



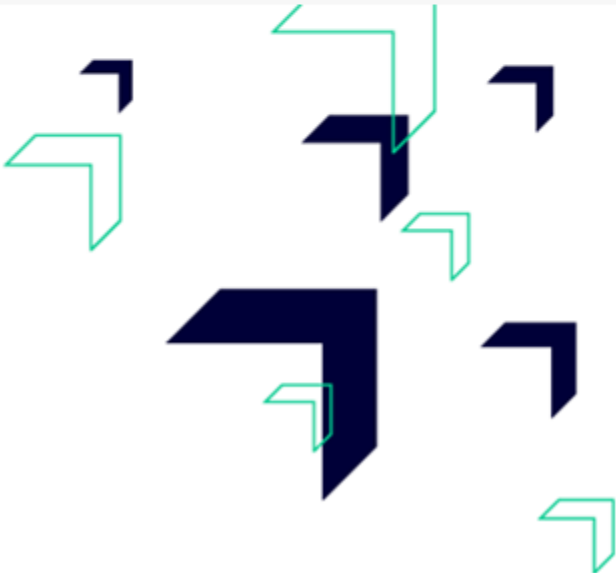
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Role of the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee on EU Funds 2021-2027

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Malta's EU Programmes & Plans for the 2021-2027 Period

The Partnership Agreement and several EU Funded Programmes & Plans support various sectors:

- Partnership Agreement (PA)
- Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)
- European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)/ Cohesion Fund (CF)/ Just Transition Fund (JTF) Programme, including the Just Transition Plan (JTP)
- Common Agriculture Policy Strategic Plan (CAP SP covering EAGF and EAFRD)
- European Social Fund Plus Fund (ESF+) Programme
- European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) Programme
- Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) Programme
- Internal Security Fund (ISF) Programme
- Border Management and Visa Instrument (BMVI) Programme
- Social Climate Fund (SCF)

Scope of the IMCC

“Building on the coordination mechanisms established under the 2014-2020 period, the **coordination between funds covered by this PA and other Union and National funding instruments** will be ensured through the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee (IMCC) which has been set up under the 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 periods. The existing structures will be optimised, as necessary, to take account of the different Union instruments. The aim of the IMCC is to **provide direction on the demarcation between different funds and programmes, undertake relevant consultations if overlaps are identified and provide opportunity for exchanges of information on any new funds...**”

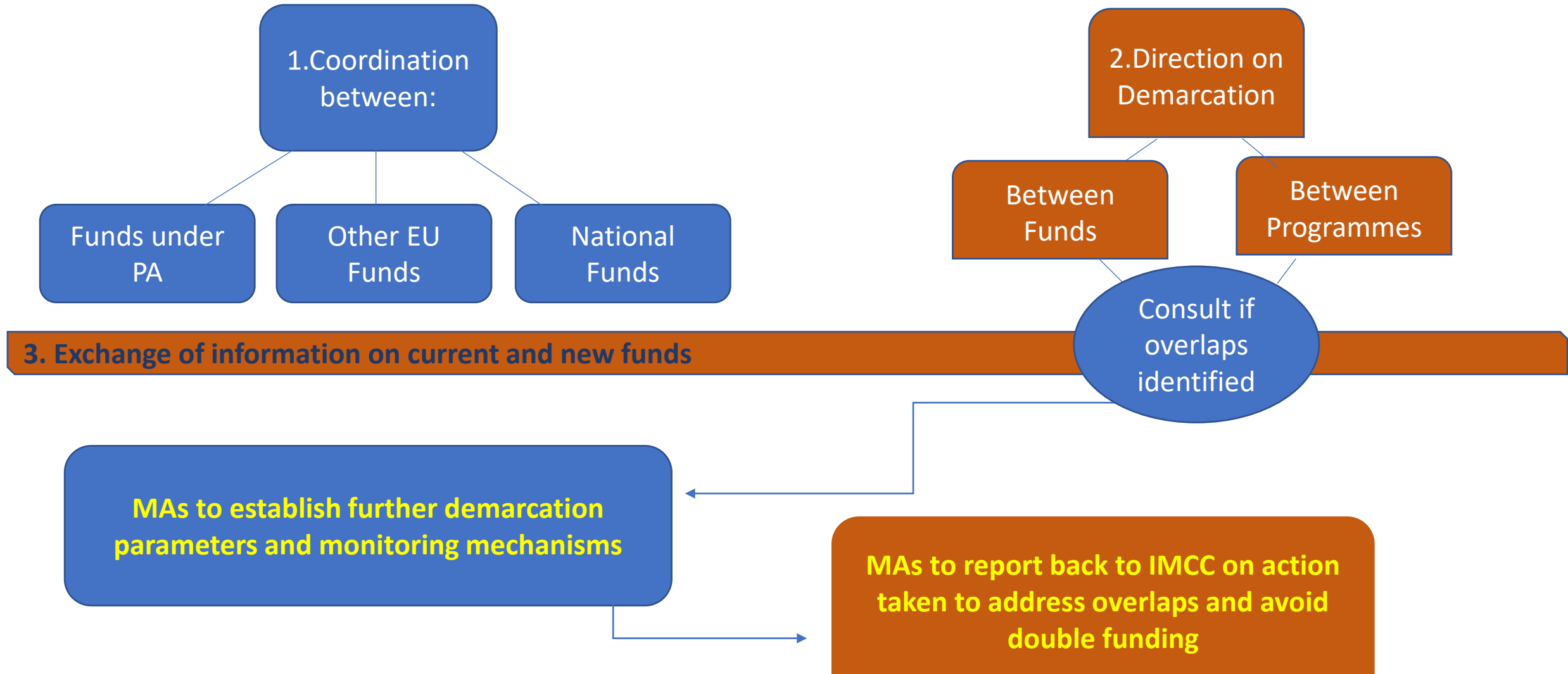
Source: [Partnership Agreement - Republic of Malta v.1.0 pg. 39](#)

IMCC Stakeholders

“The **participation** in the IMCC as well as the **frequency of meetings** shall be determined in the **Terms of Reference** and shall aim to **include representatives from the MAs, Intermediate Bodies, National Contact Points for the European Territorial Cooperation programmes, responsible authorities for the migration and asylum programmes and national contact points for community programmes, such as Horizon Europe and LIFE. Other ad hoc technical experts**, to cover also the CAP SP 2023-2027, may also attend for IMCC meetings. If the need arises, the IMCC **may also appoint ad hoc sub-committees** to deal with issues of a very specific nature.”

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Scope of the IMCC – Strategic Functions



Coordination: Strategic Level

Between funds under the PA, other EU funds, national funds

- Coordination mechanisms between funds under the PA – [section 2.2.1 of the PA](#).
- Complementarities between funds under the PA, Home funds and other EU funds – [section 2.3.1 of the PA](#).
- Complementarities between actions contributing to the same sector – types of interventions section under each plan and programme ([beyond template requirements](#)).
- Complementarities of programmes with the RRP at sectoral level – [section 2.3.1 of the PA, Part 3 of the RRP, Part 2 of the RRP](#).
- Complementarity with Technical Support Instrument (TSI) – [section 2.3.3 of the PA](#).
- Complementarity with national funds – reference to national strategies/plans which include financing, in RRP – [national contribution to same actions](#); in CAP national contributions [are sometimes quantified eg: organic](#).

Coordination: Strategic Level - IMCC role

Between funds under the PA, other EU funds, national funds

- Discuss validity of information in PA, OPs, at implementation stage, eg: discuss deviations from types of actions foreseen under different funds – MAs to explain how types of actions translated into projects and report by sector.
- Discuss complementarity of funding in current, revised national policies – Ministries to update on the implementation of foreseen nationally funded actions in budget, policies.
- Bodies responsible for direct funds/implementing entities to provide updates on multiannual plans, workplans such as Health strand under ESF+, Horizon Europe, Life, Erasmus, InvestEU, CEF etc.
- Only cover funds which are referred to in the PA or one or more of the plans/programmes.

Demarcation: Strategic Level

1 (a). Demarcation between Funds, Plans & Programmes

➤ **Overarching EU Strategic Priorities:**

- ✓ Territorial and Social Cohesion;
- ✓ Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive growth, including Economic Cohesion, Research, Innovation, Digital Transition;
- ✓ European Green Deal, Green Transition, Climate Resilience & Carbon- Neutrality, REPower, Circular Economy, Clean Energy & Transport, Biodiversity Protection, Conservation & Restoration (Terrestrial & Marine), Farm-to-Fork Strategy, Food Security;
- ✓ Health, and Economic, Social and Institutional Resilience.

➤ **Horizontal Principles:** Sustainable Development, DNSH, Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities & Non-discrimination (All Programmes/Plans, where applicable).

➤ **Target Groups** (broad target groups e.g. the general public vs specific e.g. professional fishers, active farmers).

➤ **Territories:** Malta, Gozo.

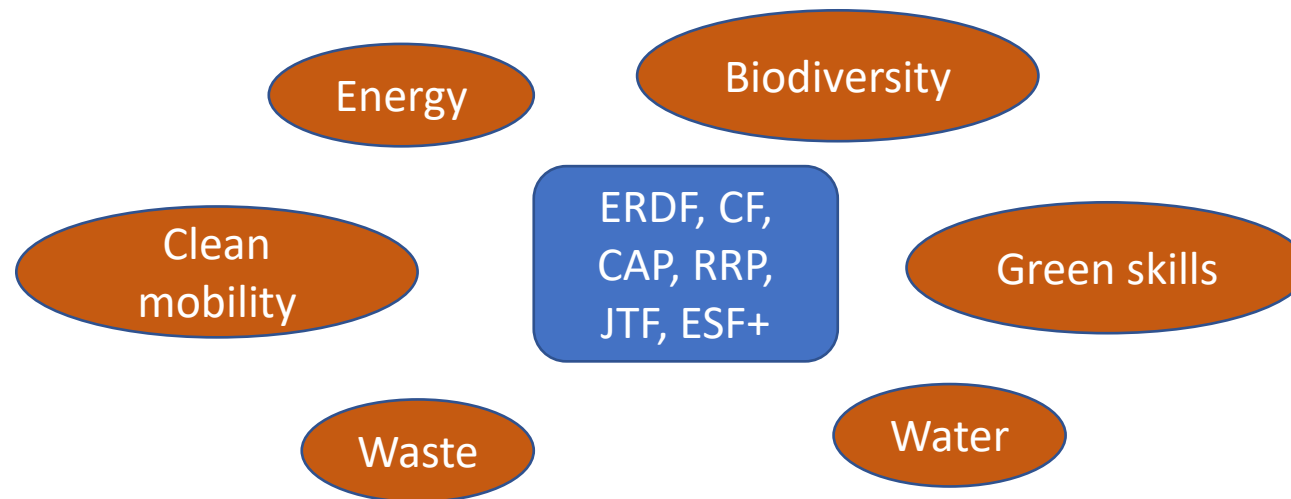
Demarcation: Strategic Level

1 (b). Demarcation between **Funds**: set by the regulatory frameworks

IMCC Role:

- Discuss overlaps in terms of sectors/possible actions covered under different Funds

Example:



- Insights may be used for discussions on future regulatory frameworks, programming

Demarcation: Strategic Level

2 (a). Demarcation between **Programmes** – section 2.2.2 of the PA:

- To ensure that there are no overlaps between interventions under the **ERDF, CF, ESF+, EMFAF, JTF, AMIF, ISF, BMVI and the CAP SP, areas of common intervention that are thematically similar require demarcation** to establish which actions or operations will be funded under the different funding programmes. This will avoid situations of double funding.
- While ***detailed demarcations may be set by the relevant MAs***, measures which specifically address the main target groups and sectors covered under the **CAP SP, the EMFAF, JTF and AMIF fund specific Programmes/Plans**, will be supported through such Programmes/Plans.
- Measures addressing broader target groups with a wider scope, shall be covered under **ERDF/CF and ESF+ Programmes**.

Demarcation: Strategic Level

2 (b). Demarcation between **Programmes**: set by actions under different plans/programmes

IMCC Role:

- Discuss overlaps in terms of types of actions covered under different Funds
- Demarcation is at intervention level:

Example: Roads may be financed under CF and CAP SP

- **CF**: existing TEN-T roads (core and comprehensive)
- **CAP**: rural roads

- **Possible overlap**: Not evident

Demarcation: Implementation Level

2 (c). Demarcation at MA Level:

- ✓ Relevant consultations will be undertaken with the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee.
- ✓ The Managing Authorities will develop and/or strengthen their demarcation mechanisms and report back to the Inter-Ministerial Consultative Committee on follow-up action taken.
- ✓ Such actions will be monitored during the programme implementation as part of the control mechanisms established.

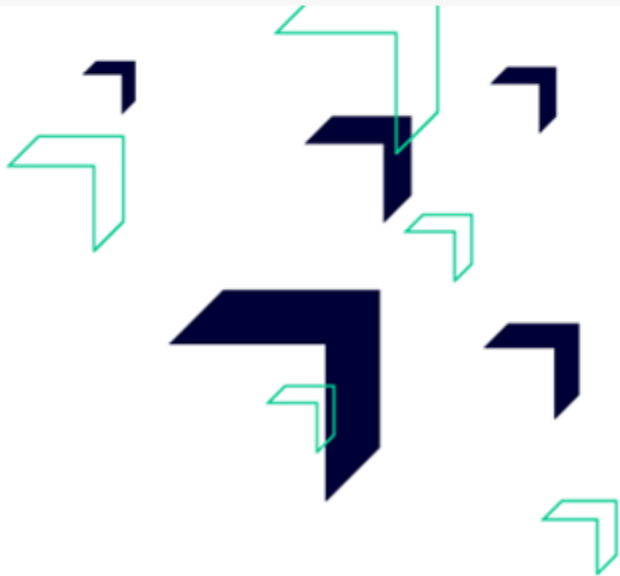


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