Standard Operating Procedure

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Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to the Recovery and Resilience Facility Database users of the

procedures related to account authorisations.

Scope:

This document explains the process of granting, amending

and revoking of user rights.

Background:

The Recovery and Resilience Facility Database is the backbone management information system (MIS) used to manage the Recovery and Resilience Plan in Malta in line with Regulation (EU) No 2021/241. The system is accessed by users from different stakeholders including: the entity responsible for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan, Intermediate Bodies, Beneficiaries, Line

Ministries, and the EU Payments Unit.

Responsibilities:

Heads of Organisations, and all system users.

Procedure:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 *Applicant* is a natural person who submits a formal application for a user account.
- 1.2 Approver is a person who is either the system owner, or authorised by the system owner, and who may approve or reject requests for system access at the second level control.
- 1.3 Endorser is a person who is the data group owner, i.e., responsible for the respective data group/s, and is authorised to endorse/reject the applicant's request for system access at the first level control.
- 1.4 *System Administrator* is a person who manages the operation of the information system, including the creation of user accounts.
- 1.5 *User* is a natural person who is authorised to use the information system.
- 1.6 User Account is an identity created for a user in the information management system comprising of a unique username and a confidential password.

2.0 GRANTING OF USER RIGHTS

- 2.1 When a prospective user requires access to the management information system, such user is to visit the registration portal at https://www.sfd.gov.mt/userregistration/.
- 2.2 Applicants are to submit their duly filled and electronically signed application form through the online portal.
- 2.3 Each application requested is processed as follows:

Applicant	Endorser	Approver
Beneficiaries	Project Leader	Director General PPCD
Intermediate Bodies	Head of IB	Director General PPCD
Line Ministries	Director Programme Implementation ¹ (DPI)	Director General PPCD
Horizontal stakeholders	Respective Head Audit Authority / Chief Coordinator Certifying Authority / Chief Coordinator EU Payments Unit	Director General PPCD
Entity responsible for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan	Director General PPCD or authorised senior management personnel	Director General PPCD

- 2.4. The *Endorser* shall evaluate and endorse (or otherwise) the application form indicating the rights recommended within the management information system. The Endorser will check, *inter alia*, that the Applicant requires access to the data group/s indicated on the application form, and the applicant's role on the information system.
- 2.5 If endorsed, the application form will then be submitted electronically to the Approver, also informing the Applicant of the application progress.
- 2.6 The *Approver* shall evaluate and approve (or otherwise) the application form. The Approver may also assign a different user functionality role (web group) than requested by the Endorser.
- 2.7 If approved, the unit responsible for the management of the information system will conduct the final verifications and create the *user account*. An automatic email notification will be sent by the *system administrator* through the information system to the *user* containing the account credentials.

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¹ Director Programme Implementation or a Director in an equivalent role.

2.8 Applications are normally processed within two working days when the duly completed application form is approved, subject to the necessary final verifications.

3.0 MODIFICATION OF USER ACCOUNTS²

- 3.1 When *user* requires modification in access rights, an email needs to be sent by the respective organisation to the entity responsible for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan.
- 3.2 Requests are to be submitted electronically **through the respective Endorser** identified in section 2.2 above.
- 3.3. The Endorser shall evaluate and endorse (or otherwise) the request.
- 3.4 If endorsed, the notification including the endorsement is to be forwarded to the Director General PPCD, attention: system administration via email on eufunds.ict.opm@gov.mt
- 3.5 The request will then be evaluated and approved (or otherwise) by the Entity responsible for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan
- 3.6 If approved, the unit responsible for the management of the information system will conduct the final verifications and update the *user account*.
- 3.7 Requests are normally processed within two working days when the duly request is approved, subject to the necessary final verifications.

4.0 REVOKING OF USER RIGHTS

4.1 When a user no longer requires access to the information system, the respective Endorser is to revoke the user's access from the Administration menu.

5.0 REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

- 5.1 At least once a year, the unit responsible for the management of the information system, will conduct a reconciliation exercise of all user accounts.
- 5.2 During reconciliation, the person responsible for each data group will confirm, or otherwise, that each user linked to the data group requires access to the system.
- 5.3 For ease of review, the unit responsible for the management of the information system, will provide a list of active user accounts together with the respective user rights and last date of access.

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² Modifications of user accounts due to the appointments of Project Leaders are to follow the procedures related to the *Change of Project Leader*.

- 5.4 The entity responsible for the implementation of the Recovery and Resilience Plan reserves the right to:
 - i. Deactivate user accounts which have not been used for more than two years; and
 - ii. Suspend user accounts after a long period of inactivity.

6.0 IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 This SOP will come into effect immediately.

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