**SELF-ASSESSMENT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE DNSH PRINCIPLE**

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| Name of the project proposal |  |
| Name of the organisation of the Lead partner |  |

By passing the Green Deal in 2019, the EU sets the course for more sustainable investments. The ‘do no significant harm’ principle (DNSH) is to be interpreted within the meaning of Article 17 of the so called Taxonomy Regulation[[1]](#footnote-1). This Article defines whether or not a given project intervention or economic activity should be considered "environmentally sustainable". The need for compliance with the DNSH principle responds to global environmental challenges such as climate change, the loss of biodiversity, the global overconsumption of resources, food scarcity, the deterioration of the fresh water system, and land system change as well as the appearance of new threats, such as hazardous chemicals and their combined effect. More information on the DNSH content and its implementation arrangements can be found in the Technical guidance on the application of “do no significant harm” under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation and its annexes[[2]](#footnote-2).

In line with this, applicants should declare that all actions of the project proposal are compliant with the DNSH principle by providing the requested information in the checklist below. Please, make sure that the implementation of your project actions goes in full respect with the best environmental practices or reach benchmarks of excellence set out in the Sectoral Reference Documents[[3]](#footnote-3) adopted according to Article 46(1) of Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 on the voluntary participation by organisations in a community eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS). Likewise, if technical details of the works and assets that you need to do and obtain during project implementation are known at application stage, please shortly describe them in the justification column of the checklist, under the relative environmental objective. When justifying the DNSH compliance of your project proposals, please ground your arguments on the level of project actions and specify which specific actions are implemented in reference to the respective environmental objective. It might be the case when some of your project actions positively contribute to one or more environmental objectives, therefore make sure you include this assessment in the respective justification.

*DNSH checklist*

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| **Environmental objective** | **Justification** |
| **Climate change mitigation:**  *Project activities must not lead to significant emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG)* | *Enter text here [max 500 characters without spaces]* |
| **Climate change adaptation:**  *Project activities must not have an increased negative impact on the current and future climate, on the project itself or on people, nature or property* | *Enter text here [max 500 characters without spaces]* |
| **The sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources:**  *Project activities must not be detrimental to the good health of water bodies (surface, groundwater or marine) or harm its quality or reduce its ecological potential* | *Enter text here [max 500 characters without spaces]* |
| **The transition to a circular economy, including waste prevention and recycling:**  *Project activities must not result in significant inefficiencies in the use of recovered or recycled materials, increase the direct or indirect use of natural resources[[4]](#footnote-4), or significantly increase the amount of generated or incinerated waste thereof, causing significant long-term environmental damage* | *Enter text here [max 500 characters without spaces]* |
| **Pollution prevention and control:**  *Project activities must not cause increased emissions of pollutants[[5]](#footnote-5) in the air, water or soil* | *Enter text here [max 500 characters without spaces]* |
| **The protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems:**  *Project activities must not harm the good condition and resilience of ecosystems or the conservation status of habitats and species, including those of interest to the Union* | *Enter text here [max 500 characters without spaces]* |

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*(Date/month/year)*

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*(Name, surname and signature of the legal representative* *of the Lead partner or Electronic Signature)*

1. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32020R0852> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021XC0218%2801%29> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Available at: <https://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas/emas_publications/sectoral_reference_documents_en.htm> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Natural resources comprise energy, materials, metals, water, biomass, air and land [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Pollutant means a substance, vibration, heat, noise, light or other contaminant present in air, water or land which may be  
   harmful to human health or the environment [↑](#footnote-ref-5)