

National management and control structures

1. National Focal Point

The Funds and Programmes Division (FPD) in the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds within the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto shall act as the National Focal Point. The Director General of the FPD shall act as the head of the National Focal Point. The FPD reports to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto.

The roles and responsibilities of the National Focal Point are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.3 thereof.

2. Certifying Authority

The EU Paying Authority Directorate within the Ministry for Finance (MFIN) shall act as the Certifying Authority. The Director of the EU Paying Authority Directorate shall act as the head of the Certifying Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Certifying Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.5 thereof.

3. Audit Authority

The Bilateral and Other Funding Audit Unit within the Internal Audit and Investigations Department (IAID) shall act as the Audit Authority. The Director General of IAID shall act as the head of the Audit Authority. The IAID is an independent unit within the Office of the Prime Minister established by Legal Act. The IAID reports to the Internal Audit and Investigations Board (IAIB), which is appointed by the Prime Minister of Malta. The Secretary to Cabinet is the Chairperson of the IAIB.

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular in Article 4.6 thereof.

The Audit Authority shall be functionally independent of the National Focal Point and the Certifying Authority.

4. National public entity responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports.

The Investigations and OLAF Matters Unit within IAID shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports.

The roles and responsibilities of the Investigations and OLAF Matters Unit in relation to the preparation and submission of irregularities reports are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 11.3 thereof.

5. Monitoring Committee

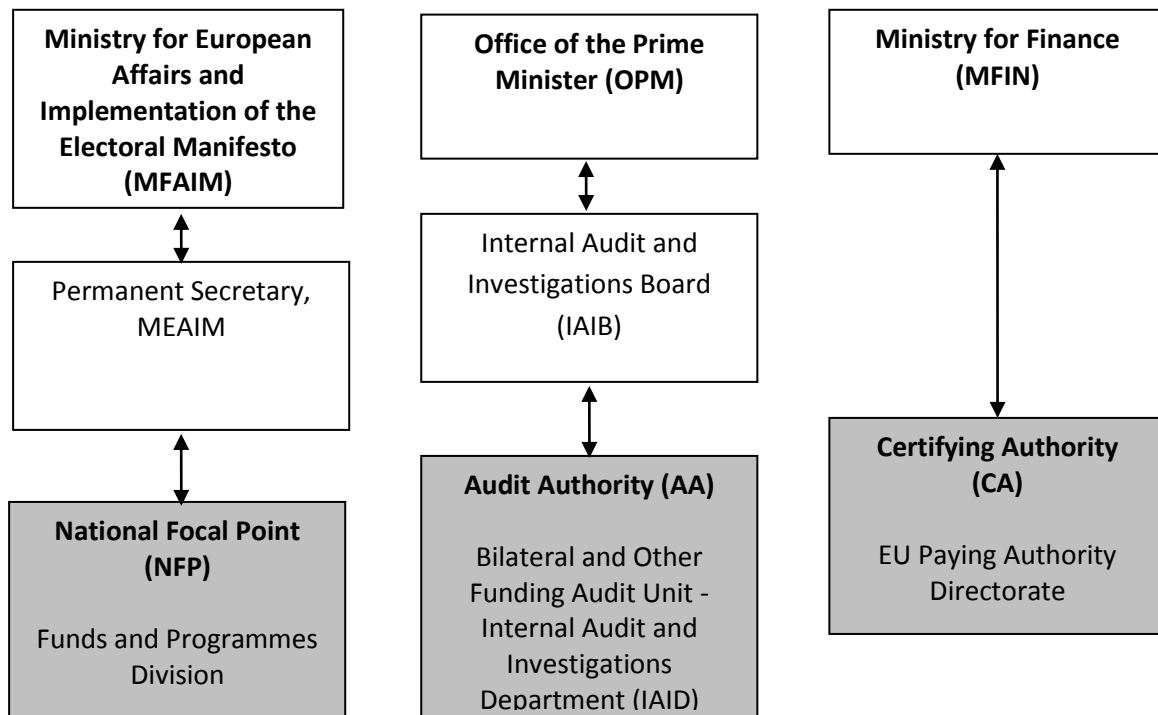
The Monitoring Committee shall be established within six months of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Its role is stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.4 thereof.

6. Strategic Report and annual meetings

In accordance with Article 2.2 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the FMC a Strategic Report on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 in the Beneficiary State. The Parties shall endeavour to hold the annual meeting in the first quarter of every year.

7. Organigram

The following organigram describes the position of the main public authorities involved in the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014:



Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.1 of the Regulation, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have agreed on an implementation framework outlined in this annex.

1. Financial parameters of the implementation framework

Malta	EEA FM contribution
Programme area	
Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management	€ 850,000
Adaptation to Climate Change	€ 500,000
Funds for Non-governmental Organisations	€ 500,000
Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	€ 789,000
Other allocations	
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.9)	€ 29,000
Fund for bilateral relations at national level (Art. 3.5.1)	€ 14,500
Net allocation to Malta	€2,682,500

2. Specific Concerns

Bilateral relations between the EEA EFTA States and Malta shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating long-term cooperation, including through partnership at project level in all programme areas supported.

The appraisal of Programme Proposals will take due account of relevant human rights- and governance-related standards of the Council of Europe (such as those monitored by CPT, GRECO, GRETA, ECRI etc.), including the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The Parties agree that with respect to the small size of the allocation, the support will be provided through two programmes:

- A. the “EEA Financial Mechanism Programme” consisting of the Programme Areas “Adaptation to Climate Change”, “Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management”, and “Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage”. The implementation of the Programme shall involve the competent line ministries and other relevant stakeholders in respect of programming and implementation; and
- B. the Fund for Non-governmental Organisations.

Any pre-defined project shall be approved jointly by the FMC and the National Focal Point prior to the signing of the project contract.

With reference to Articles 2.2 and 5.11 of the Regulation, and in light of the role of the National Focal Point as Programme Operator, the National Focal Point shall submit to the FMC a combined Strategic Report and annual programme report. The combined report shall be submitted to the FMC no later than 31 January each year.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be prepared and, subject to FMC approval, implemented in the Beneficiary State.

A. EEA Financial Mechanism Programme

Programme grant: € 2,139,000

Programme Area: Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management

Objectives: Good environmental status in European marine and inland waters

Outcome: Increased awareness of and education in integrated marine and inland water management

Programme Operator: Funds and Programmes Division in the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds within the Ministry of European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto

Pre-defined project: Name of project: Malta Water Conservation Awareness Centre
Project Grant: € 806,288

Programme Area: Adaptation to Climate Change

Objectives: Reduced human and ecosystem vulnerability to climate change

Outcome: Developed strategies and measures for adapting to a changing climate

Programme Operator: Funds and Programmes Division in the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds within the Ministry of European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto

Pre-defined project: Name of project: Oil/HNS Spill Response Capacity Building for the Protection of Malta's Seas'
Donor Project Partner: The Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket)
Project Grant: € 442,202

Programme Area: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage

Objectives: Cultural and natural heritage for future generations safeguarded and conserved and made publicly accessible

Outcome: Cultural heritage restored, renovated and protected

Programme Operator: Funds and Programmes Division in the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds within the Ministry of European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto

Pre-defined project: Name of project: A new environmental management system for the Hal-Saflieni Hypogeum World Heritage Site
Project Grant: € 748,425

B. Programme Area: Funds for Non-Governmental Organisations

<i>Programme:</i>	Fund for Non-governmental Organisations
<i>Objective:</i>	Strengthened civil society development and enhanced contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development
<i>Programme Grant:</i>	€ 500,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	The Financial Mechanism Office is entrusted with operating the programme in line with Article 5.13 of the Regulation.
<i>Specific concerns:</i>	The programme shall address the specific needs of migrants, gender related issues and combating domestic violence.