

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 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

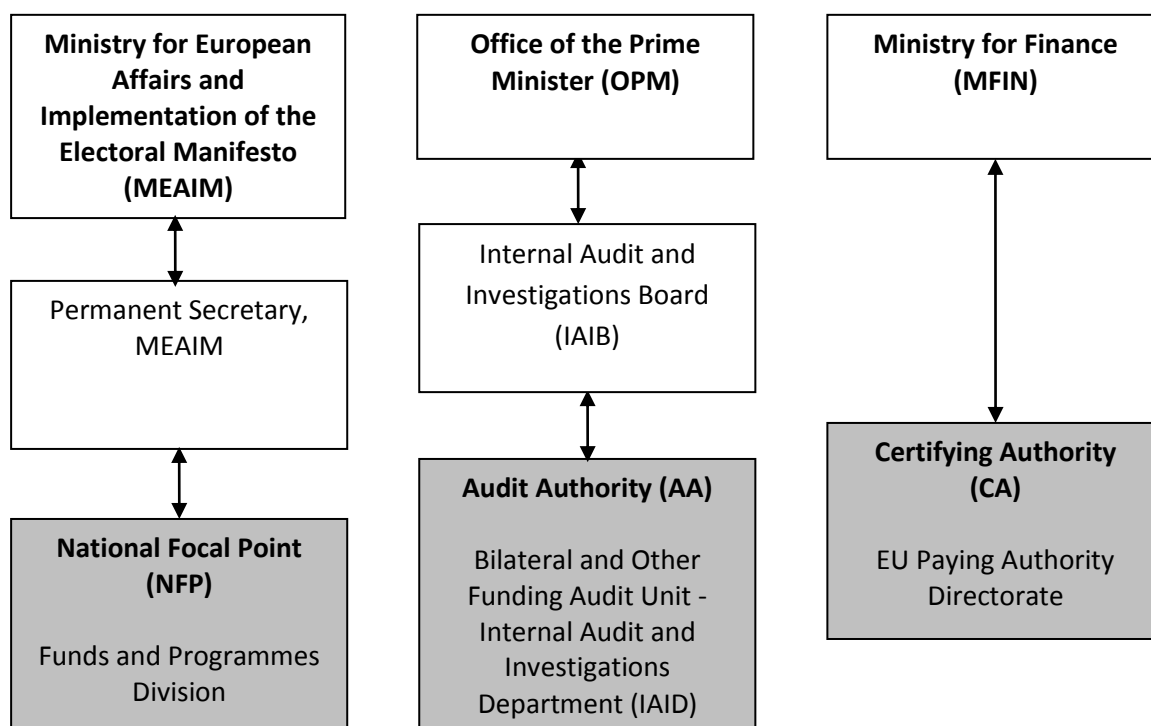
The Monitoring Committee shall be established within six months of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Its role is stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.4 thereof.

6. Strategic Report and annual meetings

In accordance with Article 2.2 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the NMFA a Strategic Report on the implementation of the Norwegian 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 Norwegian 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 Programme area	Norwegian FM contribution
Global fund for Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue	€ 16,000
Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities	€ 300,000
Correctional Services, including Non-custodial Sanctions	€ 1,140,000
Other allocations	
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.9)	€ 16,000
Fund for bilateral relations at national level (Art. 3.5.1)	€ 8,000
Net allocation to Malta	€1,480,000

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between Norway 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 a flexible funding set-up:

- A. The Global Fund for Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue will be implemented separately.
- B. The Norwegian Financial Mechanism Programme, will include the Programme Areas "Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities" and "Correctional Services, including Non-custodial Sanctions". The implementation of the Programme shall involve the competent line ministries and other relevant stakeholders in respect of programming and implementation.

Any pre-defined project shall be approved jointly by the NMFA 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 NMFA a combined Strategic Report and annual programme report. The combined report shall be submitted to the NMFA 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 NMFA approval, implemented in the Beneficiary State.

A. Programme Area: Global fund for decent work and tripartite dialogue

<i>Programme:</i>	Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue
<i>Objective:</i>	Decent work promoted and tripartite cooperation improved between employers' organisations, trade unions and public authorities in supporting equitable and sustainable economic and social development
<i>Programme Grant:</i>	€ 16,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Innovation Norway

B. Norwegian Financial Mechanism Programme

Programme grant:	€ 1,440,000
<i>Programme Area: Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities</i>	
<i>Objectives:</i>	Strengthened institutional capacity and human resource development in public institutions, local and regional authorities in the Beneficiary States within the agreed priority sectors through cooperation and transfer of knowledge with similar institutions and authorities in Norway
<i>Outcome:</i>	Increased and strengthened cooperation between public institutions, local and regional authorities in the Beneficiary States and similar institutions and authorities in Norway
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Funds and Programmes Division 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
<i>Pre-defined project:</i>	Name of project: A Partnership for Creative Governance Project Grant: € 273,680 Project Partners: The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS); Council of Europe; and Local Councils' Association (Malta).
<i>Programme Area: Correctional Services, including Non-custodial Sanctions</i>	
<i>Objectives:</i>	Improved correctional services system in compliance with relevant international human rights instruments
<i>Outcome:</i>	Increased focus on vulnerable groups in prison
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Funds and Programmes Division 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
<i>Pre-defined project:</i>	Name of project: Renewing the Centre of Residential Restorative Services (CoRRs). Project Grant: € 1,092,720 Project Partner: Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Services

