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PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT FOR THE EU PRESIDENCY 2017 AND EU FUNDS





Legal Basis: EAFRD Monitoring Committee

- Commission Decision C (2015) 8405 of 24th November 2015 approved Malta's Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020
- Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Articles 72-74 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council
- Malta establishes a Monitoring Committee (hereinafter 'MC') for the purpose of monitoring and assessing the performance and the effectiveness of implementation of the Rural Development Programme. This is co-financed by the **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**.

Role & Membership

- The Managing Authority and the Monitoring Committee referred to in Article 47 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 shall monitor the quality of the implementation of the programme
- The role of the MC is to satisfy itself as to the performance of the rural development programme and the effectiveness of its implementation in line with the functions stipulated in Article 49 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 74 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013
- In establishing the role and responsibilities of the Monitoring Committee, the principles of partnership set out in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 were respected
- The membership of the Monitoring Committee was established in line with Article 48 of Regulation (EU) 1303/2013 and in line with Article 10 of Delegated Act (EU) No 240/2014



The Functions of the MC

As stipulated by Article 49 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Monitoring Committee shall:

- Meet at least once a year and review implementation of the programme and progress made towards achieving its objectives
- Have regard to financial data, common and programme-specific indicators, including changes in the value of result indicators and progress towards quantified target values, and the milestones defined in the performance framework of the programme, including where relevant, results of qualitative analyses
- Examine all issues that affect the performance of the programme, including conclusions of performance reviews
- Be consulted and if necessary give an opinion on any amendment of the programme proposed by the managing authority



The Functions of the MC (2)

As stipulated by Article 49 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Monitoring Committee shall:

- Be consulted and, if necessary, give an opinion on any amendment of the programme proposed by the Managing Authority
- Make observations, if necessary, to the Managing Authority regarding implementation and evaluation of the programme including actions related to the reduction of administrative burden on beneficiaries
- Monitor actions taken as a result of any observations made in line with the point above.



The Functions of the MC (3)

In addition, as stipulated by Article 74 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, the Monitoring Committee shall:

- Be consulted and issue an opinion, within four months of the decision approving the programme, on the selection criteria for financed operations, which shall be revised according to programme needs
- Examine the activities and outputs related to the progress in the implementation of the evaluation plan of the programme
- Examine actions in the programme relating the fulfilment of ex ante conditionalities, which fall within the responsibilities of the Managing Authority, and be informed of actions relating to fulfilment of other ex ante conditionalities



The Functions of the MC (4)

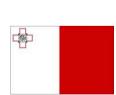
In addition, as stipulated by Article 74 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, the Monitoring Committee shall:

- Participate in the national rural network to exchange information on programme implementation
- Consider and approve the annual implementation reports before they are sent to the Commission

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