

## **National management and control structures**

### **1. National Focal Point**

The Funds and Programmes Division (FPD), in the Office of the Parliamentary Secretary for 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 Strategy and Implementation Division within the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality shall act as the Certifying Authority. The Certifying Authority is led by the Head (Certifying Authority) who reports to the Director General (Strategy and Implementation) in the Ministry for European Affairs and Equality.

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

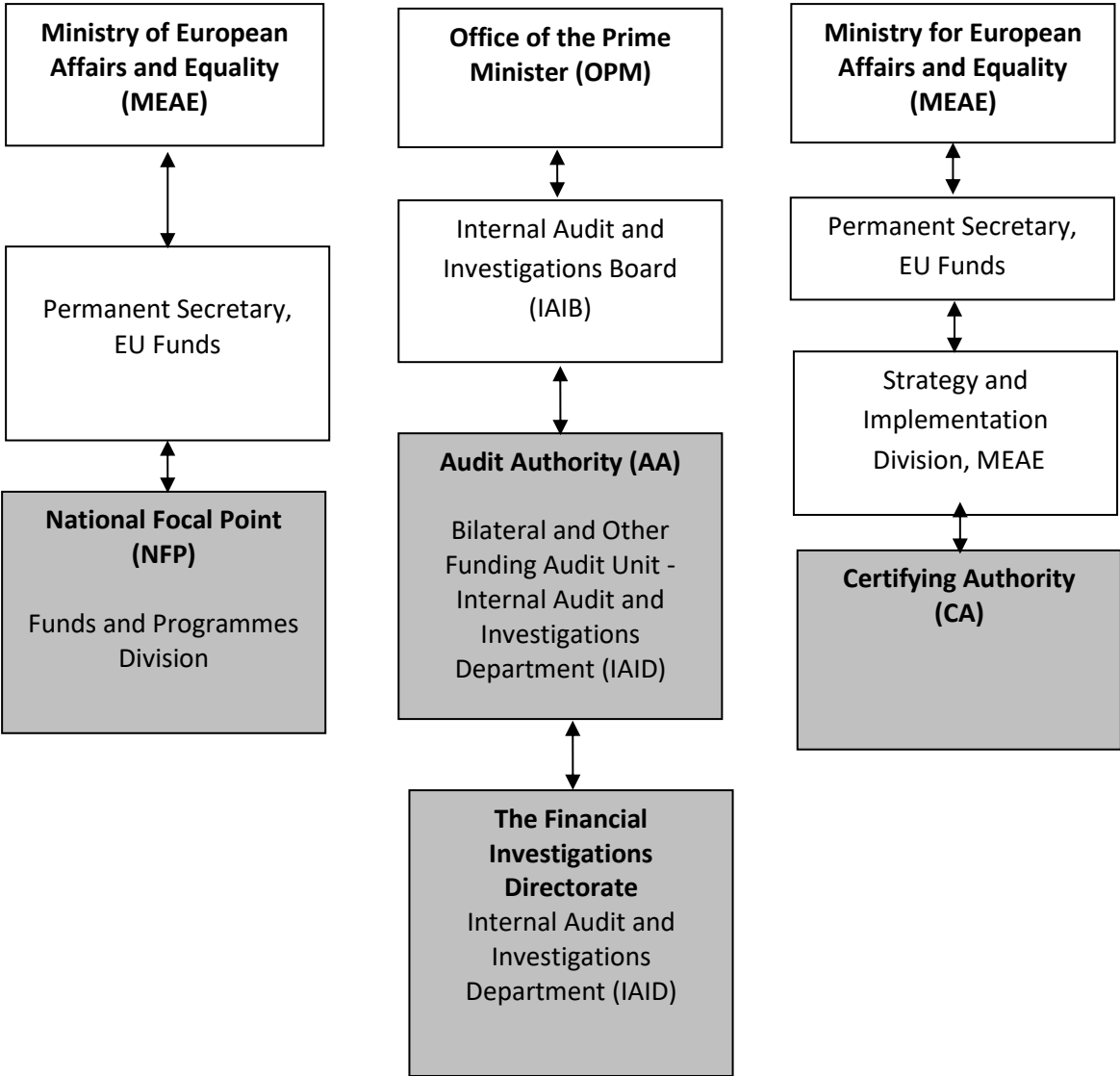
Directorate in relation to the preparation and submission of irregularities reports are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 12.3 thereof.

**5. Strategic Report**

In accordance with Article 2.6 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the NMFA a Strategic Report on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Beneficiary State. The Strategic Report shall be submitted to the NMFA 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 Norwegian 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	NO FM contribution	National contribution
	<b>Programmes</b>		
1	Local Development and Poverty Reduction	€ 2,988,000	€ 527,294
2	Social Dialogue - Decent Work	€ 36,000	€0
	<b>Other allocations</b>		
	Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.10)	€ 158,000	€0
	Reserve (Art. 1.11)	€0	€0
	Reserve for completion of projects under FM 2009-2014 (Art. 1.12)	€ 0	€0
	Fund for bilateral relations (Art. 4.6.1)	€ 148,000	€0
	Net allocation to Malta	€ 3,330,000	€ 527,294

### 2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Norway 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 the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union. 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 programme described below is to be implemented subject to the approval of the NMFA, 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>	€ 2,988,000
<i>Programme co-financing:</i>	€ 527,294
<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) “Local Development and Poverty Reduction” and b) “Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation” shall be explored in the programme concept note

The programme shall consider the role cultural heritage plays in local and regional development. It will specifically aim at stimulating economic and social progress through cultural tourism and public access to culture.

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 EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

#### **B. Programme: Social Dialogue – Decent Work**

*Programme objective:* Strengthened tripartite cooperation between employer organisations, trade unions and public authorities and the promotion of decent work

*Programme grant:* € 36,000

*Programme co-financing:* Not applicable

*Programme Operator:* FMO in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Regulation. Innovation Norway is appointed Fund Operator in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 6.13 of the Regulation.

*Programme area(s):* Social Dialogue – Decent Work

*Special Concerns:* Not applicable