

Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.5 of the Regulation, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have agreed on an implementation framework outlined in this Annex.

1. Financial parameters of the implementation framework

	The Portuguese Republic	EEA FM contribution	National contribution
	Programmes		
1	Blue Growth Innovation and SMEs	€38,000,000	€6,705,882
2	Work-life Balance and Gender Equality	€6,000,000	€1,058,824
3	Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy	€24,000,000	€4,235,294
4	Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation	€9,000,000	€1,588,235
5	Civil Society	€11,000,000	N/A
	Other allocations		
	Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.10)	€1,540,500	N/A
	Reserve (Art. 1.11)	€3,403,000	N/A
	Reserve for completion of projects under FM 2009-2014 (Art. 1.12)	N/A	N/A
	Fund for bilateral relations (Art. 4.6.1)	€2,054,000	N/A
	Net allocation to Portugal	€94,997,500	€13,588,235

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Portuguese Republic shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating and developing long-term cooperation within all areas listed in the Annex to Protocol 38c. It is also an ambition to strengthen bilateral cooperation at political level and European level in areas of common interest.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be implemented subject to the approval of the FMC, in accordance with Article 6.3 of the Regulation.

A. Programme: Blue Growth Innovation and SMEs

<i>Programme objective:</i>	Increased value creation and sustainable growth
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€38,000,000
<i>Programme co-financing:</i>	€6,705,882
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	Directorate General for Maritime Policy (DGPM)
<i>Donor Programme Partner(s):</i>	Innovation Norway (IN) Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS) Research Council of Norway (NFR) Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education (SIU)
<i>Programme area(s):</i>	Business Development, Innovation and SMEs Research Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship
<i>Special concerns:</i>	<p>Approximately 70% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall be allocated to the programme area Business Development, Innovation and SMEs with a focus on blue growth.</p> <p>Approximately 30% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall be allocated to component(s) addressing a) Research and b) Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Cooperation between research institutions and SMEs in order to facilitate commercialization of innovative ideas, products and processes, shall be encouraged.</p> <p>The requirement to allocate at least 50% of the funding to green industry innovation under the Programme Area “Business Development, Innovation and SMEs” shall not apply.</p> <p>A pre-defined project in the area of capacity building in maritime education and training will be developed in the concept note phase.</p> <p>Dedicated financial instruments may be explored in the concept note development phase.</p> <p>In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme “Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy”.</p>

Innovation Norway (IN) will be the lead Donor Programme Partner.

Bilateral ambitions: €200,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

B. Programme: Work-life Balance and Gender Equality

Programme objective: Work-life balance improved

Programme grant: €6,000,000

Programme co-financing: €1,058,824

Programme Operator: Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (CIG)

Donor Programme Partner(s): The Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud (LDO)

Programme area(s): Work-life Balance
Domestic and Gender-based Violence
Good Governance, Accountable Institutions,
Transparency

Special concerns: The programme shall focus on gender equality and work-life balance, with a special concern on research, local development and social cohesion. Pre-defined projects with relevant donor project partners in the areas of gender equality and work-life balance, especially on 1) gender pay gap; 2) national data systems to promote work-life balance and gender equality; 3) gender mainstreaming in education and vocational training, may be explored in the concept note phase.

No more than 50% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme areas “Work-life Balance” and “Domestic and Gender-based Violence” shall be available for infrastructure (hard measures).

Bilateral ambitions: €100,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

C. Programme: Environment, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy

Programme objective: Improved environmental status in ecosystems and reduced adverse effects of pollution and other human activities

Programme grant: €24,000,000

Programme co-financing: €4,235,294

Programme Operator: General Secretariat of the Ministry for Environment

Donor Programme Partner(s): Innovation Norway (IN)

<i>Programme area(s):</i>	Environment and Ecosystems Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
<i>Special concerns:</i>	Special concern shall be given to a) Circular Economy with particular relevance to the building sector; b) Portugal Living Labs for low carbon cities in Lisbon and Oporto; c) National Network of Biosphere Reserves. The programme shall contain small grant scheme(s) targeting, among others, civil society including non-governmental organisations (NGOs). In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme “Blue Growth Innovation and SMEs”.
<i>Pre-defined projects:</i>	“Rio Ceira” – The History, the Environment and the Populations - Green infrastructures recovery, climate change awareness and vulnerability to climate change reduced in Ceira’s River Basin. Project promoter: Portuguese Environment Agency (APA). Project partners: Municipality of Arganil, Municipality of Gois and Municipality of Pampilhosa da Serra Donor project partner: Norwegian Directorate for Civil protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) Maximum grant amount: €1,900,000.
<i>Bilateral ambitions:</i>	€100,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

D. Programme: Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation

<i>Programme objective:</i>	Social and economic development strengthened through cultural cooperation, cultural entrepreneurship and cultural heritage management
<i>Programme grant:</i>	€9,000,000
<i>Programme co-financing:</i>	€1,588,235
<i>Programme Operator:</i>	General Directorate for Cultural Heritage (DGPC) of the Ministry of Culture
<i>Donor Programme Partner(s):</i>	Directorate for Cultural Heritage (RA)
<i>Programme area(s):</i>	Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation
<i>Special concerns:</i>	The programme shall focus on the role that arts, culture and cultural heritage play in local and regional development with emphasis on employment, social

inclusion and cohesion, on cultural entrepreneurship, on cultural heritage management, preservation and conservation and on audience development and cultural activities in education. Coastal cultural heritage shall be taken into account.

A maximum level of funding available from the total eligible expenditure of the programme for infrastructure (hard measures) shall be identified in the concept note.

Approximately 20% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall be set aside for cultural cooperation and exchange between the Donor States and Portugal.

The National Focal Point and the Programme Operator shall at the latest by the submission of the concept note, submit a plan to ensure adequate programme management capacity of the Programme Operator.

The Arts Council of Norway (ACN) shall be actively involved in the preparation of the programme.

Bilateral ambitions:

€100,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

E. Programme: Civil Society

Programme objective:

Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered

Programme grant:

€11,000,000

Programme co-financing:

Not applicable

Programme Operator:

The Financial Mechanism Office in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Regulation.

Programme area(s):

Civil Society

Special concerns:

Not applicable