

IMCC RESOLUTION

**The Setting-up of the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee
on EU Funds for the 2021-2027 Programming Period**

Resolution by the Member State

20th September 2023

Explanatory Memorandum

Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021, laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, provides that *'Member States and the Commission shall promote the coordination, complementarity and coherence between the Funds and other Union instruments and funds. They shall optimise mechanisms for coordination between those responsible to avoid duplication during planning and implementation. Accordingly, Member States and the Commission shall also take into account the relevant country-specific recommendations in the programming and implementation of the Funds.'*

In line with these provisions, the purpose of this Resolution is the formal appointment of the Members of the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee for the 2021-2027 Programmes.



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IT HAS BEEN DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article 1
Scope**

- 1.1 As outlined in Malta's Partnership Agreement (PA), the framework of the Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee (IMCC) which was already set up under the 2007-2013 and 2014 -2020 periods, will be optimised and enhanced for the 2021 - 2027 programming period.
- 1.2 The IMCC is primarily consultative in nature given its main objective, namely to foster co-ordination between different funds, avoid overlaps at Fund and Programme level and share information on current and new funds.

**Article 2
Functions**

- 2.1 The main function of the IMCC shall be to ensure coordination between Funds covered by the Partnership Agreement (ERDF, CF, JTF, ESF+ and EMFAF) and other Union and National funding instruments.
- 2.2 The IMCC shall provide direction on the demarcation between the different Funds and Programmes, undertake relevant consultations if overlaps are identified and provide opportunity for exchanges of information on any new funds.



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- 2.3 It shall promote and discuss complementarity and synergy between the funds under the PA, Home Funds and other EU funds. Complementarities at sectoral level including with the RRP and other EU funding instruments such as the TSI will also be promoted.
- 2.4 It shall discuss complementarity of funding with national funds and current, revised national policies, taking into account national contributions to EU funded actions
- 2.5 It shall discuss actions under the multiannual plans/workplans such as those under the Health strand under ESF+, Horizon Europe, Life, Erasmus, InvestEU, CEF, amongst others, in view of their links with other funds and Programmes.
- 2.6 If overlaps between funds or programmes are identified, the IMCC shall mandate Managing Authorities to establish further demarcation parameters and monitoring mechanisms, following which the MAs will report back to the IMCC on the action taken to address overlaps and avoid double funding.
- 2.7 The IMCC shall provide opportunity for exchange of information on current and new funds.
- 2.8 Advise on any matter that may be referred to the Committee or on any matter which is considered necessary or expedient.
- 2.9 Perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Committee from time to time by the Chairperson.

Article 3 Membership

- 3.1 The list of the IMCC Members is outlined in Annex I to this resolution and shall be published, for information purposes, on the website fondi.eu.
- 3.2 Other entities may be asked to attend as observers/participants, on an ad hoc basis, based on the recommendation of the secretariat and the approval of the IMCC committee members.
- 3.3 Other ad hoc technical experts may be asked to participate in the meetings of the IMCC (or sub-committee meetings) to give clarifications/make presentations on particular issues as required, as recommended by the secretariat and approved by the IMCC Committee members.
- 3.4 Any sub-committee meetings organised shall be composed of members as agreed by the IMCC either during an IMCC meeting or through a written procedure, as relevant.



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Article 4 The Chairperson and the Secretariat

- 4.1 The IMCC Committee and any ad hoc sub- committees shall be chaired by the Director General for the Strategy and Implementation Division within the Ministry responsible for EU Funds.
- 4.2 The Secretariat shall be part of the Strategy and Implementation Division and shall be led by the Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Secretariat's responsibilities include:
- a) The preparation of written documents submitted to the IMCC meetings;
 - b) Technical and organisational issues and administrative activities related to IMCC meetings;
 - c) Keeping minutes of the meetings.

Article 5 Meetings

- 5.1 The IMCC shall meet at least three (3) times during the implementation period 2021-2027 and are foreseen to be held in 2023, 2025 and 2027. All presentations and the adopted minutes of these meetings shall be published on fondi.eu.
- 5.2 If the need arises, the IMCC may also designate ad hoc sub-committee meetings to discuss sector specific issues falling under the remit of the IMCC Committee. The frequency of sub-committee meetings and their agenda shall be agreed upon by the Committee through written procedure and the recommendations of the secretariat.
- 5.3 Meetings of the IMCC and any sub-committees may be physical or virtual as dictated in the agenda of the respective meetings.
- 5.4 The IMCC may regulate its own procedures in line with the objectives of the Committee in the exercise of its functions.

Article 6 Agenda

- 6.1 At the request of the Chair, the Secretariat shall draw up the agenda of the meetings. The Secretariat may request supporting documentation from any of the members of the IMCC. The agenda shall be sent to the members at least five (5) working days prior to the IMCC meeting.



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6.2 Members and observers would be allowed five (5) working days prior to the date of the meeting to notify the Committee Secretariat that they wish to have an item included under “Other Business”.

6.3 The agenda shall be adopted at the start of the meeting.

Article 7 Minutes

7.1 The Secretariat shall produce a record of each meeting of the IMCC Committee meeting. Draft minutes shall be circulated to the participants after a Committee meeting is held and shall be approved through a written procedure of ten (10) working days.

Article 8 Declaration of Impartiality and Participation

8.1 The IMCC members shall abide by Article 61 of the Regulation 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council (July 2018) together with the Commission Notice (2021/C 121/01) on the Guidance on the avoidance and management of conflict of interest under the Financial Regulation. Each member shall be requested to endorse the Declaration of Impartiality and Participation.

Article 9 Changes to the Rules of Procedure

9.1 Any changes to these terms of reference must be agreed upon by the IMCC Committee and endorsed by the Chair.

Article 10 Final Provisions

10.1 These provisions enter into effect upon their approval when the first IMCC is convened.

Done in Malta, 20th September 2023

Mr Jonathan Vassallo
Permanent Secretary EU Funds
Ministry for the Economy, EU Funds and Lands



IMCC RESOLUTION- ANNEX I

Annex I: Members of the 2021-2027 Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee

The following are the Members of the IMCC as appointed by the Member State. This list may be updated to take into consideration changes/new developments. One person may represent multiple Programmes/Plans/Funds and functions:

- The Director General of the Strategy and Implementation Division as Chairperson;
- One Representative from the Managing Authority responsible for the ESF+ Programme;
- One Representative from the Managing Authority responsible for the ERDF/CF/JTF Programme;
- One Representative from the Managing Authority responsible for the Recovery and Resilience Plan;
- One Representative from the Strategy and Implementation Division;
- One Representative from the Intermediate Body under the ERDF/CF/JTF Programme;
- One Representative from the Intermediate Body under the ESF+ Programme;
- One Representative from the Managing Authority responsible for the EMFAF Programme;
- One Representative from the EUPA;
- One Representative for the CAP Strategic Plan;
- One Representative for the HOME Programmes;
- One Representative from the Evaluation Unit;
- One Representative from Servizzi Ewropej f' Malta;
- One Representative from the National Contact Point of the European Territorial Co-Operation Programmes;
- One Representative from the National Contact Point for Horizon Europe;
- One Representative from the WestMed National Hub Malta;
- One Representative from the National Contact Point for InvestEU;
- One Representative for the Erasmus Programme;
- One Representative for the LIFE Programme;
- National Contact Point for the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Digital;
- National Contact Point for Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Transport;
- National Contact Point for the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) – Energy;
- One Representative from the Ministry responsible for Human Rights;
- One Representative from the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD).
- One representative from the National Development and Social Fund¹.

¹ Stakeholder included in January 2025

Representatives from line Ministries²:

- One Representative from the Office of the Prime Minister;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Economy, European Funds and Lands;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, Reforms and Equality;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation;
- One Representative from the Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Health;
- One Representative from the Ministry for National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Active Ageing;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Inclusion, Voluntary Organisations and Consumer Rights;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Gozo;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Tourism;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Finance and Employment;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Public Works and Planning;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Justice;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade;
- One Representative from the Ministry for Social and Affordable Accommodation.

² Should the portfolios of Ministries change during the tenure of the IMCC, each new Ministry shall nominate a representative to sit on the IMCC, therefore ensuring that each Ministry will continue to be represented. This shall not entail changes to this resolution and new members will be notified to the Committee by the Secretariat.

