

Annex

COUNTRY-SPECIFIC SET-UP

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

between

THE SWISS FEDERAL COUNCIL

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

On

**THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECOND SWISS
CONTRIBUTION TO SELECTED MEMBER STATES OF
THE EUROPEAN UNION TO REDUCE ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DISPARITIES WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

1. General provisions

- 1.1.** This Country-Specific Set-Up is an integral part of the Framework Agreement between the Swiss Federal Council (hereinafter referred to as 'Switzerland') and the Government of the Republic of Malta (hereinafter referred to as 'Malta') on the implementation of the second Swiss Contribution to selected Member States of the EU to reduce economic and social disparities within the EU (hereinafter referred to as the 'Framework Agreement').
- 1.2.** For the purposes of this Country-Specific Set-Up, the definitions in the Framework Agreement shall apply.
- 1.3.** This Country-Specific Set-Up lays down the thematic and geographical allocations of the Contribution and the specific rules agreed between Switzerland and Malta, as well as the attribution of responsibilities and tasks to entities involved in the implementation of the Swiss-Maltese Cooperation Programme and in Support Measures respectively.
- 1.4.** For specific rules and procedures not provided in the Country Specific Set-Up, the provisions of the Regulations shall apply.

2. Roles and responsibilities for the Swiss – Maltese Cooperation Programme

2.1. National Coordination Unit

The Partner State has authorised the Funds and Programmes Division (FPD) to act on its behalf as National Coordination Unit of the Swiss – Maltese Cooperation Programme.

The Funds and Programmes Division, within the Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands, is responsible for the management and coordination of the overall Swiss-Maltese Cooperation Programme and for the identification, planning, approval by the Partner State, monitoring, financial management, controlling, evaluation, visibility, reporting and post-completion monitoring of Support Measures.

The Director General of Funds and Programmes Division shall act as the head of the National Coordination Unit. The Funds and Programmes Division reports to the Permanent Secretary (EU Funds) within the Ministry responsible for EU Funds.

The role and responsibilities of the National Coordination Unit are set out in the Regulations.

2.2. Paying Authority

The Paying Authority is the EU Payments Unit within the Strategy and Implementation Division within the Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands.

The EU Payments Unit is led by the Director (EU Funding Policies) and reports to the Director General (Strategy and Implementation) EU Funds within the Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands.

The roles and responsibilities of the Paying Authority are set out in the Regulations.

2.3. Audit Authority

The Audit Authority is the EU Funds Audits Directorate within the Internal Audit and Investigations Directorate (IAID). IAID lies within the Ministry for Finance and Employment.

The Director General of IAID shall act as the head of the Audit Authority. The IAID is an independent unit within the Office of the Prime Minister established by Legal Act. The IAID reports to the Internal Audit and Investigations Board (IAIB), which is appointed by the Prime Minister of Malta. The Secretary to Cabinet shall act as the Chairperson of the IAIB. The Audit Authority shall be functionally independent of the National Coordination Unit and the Paying Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Authority are set out in the Regulations.

3. Parameters of cooperation

3.1. Thematic allocation

Specific objective & thematic area	Indicative allocation of the Contribution [in CHF millions]
1. Promoting economic growth and social dialogue, reducing (youth) unemployment	
(i) Vocational and professional education and training	
(ii) Research and innovation	
(iii) Financing for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises	
2. Managing migration and supporting integration. Increasing public safety and security	
(iv) Providing support to migration management and promoting integration measures	
(v) Improving public safety and security	
3. Protecting the environment and the climate	
(vi) Energy efficiency and renewable energy	
(vii) Public transport	
(viii) Water and waste-water management	
(ix) Waste management	
(x) Nature conservation and biodiversity	
4. Strengthening of social systems	
(xi) Health and social protection	3.56
(xii) Minorities and socially disadvantaged groups	
5. Civic engagement and transparency	
(xiii) Civic engagement and transparency	
6. Technical support	
(xiv) Technical Assistance Fund	
(xv) Support Measure Preparation Fund	
Total allocation	3.56

Any unused balances in the Support Measure of the Swiss-Maltese Cooperation Programme may be transferred to any newly approved Support Measure provided the feasibility is ensured until the end of the eligibility period, by mutual agreement (e.g. confirmed in the minutes of meetings

or by correspondence) between the competent authorities mentioned in Article 6 of the Framework Agreement in the course of the implementation of the Swiss-Maltese Cooperation Programme. For the consequent modification of the Support Measure, Article 4.12 of the Regulations shall apply.

3.2. Pre-specified parameters per thematic area

(xi) Health and social protection

Support Measure name	Comprehensive response to heart diseases	
Support Measure type	Project	
Objectives	To enhance comprehensive measures regarding heart diseases in Malta.	
Strategic Focus	<p>The project responds to the fact that cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of mortality and that the need for pre-hospital assistance has significantly increased in recent years.</p> <p>Cardiovascular mortality shall be reduced through the two project pillars a) improved diagnostic and therapeutic facilities (with procurement of a cardiac catheterization suite theatre) and b) prevention and awareness raising campaigns on cardiovascular risk factors (promotion of healthy lifestyles). As a third project pillar, pre-hospital care shall be improved by providing trainings to accident and emergency responders and trainings in inter-hospital patients transfer. The project is in line with the National Health Systems Strategy and improves nationwide the access to quality health services and the quality of life of patients and relatives.</p>	
Swiss indicative Commitment	CHF 3'560'000	
Project Operator	<p>Ministry for Health</p> <p>The Ministry for Health (Project Operator) shall act as the Executing Agency.</p>	
Swiss Support Measure Partner(s)	Swiss expert institutions in the fields of heart diseases (prevention, diagnosis and therapy) and pre-hospital care (search and rescue, interhospital transfers).	
Other specificities related to the Support Measure	- The involved Swiss expert institutions will be defined in the Support Measure Agreement.	

	<p>- Consultations carried out as part of a wider policy or project development can be considered as fulfilling the requirements on the stakeholder consultations set out in the Regulations. This shall be duly justified in the Support Measure Proposal with provision of the necessary information.</p>
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4. Partner State specific rules and procedures

Switzerland and Malta agree to the following specific provisions in derogation / modification / complement / specification of the Regulations:

Art 2.7 Geographic allocation of the Regulations is not applicable for Malta.

In the event of a conflict between the Regulations and these specific provisions, the specific provisions of this Annex shall prevail.