

National management and control structures

1. National Focal Point

The National Management Unit (*Unidade Nacional de Gestão, UNG*), reporting to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructures (MPI), shall act as the National Focal Point.

By appointment of the Minister, a Coordinator is responsible for the management of the National Focal Point. The Coordinator shall act as the head of the National Focal Point.

The roles and responsibilities of the National Focal Point are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.3 thereof.

2. Certifying Authority

The Cohesion and Development Agency P.I. (*Agência para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão, I.P., Agency*) shall act as the Certifying Authority.

The Agency acts under the Minister for Planning and Infrastructures and covers the overall coordination of European structural and investment funds and the Regional development policy coordination.

The President of the Agency shall act as the head of the Certifying Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Certifying Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.5 thereof.

3. Audit Authority

The General Finance Audit Body (*Inspecção Geral de Finanças, IGF*) shall act as the Audit Authority. IGF is an entity belonging to the Ministry of Finance that covers the strategic state finance administration and the specialised technical support for the public administration.

The Director General of IGF shall act as the head of the Audit Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.6 thereof. The Audit Authority shall be functionally independent of the National Focal Point and the Certifying Authority.

4. National public entity responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports.

The National Focal Point shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of irregularities reports.

The roles and responsibilities of the National Focal Point in relation to the preparation and submission of irregularities reports are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 11.3 thereof.

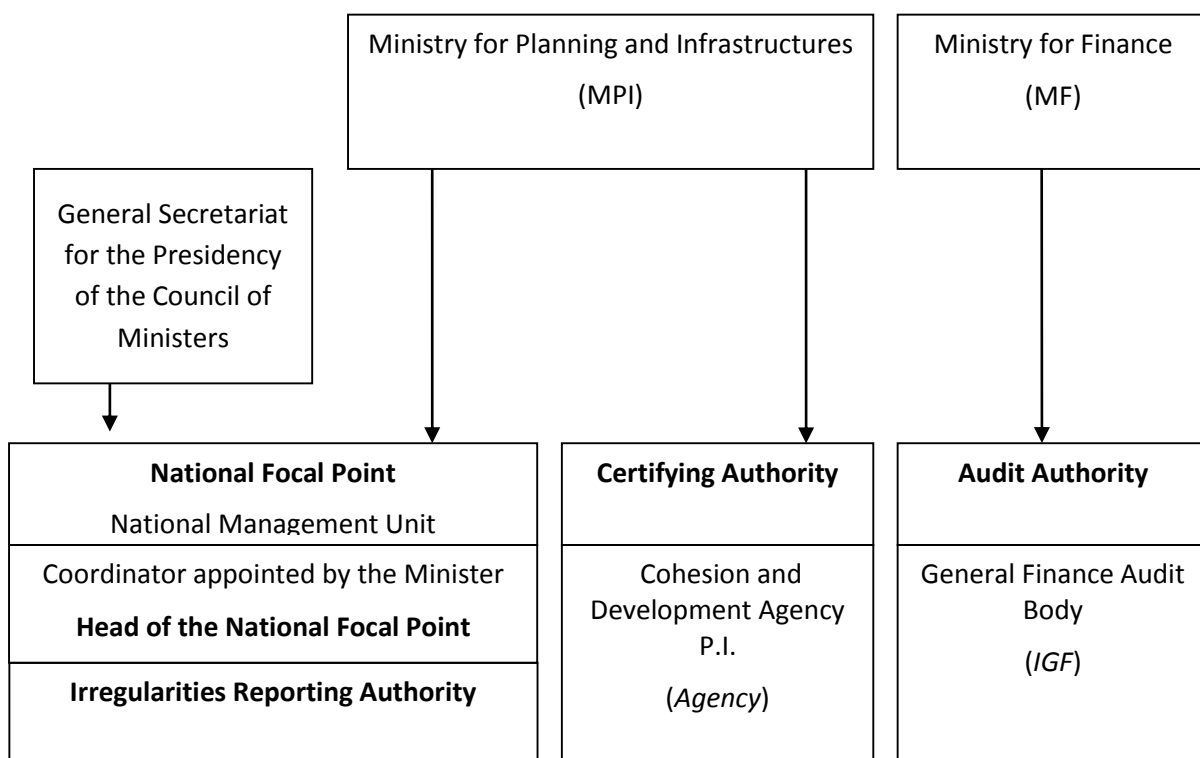
5. Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee shall be established within six months of the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Its role is stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 4.4 thereof.

6. Strategic Report and annual meetings

In accordance with Article 2.2 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the Financial Mechanism Committee a Strategic Report on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 in the Beneficiary State. The Parties shall endeavour to hold the annual meeting in the month of December every year.

7. Organigram



1. Financial parameters of the implementation framework

Portugal	EEA FM contribution
Programme area	
Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management	€ 19,247,250
Renewable Energy	€ 4,000,000
Adaptation to Climate Change	€ 3,000,000
Funds for Non-governmental Organisations	€ 8,697,500
Public health initiatives	€ 10,000,000
Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance	€ 2,500,000
Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	€ 4,000,000
Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage	€ 1,000,000
Other allocations	
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.9)	€ 869,250
Fund for bilateral relations at national level (Art. 3.5.1)	€ 289,750
Net allocation to Portugal	€ 53,603,750

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between the Donor States and Portugal shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating long-term cooperation, in particular in the programme areas listed below with donor programme partners, as well as through other means such as partnership at project level in all programme areas supported.

The appraisal of Programme Proposals will take due account of relevant human rights- and governance-related standards of the Council of Europe (such as those monitored by CPT, GRECO, GRETA, ECRI etc.), including the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be prepared and, subject to FMC approval, implemented in the Beneficiary State.

A. Programme Area: Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management

<i>Programme:</i>	Integrated Marine and Coastal Management
<i>Objective:</i>	Good environmental status in European marine and coastal areas
<i>Expected outcomes:</i>	More integrated management of marine resources Improved monitoring of marine waters Increased capacity for assessing and predicting environmental status in marine waters Increased awareness of and education in integrated marine management
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 19,247,250
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Ministry of Agriculture and Sea (MAM) / Directorate-General for Maritime Policy (DGPM)
<i>Specific concern:</i>	The focus of the programme shall focus exclusively on marine and coastal areas.
<i>Pre-defined projects:</i>	1) Acquisition and fitting of a DP Vessel equipped with marine surveying equipment. <i>Project Promoter:</i> Portuguese Sea and Atmosphere Institute, P.I. (IPMA) <i>Project Grant:</i> € 11,000,000 2) Preparation of integrated geographic information for marine and coastal water management. <i>Project Promoter:</i> Portuguese Task-group for the extension of the continental shelf (EMEPC) <i>Project Partners:</i> The Norwegian Mapping Authority (Statens Kartverk) and the National Land Survey of Iceland (Landmaelingar Islands). <i>Project Grant:</i> up to € 2,000,000

B. Programme Area: Renewable Energy

<i>Programme:</i>	Renewable Energy
<i>Objective:</i>	Increased share of renewable energy in energy use
<i>Expected outcomes:</i>	Increased renewable energy production Improved capacity at national, regional and local level on renewable energy solutions
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 4,000,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Electricity of Azores (EDA)
<i>Donor programme partner:</i>	The Icelandic National Energy Authority (OS)
<i>Specific concern:</i>	The programme shall focus on geothermal energy in the Azores islands.

C. Programme Area: Adaptation to Climate Change

<i>Programme:</i>	Adaptation to Climate Change
<i>Objective:</i>	Reduced human and ecosystem vulnerability to climate change
<i>Expected outcomes:</i>	Increased capacity to assess vulnerability to climate change Increased awareness of and education in climate change adaptation
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 3,000,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy (MAOTE) / Portuguese Environment Agency (APA)
<i>Donor programme partner:</i>	The Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB)
<i>Specific concerns:</i>	The programme shall focus on Adaptation to Climate Change - Capacity Building and Increased Awareness. The programme could include a small grant scheme for small projects on adaptation.

D. Programme Area: Funds for Non-governmental Organisations

<i>Programme:</i>	Fund for Non-governmental Organisations
<i>Objective:</i>	Strengthened civil society development and enhanced contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 8,697,500
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	The Financial Mechanism Office is entrusted with operating the programme in line with article 5.13 of the Regulation.
<i>Main focus:</i>	At least one third of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall be dedicated to core areas of support. A minimum of 10% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall address children and youth at risk. The amount of € 2,897,500, resulting from the allocation of the Reserve for unforeseen developments according to article 1.10 of the Regulation, will focus on youth unemployment, youth out of school and youth at risk. The youth focus will include also green employment, social entrepreneurship, social inclusion through arts and culture, as well as civic participation related to human rights and environmental responsibility. Project proposals may involve partnerships.

E. Programme Area: Public Health Initiatives

<i>Programme:</i>	Public Health Initiatives
<i>Objective:</i>	Improved public health and reduced health inequalities

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<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 10,000,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Ministry of Health (MS) / Central Administration of Health (ACSS)
<i>Donor programme partner:</i>	Norwegian Institute of Public Health (FHI)
<i>Main focus:</i>	The programme shall focus on public health issues within the National Health Plan with special emphasis on inequalities in health, equal access to healthcare, improvement of health systems and development of healthy policies.
<i>Specific concern:</i>	The programme shall include a local and regional focus and community action research.
<i>Possible pre-defined project(s):</i>	Possible pre-defined projects will be within the areas specified under main focus and may include improving national health system information, monitoring and evaluation as a basis for improved governmental management with a focus on inequalities and development of health policies to promote health and prevent diseases with special emphasis on mental health, child health, nutrition and communicable disease.

F. Programme Area: Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance

<i>Programme:</i>	Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance
<i>Objective:</i>	Gender equality and work-life balance promoted
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€ 2,500,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Secretariat of State for Parliament Affairs and Equality (SEAPI) / Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG)
<i>Possible pre-defined project:</i>	Possible pre-defined project with the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS).
<i>Main focus:</i>	The programme shall be developed in line with the Programme Area policy document.

G. Programme Area: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage

<i>Programme:</i>	Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage
<i>Objective:</i>	Cultural and natural heritage for future generations safe-guarded and conserved and made publicly accessible
<i>Project grant:</i>	€ 4,000,000
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	State Secretariat for Culture (SEC) / Regional Directorate for Culture for Central Portugal (DRCC)

Pre-defined project: The Programme Operator shall identify a pre-defined project of European cultural heritage value. The pre-defined project shall be jointly approved by the FMC and the National Focal Point.

H. Programme Area: Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage

Programme: Cultural Diversity and Cultural Exchange

Objective: Cultural dialogue increased and European identity fostered through understanding of cultural diversity

Project grant: € 1,000,000

Programme Operator: State Secretariat for Culture (SEC) / Directorate General for Arts (DG Artes)

Donor programme partner: The Arts Council Norway

Main focus: The multicultural diversity of contemporary art and culture presented, and cultural exchange of living art promoted.