

National management and control structures

1. National Focal Point

The National Management Unit (*Unidade Nacional de Gestão, UNG*), reporting to the Minister for Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy, 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. shall act as the Certifying Authority.

The Agency is an entity belonging to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers that 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.

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