



AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY FOR THE FAMILY AND SOCIAL SOLIDARITY
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND FAMILY OF THE
SLOVAK REPUBLIC

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

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

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

Exploiting the peer learning processes and exchange of best practices,

Have decided on the following:

Article 1

Exchange good practice, information and, where possible, implement joint initiatives projects in the following main 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 Signatories.

Article 2

The Co-Operation can 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 Signatories.

Article 3

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

Article 4


1. The competent authorities for the implementation of this Agreement are:
 - a. For the Maltese Signatory: The Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity of the Republic of Malta;
 - b. For the Slovak Signatory: The Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic.
2. For the purpose of the practical implementation of this Agreement, these authorities may adopt bi-annual Operational Co-operation Programmes, monitored by a 'Monitoring Group' with the members from the above mentioned authorities and eventual other members, nominated by each one of the Signatories that will elaborate a synthesis annual report and give support to the annual revision of the Programme.



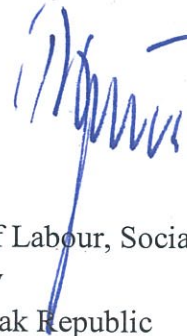
Article 5

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of its signature by the Signatories.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force without any limitation on its duration. It may be terminated at any time by either Signatory giving 90 days' notice in writing to the other Signatory.

Signed in Bratislava on 31 day of March 2015, in
the English language in two originals.



For the
Ministry of the Family
and Social Solidarity
of the Republic of Malta



For the
Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs
and Family
of the Slovak Republic