditors trainings workshops.

Factsheets for each activity of the project

Key target groups:

Plastic recycling industries; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Production; local environmental and industry authorities, environmental and consumer organizations; customs; consumers.

Latin America and the Caribbean countries (recycling industries, industrial chambers, environmental organisms)

- 2.8 Please provide a simple workplan. (add more lines/columns if needed) (include communication plan)

Activities	Year 1												Responsible	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1.) Review and adjust the Certification Protocol	x	x	x											CAIRPLAS
2.) Listing the recycling industries of plastic materials in Argentina.	x	x	x											Tech. Directorate of Plastics – INTI / Ministry of Env. Sust. Dev
3.) Dissemination of the certification model throughout Argentina			x	x	x	x								T.D. Plastics – INTI
4.) Certification of plastics recycling industries					x	x	x	x	x	x				T.D. Plastics - Certification Body – INTI
5.) Regional auditors trainings workshops										x	x	x		T.D. Plastics – INTI
6.) Projecting replication Certification Model in Latin America and the Caribbean									x	x	x	x		T.D. Plastics - INTI / CAIRPLAS /

			contacted in each province	
Promotional events developed	Month 6	Number of regional events developed	At least 5 events (one for each region of the country)	Photos/ videos/ local press releases
Activity 4: Certification of plastics recycling industries				
Certification forms received	Month 7 Month 10	Number of Certification forms received	At least 5 (one from each region of the country)	Certification forms received and accepted
Recycling plastics industries certified	Month 10	Number of certified industries	At least 3 Recycling plastics industries certified	Certifications with INTI-CAIRPLAS seal issued
Activity 5: Regional Auditors' trainings workshops				
Training request received	Month 11	Number of training request received	At least 5 Training request received	Training request received
Regional auditors' trainings workshops developed	Month 12	Number of trainings developed	At least 5 trainings workshops developed (one from each region of the country)	-Photos, VIDEOS - Factsheet with number and places of developed trainings.
Activity 6: Project the replication of Certification Model in Latin America and the Caribbean				
Plastics recycling industries identified in LA and C	Month 10	Number of Plastics recycling industries identified in LA and C	At least 10 Plastics recycling industries identified in LA and C	List of identified industries
Industrial Chambers contacted in LA and C	Month 12	Number of Industrial Chambers contacted in LA and C	At least 7 Industrial Chambers contacted in LA and C	List of Chambers contacted
Environmental agencies contacted in LA and C	Month 12	Number of environmental agencies contacted	At least 6 environmental agencies contacted in LA and C	List of environmental agencies contacted
Certification model disseminated in LA and C	Month 12	Number of webinars developed to disseminate the Certification model in the region	2 webinars developed to disseminate the Certification model in the region (one in Spanish and one on English)	Webinars invitation, minute of the event
Communication plan				
Outputs	Delivery date	Indicators	Targets	Means of verification
Promotional brochure of Certification Protocol designed and published and disseminated	Month 2 Month 3	Links of publication and Sent and received mails	At least two links where the Brochure is published and 15 Sent and received mails	Link to webpages where the Promotional brochure of Certification Protocol is published and Sent and received mails
Educational and outreach materials developed	Month 4 to 6	Number of videos developed	2 videos developed	Link to the Videos

Videos/photos and factsheet of presentation events sent	Month 6	Number of press releases	At least 5 press releases	Press releases
Factsheet with audited/certified industries sent	Month 10	Number of Factsheet developed	At least 3 Factsheets developed	Factsheets developed
Factsheet with the Regional Auditors Trainings sent	Month 12	Number of Factsheets developed	At least 5 Factsheets developed	Factsheets developed
Factsheet of identified industries and contacted environmental agencies in LA and C sent	Month 12	Number of Factsheets developed	At least 10 Factsheets developed	Factsheets developed
Factsheet with the results of the implementation of the certification protocol in Argentine, to other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean	Month 12	Number of Factsheets developed	3 Factsheets developed	Factsheets developed

2.10 Expected outcomes (enumerate, e.g. Outcome 1.1; please add rows, if needed)

Please note that the project should contribute towards the expected enabling outcome of the BRS-Norad-2 project, namely that The selected projects will contribute towards achieving the enabling outcome that Capacities to implement and enforce the Basel Convention and manage plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner are enhanced in partner countries. The project is also expected to contribute to the long-term outcome, namely that through increased knowledge, capacity and engagement among decision-makers and other stakeholders on the control of TBM and ESM of plastic waste in line with the provisions, guidelines and guidance of the Basel Convention, in particular the Plastic Waste Amendment adopted at the Basel Convention COP-14, the project is expected to contribute to the improved management of plastic waste in partner countries. The projects will thus ultimately contribute to SDG target 14.1 by preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution, in particular plastic litter, including microplastics, from sources in partner countries.

Outcomes	Delivery date	Indicators	Targets	Means of verification
1. Percentage of recycled plastic in Argentina increased	Month 12	Amount of recycled plastic in 2021/amount of recycled plastic in 2020 *100	5%	Information available by CAIRPLAS
2. Plastics recycling industries certified	Month 10	N° of certified industries	3	Certificates issued by Certification Body of INTI
3. Regional auditors trained	Month 12.	N° of regional auditors trained	5	Auditors who meet the requirements established by the Certification Body of INTI
4. Latin American and Caribbean countries interested in certification model	Month 12.	N° of interested countries	3	Factsheet with interested countries

2.11 Project management: Please explain how project implementation will be organized, including size and composition of the project team, expertise of the members of the project team and monitoring arrangements (max. 250 words)

Steering Committee (SC)

The SC will oversee the development of the planned activities, tracking outputs and outcomes and its indicators. The indicators will be calculated every 4 months.

The SC will be conformed by:

-Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development: Jorge Etcharrán, National Director of Chemicals and Hazardous Waste.

-Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cult: Silvia Vázquez, Director of Environmental Affairs and official contact point of the Basel Convention.

-Basel Regional Center INTI-Argentina: Leila Devia, Head of the Basel Regional Center INTI-Argentina

-Technical Directorate for Plastics INTI: Ricardo Giménez, Technical Director of TD Plastics-INTI.

The project will be assisted by technical experts as follows:

Name	Organization	Expertise	Activities
Alarcón, Carolina	Certification Body-INTI	Biochemistry. Certification Body Quality Manager	Evaluation of certification requests and audit reports. Issuance of certifications
Giménez, Ricardo	T.D. Plastics-INTI.	Engineer. Industrial Quality Specialist. Protocol writer	Survey of industries Contacts with industrial chambers. Review Certification Protocol Dissemination.. Educational and outreach materials. Presentation events. Audits. Regional auditors's training.
Inocenti, MCristina	TD Plastics-INTI.	Chemistry. Specialist in Plastics Processing. Writer of the Protocol. Technical assistance	
Mollo, Mariana	TD Plastics-INTI.	Chemistry. Dr. in Materials Science. Writer of the Protocol. Auditor	
Raimundi, Adriana	TD Plastics-INTI.	Engineer. Industrial Quality Specialist. Writer of the Protocol. Auditor.	
Speraggi, Marianela	TD Plastics-INTI	Chemistry. Technical assistance to recycling industries. Writer of the Protocol	
Picone. JLuis	CAIRPLAS	Engineer. Director CAIRPLAS. Writer of the protocol.	
Ana Corallo	CRBAS consultant	Environmental lawyer, project management.	Preparation and review of documents, monitoring of activities and project indicators
Harte, Agustín	National Directorate on Chemicals and Hazardous Waste, Ministry of E.S.D.	Molecular Biologist. Technical expert on ESM of hazardous chemicals and waste.	Collaboration on activities involving the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development.
Zamorano, Marcela	National Directorate on Chemicals and Hazardous Waste, Ministry of E.S.D.	Industrial Engineer. Expert on ESM of hazardous waste	

2.12 Project partners: Please list partners that will be engaged (max. 150 words)

Basel Convention Regional Centre for the South American Region in Argentina (BCRC)
 Argentine Chamber of the Plastic Recycling Industry (CAIRPLAS),
 Technical Directorate of Plastics – National Institute of Industrial Technology (INTI)
 Certification Body - INTI
 Operative Deputy Management of Chemistry and Environment - INTI
 Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
 Ministry of Productive Development
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Commerce and Cult

2.13 Risk analysis and mitigation: Please identify the top 5 risks for successful project implementation and the measures that will be taken to address these.

1. Covid-19 pandemic health emergency: Uncertainty in the return to habitual local and foreign work activities.

Solutions: In the period of the pandemic and the social, preventive and mandatory isolation, dissemination activities of the project could be carried out with interested key Stakeholders such as governmental authorities and local companies of recycling through electronic means. The whole parts of the activities described under this project could be developed even if the lock down remains.

2. Informality of some recycling industries

Solutions: Visit the aforementioned recycling companies to carry out a survey on their operation, provide them technical assistance, and report on the advantages of the Certification process (e.g. position themselves for the quality and reliability of their recycled material by purchasers). Promote associativity or cooperatives of small recycling groups, and capacitation and tools for formalization of small recycling industries. Offer training activities on the recycling process to these groups and companies, and promote BAT/BEP.

3. Economic impossibility of some companies to pay for the Certification

Solutions: Search and/or provide information on grants/credits/loans or other financing instrument for recycling companies. Promote association or cooperatives of small recycling groups so that they can access to financing and thus to the Certification process.

4. Difficulty in supplying post-consumer or post-industrial plastic material

Solutions: Promote Public-private articulation in the collection and separation of waste. Improve public logistics to make it easier for citizens to separate waste in the source and dispose of it in suitable containers. Increase the number of containers in each neighborhood, district or town. Implement government grant incentives (economic such as tax reduction or economic benefits, for example discounts on public transport) to encourage citizens to separate plastic waste and take it to the "green centers" of each jurisdiction. Promote the waste differentiated collection of the municipalities.

3. Budget

3.1 Budget² breakdown (in USD) (please add more lines if needed)

Budget class	Item description ³	Unit description ⁴	Quantity	Unit cost	Total
Activity 1: Review and adjust the Certification Protocol					
Staff, expert and other personnel costs	[Contracting for staff]	12 months			

² Approximately USD 120,000 for national projects and approximately USD 180,000 for regional projects.

³ There can be several items in each budget category.

⁴ These are, for example, working months per person in case of staff or days in case of consultants, or number of travels.

Contractual Services ⁵	[item]				
Travel	[item]				
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture ⁶	[item]				
Operating and Other Direct Costs	[Communication costs including telephone and internet; bank fee;etc]				500
Supplies Commodities and Materials	[Consumable supplies: office stationery, supplies, etc.]				200
Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP) ⁷	[item]				
	Subtotal				700
Activity 2: Listing of plastics recycling industries in Argentina					
Staff, expert and other personnel costs	[Contracting for staff]	12 months	2	16000	32000
Contractual Services ⁸	[item]				
Travel	[item]				
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture ⁹	[item]				
Operating and Other Direct Costs	[Communication costs including telephone and internet; bank fee;etc]				1200
Supplies Commodities and Materials ⁵	[Consumable supplies: office stationery, supplies, etc.]	1 purchase	3	300	900

⁵ Total amount of goods or services procured from other legal entities (companies) is limited to 15% of the total budget. If a higher degree of procurement is required, include it and we will look at the modalities of implementation.

⁶These are non-expendable assets. If the project implementation requires the purchase of these types of assets the ownership of the assets at the end of the project needs to be agreed. We also require a list of inventory as part of the end of project reporting requirements.

⁷ These include non-profit organisations who are implementing partners who also adhere to value of the United Nations.

⁸ Total amount of goods or services procured from other legal entities (companies) is limited to 15% of the total budget. If a higher degree of procurement is required, include it and we will look at the modalities of implementation.

⁹These are non-expendable assets. If the project implementation requires the purchase of these types of assets the ownership of the assets at the end of the project needs to be agreed. We also require a list of inventory as part of the end of project reporting requirements.

Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP) ¹⁰	[item]				
	Subtotal				34100
Activity 3: Dissemination of the certification model throughout Argentina					
Staff, expert and other personnel costs	[item]				
Contractual Services	[Catering]	Coffee and lunch services for the organized events	6	750	4500
	[Design and printing promotional brochure]	1 service	1	500	500
	[Design and printing educational and outreach materials]	1 service	1	500	500
Travel	[Travels in Argentina]	Tickets and travel expenses for one person	15	600	9000
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	[webcam]	1 webcam	2	150	300
	[Laptop]	1 laptop	2	1600	3200
Operating and Other Direct Costs	[Communication costs including telephone and internet; bank fee;etc]				1500
Supplies Commodities and Materials	[Consumable supplies: office stationery, supplies, etc.]	1 purchase	4	350	1400
Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP)	[item]				
	Subtotal				20900
Activity 4: Certification of plastics recycling industries					
Staff, expert and other personnel costs	[item]				
Contractual Services	[Catering]	Coffee and lunch services for the organized events	6	750	4500

¹⁰ These include non-profit organisations who are implementing partners who also adhere to value of the United Nations.

Travel	[Travels in Argentina]	Tickets and travel expenses for one person	15	600	9000
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	[Laptop]	1 laptop	2	1600	3200
Operating and Other Direct Costs	[Communication costs including telephone and internet; bank fee;etc]				1100
Supplies Commodities and Materials	[Consumable supplies: office stationery, supplies, etc.]	1 purchase	2	500	1000
Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP)	[item]				
	Subtotal				18800
Activity 5:Regional Auditors´s trainings workshops					
Staff, expert and other personnel costs	[item]				
Contractual Services	[item]				
Travel	[Travels in Argentina]	Tickets and travel expenses for one person	5	600	3000
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	[Projector]	1 projector	2	500	1000
Operating and Other Direct Costs	[Communication costs including telephone and internet; bank fee;etc]				1000
Supplies Commodities and Materials	[Consumable supplies: office stationery, supplies, etc.]	1 purchase	2	500	1000
Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP)	[item]				
	Subtotal				6000
Activity 6: Project the replication of Certification Model in Latin America and the Caribbean					
Staff, expert and other personnel costs	[item]				
Contractual Services	[item]				

Travel	[item]				
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	[webcam]	1 webcam	2	150	300
Operating and Other Direct Costs	[Communication costs including telephone and internet; bank fee;etc]				1500
Supplies Commodities and Materials	[Consumable supplies: office stationery, supplies, etc.]	1 purchase	3	300	900
Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP)	[item]				
	Subtotal				2700
	Total				83200

Comment

The staff included in Activity 2 will be work in all the activities of the project

UN Budget classes explanation

No	Budget Class Name	Explanation
1.	Staff, expert, and Other Personnel Costs	(i) Includes all costs related to project personnel and their entitlement. These include staff, administrative and support staff, consultants, experts, and interns. (ii) Meeting facilitators, interpreters, translators and evaluation consultants are also all to be budgeted under this Budget Class if they are contracted in their individual capacity. However, if they are contracted as a company then that must be budgeted under "Contractual services". (iii) All contracting for staff, experts and other personnel should follow a transparent, fair and competitive recruitment process.
2.	Contractual Services	(i) Works and services of a commercial nature contracted following procurement procedures. This could include contracts given to NGOs if they are more similar to procurement of services than a grant transfer. (NGOs that are implementing partners to be budgeted under "Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP)". (ii) Where meetings/workshops require venue to be hired e.g. Hotel, then relevant costs to be budgeted under this Class. (iii) Commercial printing/publication contracts to be budgeted here (iv) All contracting should follow a transparent, fair and competitive procurement process. The companies should adhere to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct. (v) Total amount of goods or services procured from other legal entities (companies) is limited to 15% of the total budget. If a higher degree of procurement is required, it may be included and we will look at the modalities of implementation
3.	Travel	(i) Includes all reasonable travel related costs for staff, consultant, other personnel meeting participant. (ii) the costs can include reasonable cover for daily subsistence allowance or accommodation, meals, flight/train/bus/boat tickets, terminal expenses as applicable (iii) only economy class travel is allowed for all travelers, including staff.
4.	Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture	(i) Procurement of non-consumables e.g. IT equipment, vehicles, furniture etc. This would relate to all costs to put asset into service and the cost of disposal of the asset upon reaching its useful life. (ii) if this budget category is used, the ownership after the project of the equipment purchased will be agreed. (iii) final financial statement should include an inventory list of non-expendable (fixed) assets.

		(iv) Total amount of goods or services procured from other legal entities (companies) is limited to 15% of the total budget. If a higher degree of procurement is required, it may be included, and we will look at the modalities of implementation
5.	Operating and Other Direct Costs	(i) Rental of premises/equipment; utilities; cleaning; vehicle maintenance; communication costs including telephone and internet; Bank fee;
6.	Supplies, Commodities and Materials	(i) Consumable supplies e.g. office stationery, supplies, tools, etc.; (ii) Costs associated with the delivery, storage and distribution of consumable supplies procured such as transportation, freight, customs, insurance, warehousing and other logistical requirements;
7.	Transfers and Grants Issued to Implementing Partner (IP)	(i) To be used if SGP partner will work together with other non-profit partners and transfer funds to them under a contract. (ii) any procurement or partnering with for-profit companies should be budget under class "Contractual Services". (iii) The choice and the contracting of an implementing partner should follow a transparent and fair process. The partners should adhere to the highest standards of moral and ethical conduct. (iv) Implementing partners are required to provide a financial statement and refund any unspent balance of funds received, after the implementation of the agreed activities has ended. (iv) if this modality and budget category is used, approval is on a case by case basis and more information will be required as it has implications on the due diligence of the subcontractors.

3.2 Will co-funding be provided? If yes, please provide estimated amount and source.

The staff of the project includes INTI staff. The salaries of 6 persons during the period of the project execution (12 months) will be co-funding by INTI. Considering the percentage of time dedicated to the project, the estimate amount will be:
Estimated amount: US\$ 60,000.00

3.3 Has an application for financial support through other financial mechanisms or trust funds, such as, but not limited to the Small Grants Programme of the Convention, the implementation fund of the Convention, the Global Environment Facility, and the Special Programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, covering activities specified in this project proposal been submitted and/or accepted? If yes, please provide additional information.
No

4. Link to the BRS-Norad-2 project

Please explain how the project will contribute to the impact¹¹, expected long-term outcome¹² and relevant enabling outcome¹³ of the BRS-Norad-2 project. (max 250 words)

The project contributes to the SDG target 1.4.1 since it is expected that through the implementation of the Protocol and the design of the seal recycling process in Argentina will meet the highest standards and thus, plastic waste will be prevented, reducing marine pollution.

At the national level dissemination and promotion activities will be carried out to increased knowledge, capacity building and engagement among different stakeholders (Plastic recycling industries; Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development; Ministry of Productive Development; environmental and consumer organizations; Customs; consumers), and to address the following key aspects of Plastic management: (i) Controlling the TBM of plastic waste (through a revision of the legal and institutional framework identifying gaps and making recommendations to address those gaps); (ii) Improving the ESM of plastic waste (thorough the implementation of the Protocol and the development of training activities. This Protocol is in line with the EUCERPLAST (European Certification of Plastics Recycling) and the reviewed version will consider the provisions, guidelines and guidance of the Basel Convention (in particular the Plastic Waste Amendment adopted at the Basel Convention COP-14); (iii) Prevention and minimizing the generation of plastic waste (through the increase of amount of recycled plastic); (iv) Reducing the risk from hazardous constituents such as persistent organic pollutants in plastic waste (ensuring that POPs are not present in the recycling process).

¹¹ Impact: Contribute to SDG target 14.1 by preventing and significantly reducing marine pollution, in particular plastic litter, including microplastics, from sources in partner countries.

¹² Long-term outcome: Through increased knowledge, capacity and engagement among decision-makers and other stakeholders on the control of transboundary movements and environmentally sound management (ESM) of plastic waste in line with the provisions, guidelines and guidance of the Basel Convention, in particular the Plastic Waste Amendment adopted at the Basel Convention COP-14, the project is expected to contribute to the improved management of plastic waste in partner countries.

¹³ Enabling outcome: Capacities to implement and enforce the Basel Convention and manage plastic waste in an environmentally sound manner are enhanced in partner countries.

In addition, outcomes achieved and lessons learnt under this Project will be shared with the Latin American and the Caribbean Region in order to replicate and leverage positive impact.

5. Additional project information

5.1 Innovation

Does the project aim at developing new tools to address plastic waste, tackle a new aspect of the ESM of plastic waste, and/or feature another innovative element? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment

This project aims to innovate at improving the ESM of plastic waste and preventing and minimizing the generation of plastic waste through the strengthening of traceability and certification of the plastics recycling and the commercialization chains. Through certification and once the innovative seal was granted, it will improve the confidence of all the actors involved in the plastic recycling market (suppliers, plastic recycling industries, buyers) in addition to promoting the use of recycled material, and generating recognition of the authorities for greater support to the sector.

5.2 Informal sector

Will the project engage and target the informal sector? Yes No

Comment

The project will engage and target the informal sector of plastic waste collection in Argentina, as a large part of this collection takes place through informal or semi-informal individuals or organizations. In this case, part of the traceability and certification process will be aimed at characterizing the vulnerable and informal groups that work in the collection and distribution in order to develop social and educational social protection standards for these groups. The second objective is to strengthen their abilities and knowledge to identify and safely manage the several varieties of plastic resources.

Another informal sector to take into account is formed for small recycling industries or workshops that are working with the correct qualification and permissions.

5.3 Testing of guidance and tools

Does the project aim at testing existing guidance and tools for plastic waste (e.g. inventory, ESM guidance)? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment

Given that a relevant part of the Project is based on the development and applicability of certification schemes, the project contemplates the testing of guides and tools for the management of plastic waste, particularly at the level of recycling plants.

5.4 National relevance

Are the objectives of the project aligned with the needs of the beneficiary country/ies and aligned with ongoing national policy processes and initiatives? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment

The project is fully aligned with the country's needs, to regulate and improve the plastics recycling process throughout the chain for the correct compliance with the Basel Convention and for national policies aimed at minimizing the impact of plastics and micro plastics in aquatic ecosystems. Different local regulations have been issued in Argentina to promote the environmental sound management of plastics through their hole lifecycle Resolution N° 407/2019 of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development approved the national guidelines for preventing plastic pollution. Progressive reduction and prohibition of single-use plastics has also been regulated in many localities in Argentina. Moreover, many private companies have launched campaigns to raise awareness on this

matter. At the National Level a recent regulation has been issued (Resolution 19/20). It establishes that it will be prohibited in the National Protected Areas to offer, deliver to the final consumer, distribute or market plastic products, such as: Disposable plastic bottles, dishes and cooking utensils Non-reusable plastic bags; Plastic wrappers for transport or delivery of newspapers, magazines, invoices, receipts, etc.; Cosmetic and oral hygiene products with micro pearls or plastic micro spheres. In the last years many drafts laws have been presented to the National Congress to extend this prohibition to the National level. It is expected to have new regulations single-use plastics soon.

Of course the recycling is another solution to the situation of the single use plastic, and life cycle analysis must be done in each case in order to make the decision of the best solution.

5.5 Replicability

Does the project have a high potential for scale-up/replicability, e.g. by providing a practical example of how other Parties and stakeholders can better succeed in similar activities? If yes, please explain and indicate which project outputs and activities could be replicated in other countries in the comment section. Yes No

Comment

The project has great potential for scaling up and replicability because it is aimed at starting at the main plastic recycling facilities in Buenos Aires, but there is an increasing number of recycling plants throughout the country. All of them will be able to make use of the knowledge and outputs developed under this project, as well as the countries of the region that are in very early stages of knowledge. The main outcomes that will be able to be replicated are the traceability and development of recommendations for the regulatory framework.

5.6 Leveraging

Is the result of this project expected to trigger expanded activities/follow-up projects in the immediate future? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment:

The project is expected to trigger a series of activities in the immediate future; in particular, what is expected is to immediately replicate the dissemination and training activities as well as the identification of potential new projects throughout the country.

5.7 Sustainability

Will the conditions for achievement of the outcomes to be established through this project prevail beyond the project duration? If yes, please explain how this will be ensured in the comment section. Yes No

Comment

With regard to sustainability, the scope of the project objectives will continue after the completion of the project since it is a series of activities in which certification is the most important. This aspect seeks not only to provide temporary continuity over time in order to comply with international commitments and in line with national policies, but to replicate the project and generate continuity and coherence in the applicability of these criteria. In fact, this project represents the main first step in a long chain of projects aimed at addressing the problem of plastic waste throughout the value chain.

5.8 Gender

Does the project advance gender equality and advance gender mainstreaming? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment:

The project is strictly considering gender aspects. This happens mainly because in a large part of the sector, (in the collection of waste), women are a large part of the workforce. This project will be aligned with other gender policies in place nationally that aimed at vulnerable groups. Regarding the development of certification schemes, the proportions of employees in terms of gender will and comply with international and national policies.

5.9 Synergies

Does the project strengthen synergies between the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions and/or any other relevant multilateral environmental agreements? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment Given the multiple topics, the project is aimed at strengthening synergies between the 3 conventions, and it is also oriented towards compliance with the convention on biological diversity. It is fully aligned with Resolution 3/7 of UNEA-3 on marine litter and microplastics. The activities under this project provide a net benefit in promoting the circular economy approach and as such, mitigating the impact of climate change.

5.10 South – south cooperation

Does the project advance south-south cooperation? If yes, please explain in the comment section. Yes No

Comment Given the current cooperation with the MERCOSUR countries, once the project is finished, exchange experiences will be carried out with the countries of the Southern Cone, in particular with Uruguay, Brazil and Paraguay with whom there are great similarities in terms of social and socioeconomic realities. In this sense, the project seeks to be a pioneer in strengthening the sector capabilities and exchanging good practices with the countries of the region.

5.12 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Does the project contribute towards the achievement of the SDGs? If yes, please explain how and to which SDGs and targets the project contributes in the comment section. Yes No

Comment The project's contribution to the sustainable development goals is multiple. It first, contributes to the objective of responsible consumption and production (SDG 12). Given the nature and scope of the project, the project is strongly oriented to the circular economy, which is framed in this objective through both the strengthening of the chain and the knowledge of stakeholders about the potential benefits in life cycles and in the circular economy and the efficiency in the use of resources. However, its contribution also encompasses life below water (SDG 14) and clean water and sanitation (SDG 6) since it ultimately seeks to reduce the portion of plastics that can end up in water courses. Likewise, in relation to the life in land (SDG 15). Finally, the project will have a direct relationship with the End of Poverty (SDG 1), since it has a great impact at a social level, given that a large part garbage collection activities are linked to the poor population of Argentina. In this sense, in addition to the environmental dimension, the project is a great catalyst for improvements in the living conditions of these populations and a promoter of new policies in terms of health and sustainable development (SDG 3).