

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY FOR THE FAMILY AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC

The Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic, hereinafter referred to as 'Participants',

In expression of their will to establish and develop active relations between both Participants in the area of family and social policies,

Confirming their determination to join efforts towards developing a beneficial bilateral cooperation through exchange and sharing of the best national experiences, and to

Exploiting the peer learning processes and exchange of best practices,

Declare the following:

Section 1

The cooperation will be conducted in the following areas:

- a. National strategies and policies on combating poverty and social exclusion;
- b. Social network development processes as a factor of fighting poverty and promoting social inclusion at regional/local level;
- c. Local pacts for social inclusion participative planning and implementation practices;
- d. Promoting the co-operation between government administration and non-governmental organizations, the role of NGO's as social service delivers for the state and for the communities (social public partnerships);
- e. Demographic challenges and their influence on the pension systems and reforms of pension systems;
- f. Promoting active ageing on the national and local level, including intergenerational co-operation, promoting voluntary work and social services;
- g. Quality of life strategy for people with disability;
- h. And all other areas subject to mutual consent between Participants.

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Section 2

The Co-operation may assume the following forms:

- a. Exchange of legislative acts and other documents as well as information and good practice referring to various aspects of social security;
- b. Exchange of visits and/or internships at political and expert level in social policy;
- c. Co-operation on programmes, projects and research related with the social policy;
- d. Other forms of co-operation subject to mutual consent between the Participants.

Section 3

The activities referred to under present Memorandum will be financed with the available resources under the Participants annual budgets in accordance to the laws and regulations governing the organization and structure of the Participants and their national legislations. The exchange of delegations and experts within this Memorandum will be on behalf of the sending Participant.

Section 4

The contact points for the implementation of activities assumed in this Memorandum will be:

- a. For the Maltese Participant: The Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity of the Republic of Malta;
- b. For the Czech Participant: Department for EU and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of the Czech Republic.

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Section 5

This Memorandum does not constitute a legally binding instrument under international law and does not preclude the rights of the Participants to use any other form of international cooperation.

Signed in on 24.05.2015, in the English language in two copies.

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