



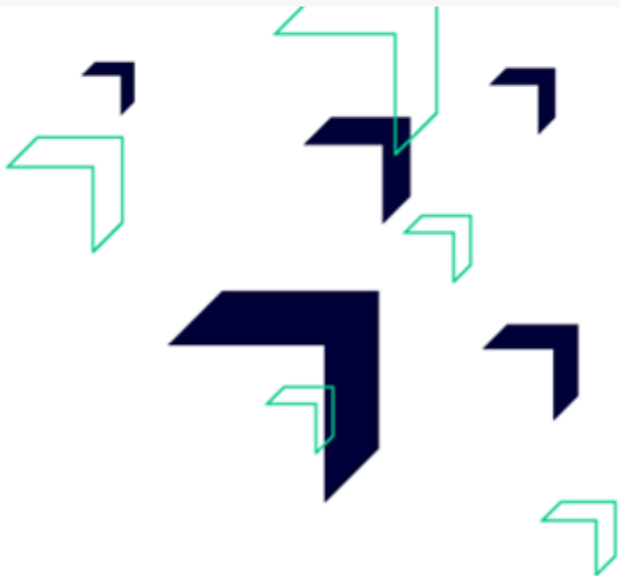
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Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee on EU Funds 2021-2027 Meeting

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Exploratory Memorandum

Article 5(3) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060 (CPR Regulation), 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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Resolution by Member State

Having regard to 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, and its subsequent amendments, and in particular Article 5 (3) thereof,

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

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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.

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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.
- 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.

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Article 2: Functions (2)

- 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.
- 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.

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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**.

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Article 9: Changes of 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.

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

Main Stakeholders:

- MEFL (including relevant MAs, SID & Intermediate Bodies representatives, amongst others);
- Representatives from SEM;
- Competent/ Responsible Authorities' representatives implementing National Policies/Strategies and EU Programmes/Plans Actions including Line Ministries;
- National Contact Points for EU Funded Programmes & Instruments, and
- Representatives from the Human Rights Directorate & CRPD – **obligatory**.

Adhoc Stakeholders:

- Experts in specialised fields;
- Specific entities implementing projects (including NGOs).

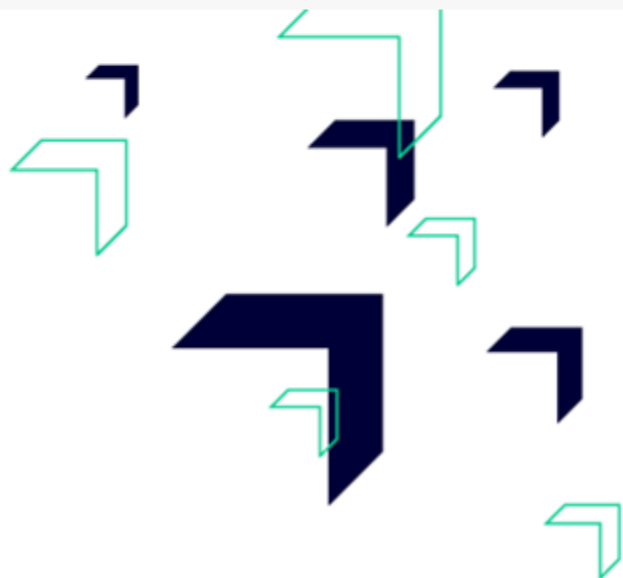


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