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Exclusion Criteria of the ZUG

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Exclusion criteria for projects

The following projects and activities are not eligible for funding developing countries:

1. **Violation of national or international rules on phase-outs or prohibitions or an international ban:**
 - i. certain pharmaceuticals in line with [WHO “Pharmaceuticals: Restrictions in Use and Availability”](#);
 - ii. toxic substances like mercury in line with the [Minamata Convention](#),
 - iii. protected animals and animal products and plants and plant products in line with [CITES](#);
 - iv. destructive fishing methods¹;
 - v. cross-border trade in waste in line with the [Basel Convention](#).
2. Activities which **use forced labour or harmful child labour in line with the ILO core labour standards**.
3. Manufacturing, sale or purchase of **arms or ammunition**.
4. Activities involving **forced resettlement** which violate the [UN Basic Principles and Guidelines on Development-Based Evictions and Displacement](#).
5. Activities which impact directly on **land** belonging to **indigenous peoples** or used by them on the basis of customary law without appropriate **consultations** corresponding to international law with the affected indigenous peoples.
6. Manufacturing, sale or use of **racist, ableist, sexist, homophobic or transphobic or other antidemocratic media**.
7. Activities which are prohibited by legislation of the country of implementation or by international conventions to **protect resources, biodiversity or cultural heritage**.
8. Activities which promote the prospecting for, exploration of and exploitation of **coal, oil, natural gas or radioactive resources** and their use to generate energy and their respective infrastructure.²
9. Activities which contribute directly to the destruction or substantial impairment of **areas or ecosystems which merit particular protection** (critical habitats and high conservation value areas) or which require **offsetting measures** due to their negative impact on biodiversity and ecosystem performance.
10. Activities contributing directly to the **introduction or spread of invasive species**.³
11. Introduction of **neophytes or neozoa** which are not yet found in the region of the project.⁴
12. Activities which contribute directly to the **deforestation of primary forests**.

¹ High seas fishing using dynamite, drift nets longer than 2.5 km or the use of drift nets in a way that destroys ecosystems or renders essential ecosystem functions impossible (FAO/UNEP [Expert Meeting on Impacts of Destructive Fishing Practices](#)).

²This also applies to transition energy. In well-founded cases, an exception can be made for the funding of existing energy infrastructure which contributes to the conversion to zero-carbon energy carriers or to significant reductions in emissions.

³ Inter alia in line with the database of invasive species of the [IUCN Species Survival Commission](#).

⁴ E.g. in line with the Global Biodiversity Information Facility database www.gbif.org.

13. Manufacturing, sale or use of **living modified organisms**.⁵
14. Manufacturing, sale or use of **active pesticide substances** or their formulation covered by [WHO criteria 1-8](#), because they are categorised as acutely toxic, chronically toxic, carcinogenic, mutagenic, or toxic for reproduction or are listed by UN conventions⁶ and of glyphosate or other total herbicides with a similar effect, and of fipronil, clothianidin, imidacloprid and thiamethoxam when used on open land.⁷
15. Activities which require **animal testing** and do not comply with [Directive 2010/63/EU](#) on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes.
16. Production, sale or use of **radioactive material**.⁸
17. Manufacturing, sale or use of **asbestos**.
18. Activities which promote **prostitution, pornography** or controversial forms of **gambling**.

⁵ Living modified organisms (LMOs) are also described as genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

⁶ [Rotterdam Convention](#) (1998), [Stockholm Convention](#) (2001)

⁷ Projects which demonstrably aim to reduce or cease the manufacturing, sale or use of these pesticides are excepted from this.

⁸ Medical devices, quality control devices, uses in which the radioactive source is insignificant or appropriately shielded, are excepted from this.