*[10/06/2024]*

*[VLAIO]*

*Measure name:*

*[MILESTONE 186 /I-5.11 Strengthen R&D]*

**Description of the measure:**

**Investment I-5.11: ‘Strengthen R&D’ of the Flemish Region**

This investment aims at boosting innovation of Flanders’ economic operators through R&D, with a particular focus on three areas: digitalisation, sustainability and health. Two different axes are foreseen. A first axis shall target R&I projects in areas where Flanders already performs well, with a focus on sustainable, digital and health related activities. The second axis shall focus on instruments targeting R&D support to companies. Under this axis R&D projects can for example relate to the pharmaceutical sector, and to 3D printing technology. The support for the participation to the planned IPCEI on micro-electronic is also foreseen. Under the measure at least 200 projects shall be awarded covering all areas of intervention of the measure.

In order to ensure that the measure complies with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), the eligibility criteria contained in terms of reference for upcoming calls for projects shall exclude the following list of activities: (i) activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use; (ii) activities under the EU Emission Trading System achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks12; (iii) activities related to waste landfills, incinerators13 and mechanical biological treatment plants14; and (iv) activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause harm to the environment. The terms of reference shall additionally require that only activities that comply with relevant EU and national environmental legislation may be selected. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 August 2026.

**Milestone/target description:**

Notification, by VLAIO and the ‘Departement Economie, Wetenschap en Innovatie’ (EWI), of the award of 200 projects to the successful candidates following the call for proposals, with terms of reference including eligibility criteria that ensure that the selected projects comply with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) through the use of an exclusion list and the requirement of compliance with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation. For projects awarded through grant schemes that do not work with calls for projects, compliance with the technical guidelines "do no significant harm" (2021/C58/01) is also enforced through an eligibility criterion based on the same exclusion list and the requirement of compliance with relevant EU and national environmental legislation.

**Verification mechanism:**

Summary document duly justifying how the milestone (including the relevant elements of the milestone, as listed in the description of milestone and of the corresponding measure in the CID annex) was satisfactorily fulfilled. This document shall include as an annex the following documentary evidence:

1. Spreadsheet listing the 200 selected projects including for each one: the unique identifier, the name of the project (where applicable), the beneficiary, the amount committed to each beneficiary (also evidencing that EUR 220 500 000 has been committed), a brief description of the project, including the name of the programme under which it was selected, reference of the notified contract award and the indication of the reference of the call in which the project was selected or indication of whether the project was selected based on an application under the general grant scheme. For each awarded project with activities under the EU ETS, the location, the Installation ID/Aircraft Operator ID in the European Union Transaction Log (EUTL) and justification that the projected level of GHG emissions per unit of product will be significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks.

For projects selected via calls for proposals:

2. Copy of published terms of reference for the competitive calls for proposals (link to the call, specification of the period when call was open for applicants and the technical specifications of the call).

3. Extracts from the terms of reference for the call for proposals that ensure compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex.

For projects selected via general grant schemes:

4. Copy of the published grant schemes conditions

5. Copy of the internal assessment guidance document explaining how compliance of each projects with the DNSH conditions set in the milestone has been assessed.

On the basis of a sample that may be selected by the Commission, the following documentary evidence shall be submitted for each of the units (project or programme) selected:

A. For projects working with calls for proposals

1) copy of contract award notification;

2) an abstract of the application demonstrating compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex or an abstract of the official database containing the final internal assessment of compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex or for the projects awarded before the adoption of the CID a copy of the agreement making the grant award conditional on compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex and with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation.

B. For projects selected under the general grant schemes (for projects not selected based on a call for projects):

1) an extract of the official database containing the final internal assessment of compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex;

2) copy of the financing agreement (notification of the grant award) or communication making the grant award to the recipient of the grant conditional to the compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex and to the relevant EU and national environmental legislation.

**A. Evidence provided:**

* Annex 1. Spreadsheet of selected projects: List of projects supported under measure 5.11
* Annex 1b. Grant Agreement PREVAIL.pdf (17/11/2022): grant agreement for the IMEC DEP-project
* Annex 1c. TEFHW4AI - PREVAIL costing (RRF-DEP).docx: short description of the costing for the RRF – DEP-project from IMEC (VV023/11)
* Annex 2a. OIHS 2022 Ministerieel Besluit en handleiding: Ministerial Decree (of the Flemish Government) concerning research infrastructure for university colleges
* Annex 2b. MB\_OIHS\_2021\_Getekend: Signed Ministerial Decree (of the Flemish Government) for the project call research infrastructure for university colleges in 2021
* Annex 2c. MB\_OIHS\_2022: Signed Ministerial Decree (of the Flemish Government) for the project call research infrastructure for university colleges in 2022
* Annex 3a. Template Piloottrajecten biogebaseerde toepassingen: Template to fill in for a project application for pilot trajectories biobased applications
* Annex 3b. OI\_HS\_oproep 2021\_Handleiding: Guide for research infrastructure for university colleges project applications
* Annex 3c. Onderzoeksinfrastructuur Hogescholen - Sjabloon DNSH-analyse-OIHS\_2021: Template for DNSH analysis for research infrastructure for university colleges
* Annex 3d. Sjabloon DNSH-analyse: General template for DNSH analysis
* Annex 3e. Grant agreement VV023-11: Grant agreement for the Digital Europe project call
* Annex 3f. Handleiding Piloottraject biogebaseerde toepassingen: Guide for pilot trajectories biobased applications
* Annex 3g. MB\_Bijlage\_2\_aanvraagformulier\_OIHS\_2021\_getekend: the application form for the project call research infrastructure for university colleges in 2021, including a section for DNSH
* Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1: General conditions for support under VLAIO grant schemes, many of which were applied for measure 5.11
* Annex 4b. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] instelling van een financieringskanaal [...] strategisch basisonderzoek [...]: Decree of the Flemish Government adapting financial channels for strategic fundamental research
  + Applicable for CLUS-CSBO type cluster projects
* Annex 4c. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] ondernemingen voor [O&O] met een kennisintensief karakter in Vlaanderen: Decree of the Flemish Government concerning support for private companies active in research-intensive R&D
  + Applicable for OND type regular projects and CLUS-COOP-OND type cluster projects
* Annex 4d. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] steun aan ondernemingen voor ontwikkeling en innovatie in Vlaanderen: Decree of the Flemish Government concerning support for R&D support to private companies
  + Applicable for ONTW and HS type regular projects and CLUS-COOP-ONTW type cluster projects
* Annex 4e. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering betreffende de projectmatige financiering van [...] onderzoek voor de land en tuinbouwsector: Decree of the Flemish Government concerning project finance for R&D in the agricultural sector
  + Applicable for LATR type regular projects and CLUS-LATR type cluster projects
* Annex 4f. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering houdende de instelling van een financieringskanaal voor het strategisch basisonderzoek in Vlaanderen: Decree of the Flemish Government concerning financial support for strategisch fundamental research
  + Applicable for CLUS-ICON-OND type cluster projects
* Annex 4g. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering tot regeling van steun aan consortia van ondernemingen voor onderzoek ontwikkeling[...]: Decree of the Flemish Government concerning support to consortia of companies for R&D
  + Applicable for CLUS-ICON-OND type cluster projects
* Annex 4h. Handleiding Landbouwtrajecten: Guide to agricultural trajectories (agriculture R&D projects)
  + Applicable for LATR type regular projects and CLUS-LATR type cluster projects
* Annex 4i. Handleiding TETRA projecten: Guide to TETRA projects (applied research at university colleges and integrated training at universities)
  + Applicable for TETRA type regular projects
* Annex 4j. Toelichtingsdocument Ontwikkelingsprojecten - Onderzoeksprojecten - O&O Haalbaarheidsstudies: Guide to company R&D projects and R&D feasibility studies
  + Applicable for OND, ONTW, and HS type regular projects and CLUS-COOP-OND and CLUS-COOP-ONTW type cluster projects
* Annex 4k. ICON Toelichtingsdocument: Informative document and guide for ICON projects
  + Applicable for CLUS-ICON-OND type cluster projects
* Annex 4l. Handleiding CLUS-SBO
  + Applicable for CLUS-CSBO type cluster projects
* Annex 4m. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering houdende de oprichting van een programma voor de bevordering van [kennistransfer (verv. BVR 23 mei 2014, art. 1, I\_ 18 augustus 2014)] door instellingen van hoger onderwijs: Decree of the Flemish Government concerning knowledge transfer in higher education
  + Applicable for TETRA type regular projects
* Annex 5. Toepassing DNSH - maatregel 5.11: Document ensuring compliance with DNSH for all projects financed under measure 5.11

**B. Detailed justification:**

*[Explain clearly how the achievement of the milestone/target is demonstrated by the evidence provided,* ***covering ALL elements of the milestone/target.***  *(e.g. the fact that (i) a certain institution had (ii) to accomplish something (iii) in a certain way in order (iv) to achieve a certain goal (v) by a certain date). The Commission is looking* ***for a clear link between the elements of the milestone/target and the evidence provided.***

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| **Description of the measure: Investment I-5.11: ‘Strengthen R&D’ of the Flemish Region**  **This investment aims at boosting innovation of Flanders’ economic operators through R&D, with a particular focus on three areas: digitalisation, sustainability and health. Two different axes are foreseen. A first axis shall target R&I projects in areas where Flanders already performs well, with a focus on sustainable, digital and health related activities. The second axis shall focus on instruments targeting R&D support to companies. Under this axis R&D projects can for example relate to the pharmaceutical sector, and to 3D printing technology. The support for the participation to the planned IPCEI on micro-electronic is also foreseen. Under the measure at least 200 projects shall be awarded covering all areas of intervention of the measure.**  **In order to ensure that the measure complies with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01), the eligibility criteria contained in terms of reference for upcoming calls for projects shall exclude the following list of activities: (i) activities related to fossil fuels, including downstream use; (ii) activities under the EU Emission Trading System achieving projected greenhouse gas emissions that are not lower than the relevant benchmarks12; (iii) activities related to waste landfills, incinerators13 and mechanical biological treatment plants14; and (iv) activities where the long-term disposal of waste may cause harm to the environment. The terms of reference shall additionally require that only activities that comply with relevant EU and national environmental legislation may be selected. The implementation of the investment shall be completed by 31 August 2026.**  In this investment, 401 projects were approved in the field of research, development and innovation for a total amount of €244 860 397.  On the one hand, there are projects in areas in which Flanders is already performing well. These projects are mainly in the fields of care, sustainability, bioeconomy, AI, and digitalisation, which were approved in the context of the spearhead clusters within the Flemish cluster policy (<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/clusterorganisaties/het-clusterbeleid/het-vlaamse-clusterbeleid>), and projects submitted by Flemish knowledge institutions (e.g. IMEC, VITO, Ghent University, KU Leuven, etc.).  On the other hand, a number of R,D and I projects were selected through the regular schemes of the Agency for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (research projects, development projects and feasibility studies).  In the context measure 5.11, 2 projects were also approved in the context of an expression of interest for the IPCEI micro-electronics: HBC.2021.1143 Soitec Belgium and HBC.2021.1146 BelGaN. At the request of the European Commission, these projects were not supported under an IPCEI state aid notification, but under the General Block Exemption Regulation.  The manner in which it was ensured for all the selected projects that the projects comply with the ‘Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) is described below in points 3 and 5.  **1. Spreadsheet listing the 200 selected projects including for each one: the unique identifier, the name of the project (where applicable), the beneficiary, the amount committed to each beneficiary (also evidencing that EUR 220 500 000 has been committed), a brief description of the project, including the name of the programme under which it was selected, reference of the notified contract award and the indication of the reference of the call in which the project was selected or indication of whether the project was selected based on an application under the general grant scheme. For each awarded project with activities under the EU ETS, the location, the Installation ID/Aircraft Operator ID in the European Union Transaction Log (EUTL) and justification that the projected level of GHG emissions per unit of product will be significantly lower than the relevant benchmarks.**  The spreadsheet of selected projects in measure 5.11 is listed under Annex 1. Spreadsheet of selected projects: List of projects supported under measure 5.11.  401 projects were selected in this measure for a total amount of 244 860 397euros. The majority of the projects were selected via regular schemes (363) managed by VLAIO. For these projects the frameworks of the following schemes were used:   * [Onderzoeksproject (OND)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject) * [Ontwikkelingsproject (ONTW)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject) * [O&O Haalbaarheidsstudie (HS)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/oo-haalbaarheidsstudie) * [Landbouwtrajecten (LATR)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/landbouw-la-trajecten) * [TETRA-project (TETRA)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/tetra) * [CLUS-CSBO](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters) * [CLUS-Landbouwtrajecten (CLUS-LATR)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters) * [Coöperatief onderzoek clusterproject (CLUS-COOP-OND)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters) * [Coöperatief ontwikkeling clusterproject (CLUS-COOP-ONTW)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters) * [Interdisciplinair coöperatief onderzoek clusterproject (CLUS-ICON-OND)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters)   In addition, 3 specific calls for projects financed exclusively with RRF funds were launched:   * [Oproep Piloottrajecten biogebaseerde toepassingen](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/piloottrajecten-bio-gebaseerde-toepassingen) * [Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2021](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/steun-voor-onderzoeksinfrastructuur-bij-hogescholen) * [Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2022](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/steun-voor-onderzoeksinfrastructuur-bij-hogescholen)   1 project (VV023/11) was selected for co-financing in the context of a call for projects organized by Digital Europe: DIGITAL-2021-CLOUD-AI-01 (project 101083307 — PREVAIL).  The grant agreement for project 101083307 — PREVAIL is attached in Annex 1b. Grant Agreement PREVAIL.pdf. A short description on the financing of the project (DEP-RRF-IMEC) can be found in Annex 1c. TEFHW4AI - PREVAIL costing (RRF-DEP).docx.    No projects were awarded with activities under the EU ETS.  **2. Copy of published terms of reference for the competitive calls for proposals (link to the call, specification of the period when call was open for applicants and the technical specifications of the call).**  *a) Oproep Piloottrajecten biogebaseerde toepassingen*   * Link:<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/piloottrajecten-bio-gebaseerde-toepassingen> * Period when call was open: September 2021 – December 2022 * Technical specifications of the call:   + <https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1783>   + <https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1784>   *b) Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2021*   * Link:<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/steun-voor-onderzoeksinfrastructuur-bij-hogescholen/wat-na-de-indiening-van-de/vorige-oproepen-steun-voor> * Period when call was open: 28 April 2021 -15 September 2021 * Technical specifications of the call:   + <https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/2349>   + Annex 2b. MB\_OIHS\_2021\_Getekend (28/04/2021)   *c)Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2022*   * Link:<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/steun-voor-onderzoeksinfrastructuur-bij-hogescholen/wat-na-de-indiening-van-de/vorige-oproepen-steun-voor> * Period when call was open: 3 June 2022 – 14 September 2022 * Technical specifications of the call:   + <https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1832>   + Annex 2a. OIHS 2022 Ministerieel Besluit en handleiding   + Annex 2c. MB\_OIHS\_2022 (03/06/2022)   *d) DIGITAL-2021-CLOUD-AI-01*   * Link:<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/digital-2021-cloud-ai-01-data-tech> * Period when call was open: 17 November 2021 – 22 February 2022 * Technical specifications of the call: <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/digital/wp-call/2021/call-fiche_digital-2021-cloud-ai-01_en.pdf>   **3. Extracts from the terms of reference for the call for proposals that ensure compliance with the ’Do no significant harm’ Technical Guidance (2021/C58/01) as specified in the CID annex.**  *a) Oproep Piloottrajecten biogebaseerde toepassingen*  A description of the procedure that was followed to ensure DNSH-compliance of the projects can be found in Annex 5. Toepassing DNSH - maatregel 5.11 on pages 2-3.  In brief, the procedure is as follows: to ensure DNSH-compliance of the projects selected through the call *Piloottrajecten biogebaseerde toepassingen*,the following passage was included in the manual for the call (Annex 3f. Handleiding Piloottraject biogebaseerde toepassingen, p. 3)  *1.4 Toepassing beginsel ‘do no significant harm’*  *Om financiering te kunnen krijgen vanuit de relancemiddelen, dient het project het DNSH-beginsel in acht te nemen. Dit betekent dat het geen ernstige afbreuk mag doen aan milieudoelstellingen in de zin van artikel 17 van de Taxonomieverordening. Dit dient aangetoond te worden via een analyse op basis van het voorziene sjabloon (zie aanvraagtemplate).*  The application template included a reference to the list of excluded activities and required the applicant to complete an annex to demonstrate that the project met the DNSH conditions as stated in the CID annex.  The template for the application of the projects is included in Annex 3a. Template Piloottrajecten biogebaseerde toepassingen. (<https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1784>)  The communication to the applicants after approval of the projects includes the following condition regarding DNSH:  *De opstart van het project en de toekenning van de subsidie is afhankelijk van de bevestiging door de begunstigde dat  bij de uitvoering van het project te allen tijde de relevante EU-, nationale en regionale milieuwetgeving wordt gerespecteerd.*  *b) Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2021*  The *Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2021* was launched before the approval of the Council Implementation Decision (on the 28th of April 2021).  To ensure that the projects were DNSH compliant, the call documents referred to the 6 environmental objectives and asked project applicants to analyse their project and indicate whether the activities in the project caused significant harm to the environmental objectives. In the manual for the call, which is included in Annex 3b. – OI\_HS\_oproep 2021\_Handleiding, the following passage was included with regard to DNSH (p.10):    *Het project is in lijn met de richtlijnen van de Europese commissie op het vlak van “Do no significant Harm” zoals beschreven in de “Technical guidance on the application of “do no significant harm” under the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation”. Deze vereiste wordt opgelegd aan projecten die gefinancierd worden in het kader van het Europees herstelplan. Hierbij wordt opgelegd dat gesteunde projecten niet mogen leiden tot significante schade aan volgende milieudoelstellingen:*  *1. Beperking van klimaatverandering*  *2. Aanpassing aan klimaatverandering*  *3. Duurzaam gebruik en bescherming van water en mariene hulpbronnen*  *4. De circulaire economie, met inbegrip van afvalpreventie en recyclage*  *5. Preventie en beheersing van lucht-, water- of bodemverontreiniging*  *6. Bescherming en herstel van biodiversiteit en ecosystemen*    The template included in Annex 3c. Onderzoeksinfrastructuur Hogescholen - Sjabloon DNSH-analye\_OIHS\_2021 had to be used by the applicants of the projects to demonstrate that the projects were DNSH-compliant. This is also demonstrated in Annex 3g. MB\_Bijlage\_2\_aanvraagformulier\_OIHS\_2021\_getekend.  The communication to the applicants after approval of the projects included the following condition regarding DNSH:  *Aangezien deze subsidie toegekend wordt in het kader van het Relanceplan-Vlaamse Veerkracht, wordt benadrukt dat, gelet op de technische richtsnoeren inzake “geen ernstige afbreuk doen” (2021/C58/01), volgende activiteiten zijn uitgesloten:*  *i) activiteiten met betrekking tot fossiele brandstoffen, inclusief het downstreamgebruik daarvan; ii) activiteiten in het kader van het EU-emissiehandelssysteem waarin geraamde broeikasgasemissies worden gerealiseerd die niet lager liggen dan de desbetreffende benchmarks[1];*  *iii) activiteiten met betrekking tot stortplaatsen,verbrandingsinstallaties[2] en mechanische biologische afvalverwerkingsinstallaties[3]; en*  *iv)activiteiten waarin de verwijdering van afval op lange termijn schade kan berokkenen aan het milieu.*  *Daarenboven mogen enkel activiteiten die de relevante EU- en nationale wetgeving naleven.*  *c) Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2022*  For the *Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2022* the same procedure was used as for *Oproep Onderzoeksinfrastructuur hogescholen (OI.HS) 2021*.  d) DIGITAL-2021-CLOUD-AI-01 (project VV023/11)  Since the call for projects was a call from the EC, there was no possibility to include specific DNSH conditions in the call documents. To ensure DNSH-compliance of project VV023/11, a DNSH assessment was requested in the project application for the co-financing of project 101083307 — PREVAIL and the following obligation was imposed on the beneficiary (IMEC) in the project agreement:  *5.6. DNSH-beginsel op het Nationaal Plan voor Herstel en Veerkracht*  *In het kader van het Nationaal Plan voor Herstel en Veerkracht (PHV), vraagt de Europese Commissie dat geen enkele erin opgenomen maatregel voor de doorvoering van hervormingen en investeringsprojecten ernstig afbreuk mag doen aan zes milieudoelstellingen. Deze zes doelstellingen zijn (artikel 9):*  *1. De mitigatie van klimaatverandering;*  *2. De adaptatie aan klimaatverandering;*  *3. Het duurzaam gebruik en de bescherming van water en mariene hulpbronnen;*  *4. De transitie naar een circulaire economie;*  *5. De preventie en bestrijding van verontreiniging;*  *6. De bescherming en het herstel van de biodiversiteit en ecosystemen.*  *Het gaat om het Do No Significant Harm (DNSH)-beginsel (‘geen ernstige afbreuk doen aan’) zoals gedefinieerd in de Europese verordening inzake duurzame beleggingen2.*  *Alle projectaanvragers dienden bijgevolg een DNSH-evaluatie door te voeren, en deze toe te voegen als bijlage bij de projectaanvraag. De Europese Commissie publiceerde een document met Technische richtsnoeren waarin de methodologie voor de uitvoering van deze evaluatie wordt gedefinieerd.*  *De resultaten van deze test horen integraal bij de projectaanvraag, en maken integraal deel uit van deze projectovereenkomst.*  *Onderstaande activiteiten zijn uitgesloten van financiering:*   * *Activiteiten met betrekking tot fossiele brandstoffen, inclusief het downstreamgebruik daarvan;* * *Activiteiten in het kader van het EU-emissiehandelssysteem waarin geraamde broeikasgasemissies worden gerealiseerd die niet lager liggen dan de desbetreffende benchmarks4;* * *Activiteiten met betrekking tot stortplaatsen, verbrandingsinstallaties5 en mechanische biologische afvalverwerkingsinstallaties6;* * *Activiteiten waarin de verwijdering van afval op lange termijn schade kan berokkenen aan het milieu.*   *Bijkomend verbindt de projectpromotor zich ertoe om in alle projectactiviteiten de relevante EU- en nationale milieuwetgeving na te leven.*  A copy of the template used for the DNSH-assessment is included in Annex 3d. Sjabloon DNSH-analyse. A copy of the grant agreement for this project is attached in Annex 3e. Grant agreement VV023-11. The relevant extract can be found on pages 5-6 of this document.  **4. Copy of the published grant schemes conditions**  The documents under Annex 4 provide the conditions under which grants were awarded to projects under measure 5.11. Both the legal basis as well as the guides for the respective project types are included. The schemes under which VLAIO provided support in the context of measure 5.11 are as follows (in Dutch):   * [Onderzoeksproject (OND)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4c. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] ondernemingen voor [O&O] met een kennisintensief karakter in Vlaanderen   + Annex 4j. Toelichtingsdocument Ontwikkelingsprojecten - Onderzoeksprojecten - O&O Haalbaarheidsstudies * [Ontwikkelingsproject (ONTW)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4d. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] steun aan ondernemingen voor ontwikkeling en innovatie in Vlaanderen   + Annex 4j. Toelichtingsdocument Ontwikkelingsprojecten - Onderzoeksprojecten - O&O Haalbaarheidsstudies * [O&O Haalbaarheidsstudie (HS)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/oo-haalbaarheidsstudie)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4d. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] steun aan ondernemingen voor ontwikkeling en innovatie in Vlaanderen   + Annex 4j. Toelichtingsdocument Ontwikkelingsprojecten - Onderzoeksprojecten - O&O Haalbaarheidsstudies * [Landbouwtrajecten (LATR)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/landbouw-la-trajecten)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4e. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering betreffende de projectmatige financiering van [...] onderzoek voor de land en tuinbouwsector   + Annex 4h. Handleiding Landbouwtrajecten * [TETRA-project (TETRA)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/tetra)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4i. Handleiding TETRA projecten   + Annex 4m. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering houdende de oprichting van een programma voor de bevordering van [kennistransfer (verv. BVR 23 mei 2014, art. 1, I\_ 18 augustus 2014)] door instellingen van hoger onderwijs * [CLUS-CSBO](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4b. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] instelling van een financieringskanaal [...] strategisch basisonderzoek [...]   + Annex 4l. Handleiding CLUS-SBO * [CLUS-Landbouwtrajecten (CLUS-LATR)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4e. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering betreffende de projectmatige financiering van [...] onderzoek voor de land en tuinbouwsector   + Annex 4h. Handleiding Landbouwtrajecten * [Coöperatief onderzoek clusterproject (CLUS-COOP-OND)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4c. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] ondernemingen voor [O&O] met een kennisintensief karakter in Vlaanderen   + Annex 4j. Toelichtingsdocument Ontwikkelingsprojecten - Onderzoeksprojecten - O&O Haalbaarheidsstudies * [Coöperatief ontwikkeling clusterproject (CLUS-COOP-ONTW)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4d. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering [...] steun aan ondernemingen voor ontwikkeling en innovatie in Vlaanderen   + Annex 4j. Toelichtingsdocument Ontwikkelingsprojecten - Onderzoeksprojecten - O&O Haalbaarheidsstudies * [Interdisciplinair coöperatief onderzoek clusterproject (CLUS-ICON-OND)](https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/projecten-voor-speerpuntclusters/innovatieprojecten-van-speerpuntclusters)   + Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1   + Annex 4f. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering houdende de instelling van een financieringskanaal voor het strategisch basisonderzoek in Vlaanderen   + Annex 4g. Besluit van de Vlaamse Regering tot regeling van steun aan consortia van ondernemingen voor onderzoek ontwikkeling[...]   + Annex 4k. ICON Toelichtingsdocument   In addition to the specific legal frameworks for the different schemes, Annex 4a. Algemene Voorwaarden Innovatiesteun\_2021.1 is a document with general terms and conditions for innovation support that contains an overview of the general conditions imposed on the project applicant in the context of the grant. The applicant accepts these conditions upon submission of the project.  **5. Copy of the internal assessment guidance document explaining how compliance of each projects with the DNSH conditions set in the milestone has been assessed.**  The document in Annex 5. Toepassing DNSH - maatregel 5.11 describes how compliance of each project with the DNSH conditions set in the milestone has been assessed.  For projects awarded through a regular scheme, the procedure was as follows:  On the basis of the information available in the project applications, VLAIO project advisors assessed the projects on compliance with DNSH. On the basis of the description of the activities in the project, innovation goal, etc., the VLAIO project advisor assessed whether the project relates to the excluded activities. For the assessment, the project advisor used a “do no significant harm” (DNSH) Assessment Template. This document was completed for each of the selected projects and added as an attachment in the VLAIO database.  Project advisors used the template to justify why each of the 4 excluded activities does not occur in the project. This was be done by briefly describing what the project relates to, indicating which measures are being taken in the field of sustainability and by describing how waste, recycling, etc. are taken into account in the project.  After the approval of the projects a communication was sent to the project applicants to inform them that the project was assessed on DNSH by VLAIO on the basis of an exclusion list and that VLAIO concluded that the project was DNSH-compliant. In addition, the condition to comply with the relevant EU and national environmental legislation during the implementation of the project was imposed on the beneficiary. |