

Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.1 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

Estonia	EEA FM contribution
Programme area	
Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management	€ 6,900,000
Funds for Non-governmental Organisations	€ 2,300,000
Children and Youth at Risk	€ 6,505,000
Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	€ 4,510,000
Scholarships	€ 600,000
Other allocations	
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.9)	€ 236,152
Fund for bilateral relations at national level (Art. 3.5.1)	€ 223,848
Net allocation to Estonia	€21,275,000

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between the Donor States and Estonia 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 Inland Water Management
<i>Objective:</i>	Good environmental status in European marine and inland waters
<i>Expected outcomes:</i>	Established environmental targets and management plans for marine and inland waters

Improved environmental information on impact, status and trends
Developed strategies and measures for adapting to a changing climate

Programme grant: € 6,900,000
Programme Operator: Ministry of the Environment
Donor programme partner: The Norwegian Environment Agency (NEA)
Specific concerns: The Programme shall include assessment of and measures in the Baltic Sea related to biological diversity, ecosystem services and pollution from ships, including assessing the feasibility of LNG as an alternative fuel.

B. Programme Area: Funds for Non-governmental Organisations

Programme: Fund for Non-governmental Organisations
Objective: Strengthened civil society development and enhanced contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development

Programme grant: € 2,300,000
Programme Operator: The Financial Mechanism Office is entrusted with operating the programme in line with Article 5.13 of the Regulation.
Specific concerns: The Programme shall include support to multicultural dialogue and the integration of national minorities as well as developing social services with focus on activities targeting children and youth. It shall also support NGO capacity building.

C. Programme Area: Children and Youth at Risk

Programme: Children and Youth at Risk
Objective: Improved well-being of children and young people at risk
Expected outcomes: Effective and efficient measures addressing vulnerable groups of children and youth facing particular risks implemented
Policies and standards of intervention in the field of juvenile justice developed and implemented in view to ensuring protection and securing full rights during detention and a wide range of opportunities for young offenders to re-integrate society created

Programme grant: € 6,505,000
Programme Operator: Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Justice
Donor programme partner: Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)
Main focus: The Programme shall focus on implementing an evidence-based parenting programme; prevention of problems through formal and informal education; community-based early

detection and intervention; and re-socialising juvenile offenders.

Specific concern:

Support provided under this Programme shall ensure strengthening the capacity of municipalities in addressing the main focus of the Programme. Activities may be initiated at both central and local levels. Attention shall be given to municipalities with a high percentage of national minorities.

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

Programme: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage

Objective: Cultural and natural heritage for future generations safeguarded and conserved and made publicly accessible

Programme grant: € 4,510,000

Programme Operator: Estonian Ministry of Culture

Donor programme partner: Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage (RA)

Main focus: The Programme shall focus on the preservation and revitalisation of manor house schools.

E. Programme Area: Scholarships

Programme: EEA Scholarship Programme

Objective: Enhanced human capital and knowledge base in the Beneficiary States

Programme grant: € 600,000

Programme Operator: Estonian Ministry of Education and Research

Donor programme partners: The Icelandic Centre for Research – RANNIS (Iceland), the National Agency for International Education Affairs – AIBA (Liechtenstein), and the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education – SIU (Norway). SIU will function as lead Donor Programme Partner.

Specific concern: The programme shall be implemented jointly with the Norwegian-Estonian Scholarship Programme as well as the Norwegian-Estonian Research Cooperation Programme under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.