

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 Funds and Social Dialogue within the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality, 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 EU FUNDS of the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality.

The roles and responsibilities of the National Focal Point are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 5.3 thereof.

2. Certifying Authority

The EU Paying Authority Directorate within the Ministry for Finance 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 5.4 thereof.

3. Audit Authority

The EU Funds Audits Directorate 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 shall act as the Chairperson of the IAIB.

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular in Article 5.5 thereof.

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

4. Irregularities Authority

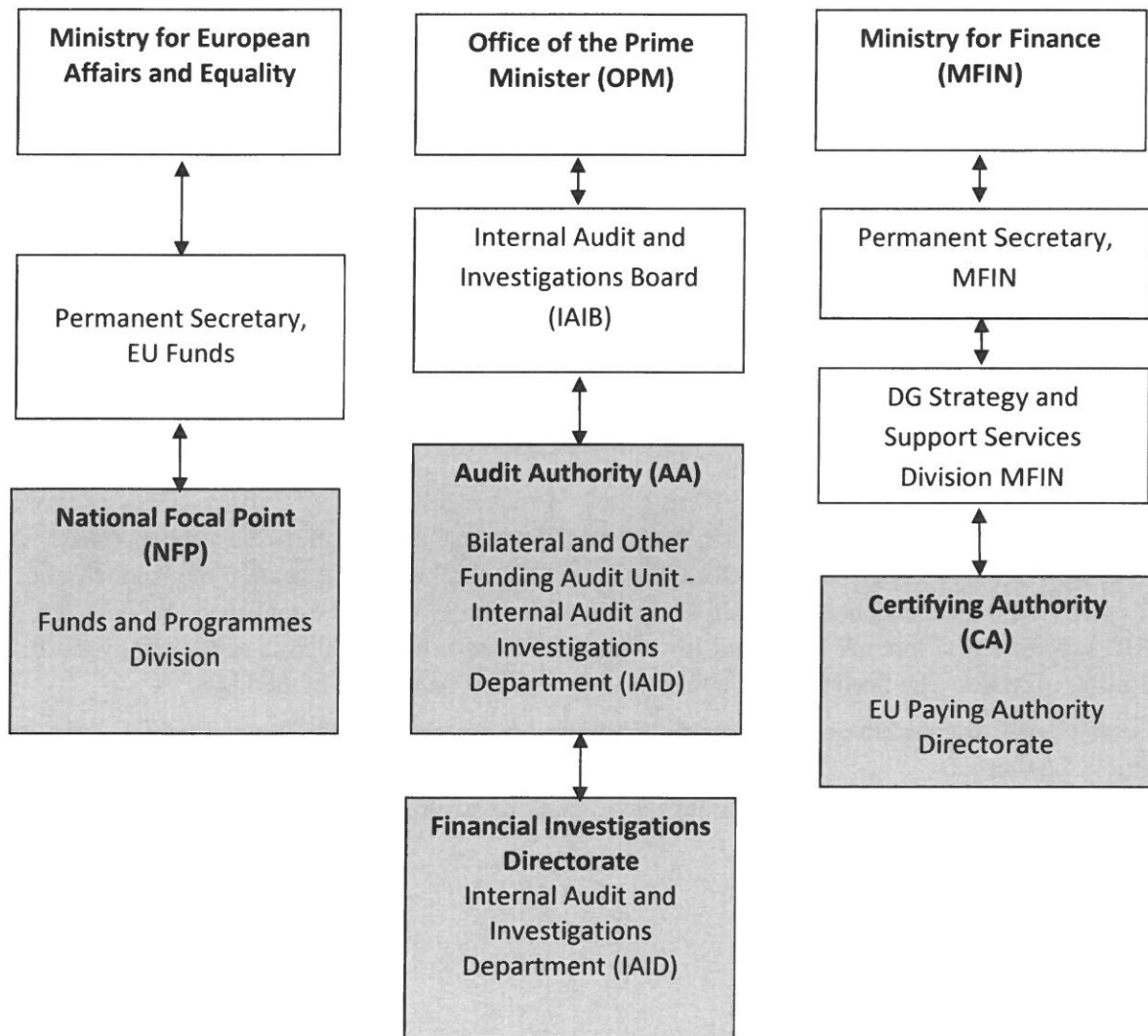
The Financial Investigations Directorate within IAID shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports. The roles and responsibilities of the Financial Investigations Directorate in relation to the preparation and submission of irregularities reports are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 12.3 thereof.

5. Strategic Report

In accordance with Article 2.6 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the FMC a Strategic Report on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Beneficiary State. The Strategic Report shall be submitted to the FMC at least two months before the annual meeting unless otherwise agreed.

6. Organigram

The following organigram describes the position of the main public authorities involved in the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021:



Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.5 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

Republic of Malta		EEA FM contribution	National contribution
Programmes			
1	Local Development and Poverty Reduction	€ 2,996,000	€ 528,706
2	Fund for Non-Governmental Organisations	€ 700,000	€ 0
Other allocations			
	Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.10)	€ 182,000	€ 0
	Reserve (Art. 1.11)		€ 0
	Reserve for completion of projects under FM 2009-2014 (Art. 1.12)	€ 0	€ 0
	Fund for bilateral relations (Art. 4.6.1)	€ 192,000	€ 0
	Net allocation to Malta	€ 4,070,000	€ 528,706

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Republic of Malta shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating and developing long-term cooperation within all areas listed in the Annex to Protocol 38c. It is also an ambition to strengthen bilateral cooperation at political level and European level in areas of common interest.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be implemented subject to the approval of the FMC, in accordance with Article 6.3 of the Regulation.

A. Programme: Local Development and Poverty Reduction

<i>Programme objective:</i>	Strengthened social and economic cohesion
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 2,996,000
<i>Programme co-financing:</i>	€ 528,706
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Funds and Programmes Division in the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for EU Funds and Social Dialogue within the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality.
<i>Programme area(s):</i>	Local Development and Poverty Reduction

Special concerns:

Pre-defined projects in the programme areas of a) "European Health Challenges" and b) "Children and Youth at Risk" shall be explored in the programme concept note.

The programme shall address "Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency".

The programme will be implemented in conjunction with the programme Local Development and Poverty Reduction implemented under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

B. Programme: Fund for Non-Governmental Organisations

Programme objective:

Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered

Programme grant:

€ 700,000

Programme co-financing:

Not applicable

Programme Operator:

The Financial Mechanism Office in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Regulation.

Programme area(s):

Civil Society

Special concerns:

Not applicable