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**ZASTUPNICAMA I ZASTUPNICIMA
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**PREDSJEDNICAMA I PREDSJEDNICIMA
RADNIH TIJELA**

Na temelju članaka 178. i 192., a u vezi s člankom 207.a Poslovnika Hrvatskoga sabora u prilogu upućujem ***Konačni prijedlog zakona o potvrđivanju Memoranduma o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske***, koji je predsjedniku Hrvatskoga sabora podnijela Vlada Republike Hrvatske, aktom od 8. siječnja 2026. godine.

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PREDSJEDNIK
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VLADA REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE

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Zagreb, 8. siječnja 2026.

PREDSJEDNIKU HRVATSKOGA SABORA

PREDMET: Konačni prijedlog zakona o potvrđivanju Memoranduma o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske

Na temelju članka 85. Ustava Republike Hrvatske („Narodne novine“, br. 85/10. - pročišćeni tekst i 5/14. - Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske) i članka 207.a Poslovnika Hrvatskoga sabora („Narodne novine“, br. 81/13., 113/16., 69/17., 29/18., 53/20., 119/20. - Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske, 123/20. i 86/23. - Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske), Vlada Republike Hrvatske podnosi Konačni prijedlog zakona o potvrđivanju Memoranduma o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske.

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**KONAČNI PRIJEDLOG ZAKONA O POTVRĐIVANJU MEMORANDUMA O
SUGLASNOSTI O PROVEDBI EGP FINANCIJSKOG MEHANIZMA ZA
RAZDOBLJE OD 2021. DO 2028. IZMEĐU ISLANDA, KNEŽEVINE
LIHTENŠTAJNA, KRALJEVINE NORVEŠKE I REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE**

KONAČNI PRIJEDLOG ZAKONA O POTVRĐIVANJU MEMORANDUMA O SUGLASNOSTI O PROVEDBI EGP FINANCIJSKOG MEHANIZMA ZA RAZDOBLJE OD 2021. DO 2028. IZMEĐU ISLANDA, KNEŽEVINE LIHTENŠTAJNA, KRALJEVINE NORVEŠKE I REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE

I. USTAVNA OSNOVA ZA DONOŠENJE ZAKONA

Ustavna osnova za donošenje Zakona o potvrđivanju Memoranduma o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske (u daljnjem tekstu: Memorandum o suglasnosti) sadržana je u članku 140. stavku 1. Ustava Republike Hrvatske („Narodne novine“, br. 85/10. – pročišćeni tekst i 5/14. – Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske).

II. OCJENA STANJA I CILJ KOJI SE DONOŠENJEM ZAKONA ŽELI POSTIĆI

U članku 6. stavku 2. Akta o uvjetima pristupanja Republike Hrvatske i prilagodbama Ugovora o Europskoj uniji, Ugovora o funkcioniranju Europske unije i Ugovora o osnivanju Europske zajednice za atomsku energiju (u daljnjem tekstu: Akt o uvjetima pristupanja), koji je sastavni dio Ugovora između Kraljevine Belgije, Republike Bugarske, Češke Republike, Kraljevine Danske, Savezne Republike Njemačke, Republike Estonije, Irske, Helenske Republike, Kraljevine Španjolske, Francuske Republike, Talijanske Republike, Republike Cipra, Republike Latvije, Republike Litve, Velikog Vojvodstva Luksemburga, Republike Mađarske, Republike Malte, Kraljevine Nizozemske, Republike Austrije, Republike Poljske, Portugalske Republike, Rumunjske, Republike Slovenije, Slovačke Republike, Republike Finske, Kraljevine Švedske, Ujedinjene Kraljevine Velike Britanije i Sjeverne Irske (države članice Europske unije) i Republike Hrvatske o pristupanju Republike Hrvatske Europskoj uniji („Narodne novine – Međunarodni ugovori“, br. 2/12. i 9/13. – ispravak), utvrđena je obveza Republike Hrvatske da pristupi sporazumima koje su tadašnje države članice i Europska unija sklopile ili potpisale s jednom ili više trećih zemalja ili s međunarodnom organizacijom te su utvrđeni uvjeti pristupanja takvim sporazumima. U stavku 5. istog članka Akta o uvjetima pristupanja, utvrđeno je da se Republika Hrvatska obvezuje pristupiti Sporazumu o Europskom gospodarskom prostoru u skladu s člankom 128. tog Sporazuma.

Hrvatski sabor potvrdio je Sporazum o sudjelovanju Republike Hrvatske u Europskom gospodarskom prostoru, sastavljen u Bruxellesu 11. travnja 2014. („Narodne novine – Međunarodni ugovori“, broj 8/14.). Spomenuti Sporazum privremeno se primjenjivao od 12. travnja 2014., a stupio je na snagu 19. veljače 2025. („Narodne novine - Međunarodni ugovori“, broj 1/25.).

Protokolom 38.d uz Sporazum o Europskom gospodarskom prostoru, ugrađenim u spomenuti Sporazum Sporazumom između Europske unije, Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške o financijskom mehanizmu EGP-a za razdoblje od svibnja 2021. do travnja 2028., potpisanim u Bruxellesu 12. rujna 2024. i koji je stupio na snagu 1. kolovoza 2025., uređuju se pravila za provedbu EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 1. svibnja 2021. do 30. travnja 2028.

S ciljem provedbe EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028., Republika Hrvatska i Island, Kneževina Lihtenštajn, Kraljevina Norveška sklopile su 23. rujna 2025. Memorandum o suglasnosti, kojim su određeni uvjeti potrebni za korištenje doprinosa Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške te pravila i postupci u vezi s isplatom vezanom za navedeni doprinos, kao i uvjeti pod kojima će se tim doprinosom upravljati.

U svrhu ostvarivanja prioriteta odabranih za financiranje u razdoblju od 2021. do 2028. godine, doprinos Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške u okviru EGP financijskog mehanizma usmjeren je (i) na zelenu tranziciju i (ii) lokalni razvoj.

EGP financijski mehanizam provodi se putem Memoranduma o suglasnosti, što podrazumijeva da institucije nadležne za upravljanje navedenim EGP financijskim mehanizmom raspolažu sredstvima Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške. Praćenje i evaluacija EGP financijskog mehanizma i programa provode se u svrhu sustavnog nadzora nad provedbom i procjene učinka dogovorenih aktivnosti i mjera, te služe kao korektivni mehanizam u slučaju neispunjavanja predviđenih rezultata ili nepoštivanja dogovorenih rokova. Praćenje projekata financiranih sredstvima Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške obavlja se putem Nacionalne fokalne točke i Upravitelja programa. Za poslove financijskog upravljanja zadužen je Nacionalni fond Ministarstva financija koji djeluje kao riznica za prihvrat sredstava Europske unije, odobravanje prijenosa sredstava operativnim strukturama ili krajnjim korisnicima, te za financijsku kontrolu utrošenih sredstava.

Vlada Republike Hrvatske donijela je 16. srpnja 2025. Odluku o pokretanju postupka za sklapanje Memoranduma o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske (KLASA: 022-03/25-11/54, URBROJ: 50301-05/14-25-2) te 28. kolovoza 2025. Zaključak o prihvaćanju Izvješća o vođenim pregovorima za sklapanje Memoranduma o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske (KLASA: 022-03/25-11/54, URBROJ: 50301-05/14-25-11).

Memorandum o suglasnosti potpisali su u Bruxellesu 15. rujna 2025. veleposlanik Kneževine Lihtenštajna pri Europskoj uniji Pascal Schafhauser u ime Kneževine Lihtenštajna te u Zagrebu 23. rujna 2025. ministrica regionalnoga razvoja i fondova Europske unije Nataša Mikuš Žigman u ime Republike Hrvatske, veleposlanica Islanda u Republici Hrvatskoj Helga Hauksdóttir u ime Islanda i veleposlanik Kraljevine Norveške u Republici Hrvatskoj Arne Sannes Bjørnstad u ime Kraljevine Norveške.

Memorandum o suglasnosti stupio je na snagu dan nakon datuma njegovog posljednjeg potpisa.

Memorandum o suglasnosti ne zahtijeva donošenje novih ili izmjenu postojećih zakona, ali financijski obvezuje Republiku Hrvatsku, te podliježe potvrđivanju sukladno članku 18. Zakona o sklapanju i izvršavanju međunarodnih ugovora („Narodne novine“, broj 28/96.).

III. OSNOVNA PITANJA KOJA SE PREDLAŽU UREDITI ZAKONOM

Ovim Zakonom se potvrđuje Memorandum o suglasnosti, kako bi njegove odredbe u skladu s člankom 141. Ustava Republike Hrvatske postale dio unutarnjeg pravnog poretka Republike Hrvatske.

Memorandum o suglasnosti predstavlja pravnu osnovu za financiranje projekata unutar programa koje je Republika Hrvatska predložila u okviru EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. Memorandumom o suglasnosti uređuju se uvjeti potrebni za korištenje doprinosa, Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške, pravila i postupci u vezi s isplatom doprinosa, kao i uvjeti pod kojima će se doprinosom upravljati.

Memorandum o suglasnosti sadrži Prilog A „Nacionalne strukture upravljanja i kontrole“, u kojem se utvrđuje sustav upravljanja i kontrole korištenja programa, odnosno tijela i njihova uloga u provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. godine i Prilog B „Provedbeni okvir“, koji detaljno utvrđuje financijske parametre provedbenog okvira, ističe posebna pitanja te utvrđuje sadržajne parametre provedbenog okvira, gdje su navedeni programi koji će biti financirani.

IV. OCJENA SREDSTAVA POTREBNIH ZA PROVOĐENJE ZAKONA

Sredstva za provedbu ovoga Zakona planirana su u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske te neće zahtijevati dodatna financijska sredstva.

Ukupna vrijednost EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 1. svibnja 2021. do 30. travnja 2028. za Republiku Hrvatsku iznosi 66.437.966,00 eura.

Vrijednost koja je predviđena darovnicom Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške Republici Hrvatskoj iznosi 56.802.672,00 eura, ostatak iznosa u svojim proračunskim sredstvima planirala su tijela državne uprave nadležna za poslove međunarodnih financijskih mehanizama i regionalnoga razvoja iz državnog proračuna. Ukupna vrijednost sufinanciranja iznosi 9.635.294,00 eura.

U fiskalnoj 2026. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 1.911.893,00 eura, od čega će se 1.625.109,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 286.784,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

U fiskalnoj 2027. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 8.395.500,00 eura, od čega će se 7.136.175,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 1.259.325,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

U fiskalnoj 2028. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 4.619.900,00 eura, od čega će se 3.926.915,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 692.985,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

U fiskalnoj 2029. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 13.094.528,00 eura, od čega će se 11.130.349,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 1.964.179,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

U fiskalnoj 2030. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 13.094.528,00 eura, od čega će se 11.130.349,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 1.964.179,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

U fiskalnoj 2031. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 17.868.396,00 eura, od čega će se 15.188.137,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 2.680.259,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

U fiskalnoj 2032. godini za izvršenje Memoranduma o suglasnosti planirano je ukupno 7.453.221,00 eura, od čega će se 6.335.238,00 eura financirati iz EGP financijskog mehanizma dok je 1.117.983,00 eura planirano u državnom proračunu Republike Hrvatske.

Troškovi sufinanciranja će ulaziti u redovna proračunska sredstva Ministarstva regionalnoga razvoja i fondova Europske unije.

V. ZAKONI KOJIMA SE POTVRĐUJU MEĐUNARODNI UGOVORI

Temelj za donošenje ovoga Zakona nalazi se u članku 207.a Poslovnika Hrvatskoga sabora („Narodne novine“, br. 81/13., 113/16., 69/17., 29/18., 53/20., 119/20. - Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske, 123/20. i 86/23. - Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske, 123/20. i 86/23. - Odluka Ustavnog suda Republike Hrvatske), prema kojemu se zakoni kojima se, u skladu s Ustavom Republike Hrvatske, potvrđuju međunarodni ugovori donose u pravilu u jednom čitanju, a postupak donošenja pokreće se podnošenjem konačnog prijedloga zakona o potvrđivanju međunarodnog ugovora.

S obzirom na prirodu postupka potvrđivanja međunarodnih ugovora, kojim država i formalno izražava spremnost biti vezana već sklopljenim međunarodnim ugovorom, kao i na činjenicu da se u ovoj fazi postupka, u pravilu ne može mijenjati ili dopunjavati tekst međunarodnog ugovora, predlaže se ovaj Konačni prijedlog zakona raspraviti i prihvatiti u jednom čitanju.

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Članak 1.

Potvrđuje se Memorandum o suglasnosti o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. između Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna, Kraljevine Norveške i Republike Hrvatske, potpisan u Bruxellesu 15. rujna 2025. i u Zagrebu 23. rujna 2025., u izvorniku na engleskom jeziku.

Članak 2.

Tekst Memoranduma o suglasnosti iz članka 1. ovoga Zakona, u izvorniku na engleskom jeziku i u prijevodu na hrvatski jezik, glasi:

MEMORANDUM O SUGLASNOSTI
O PROVEDBI EGP FINANCIJSKOG MEHANIZMA
ZA RAZDOBLJE OD 2021. DO 2028.

između

ISLANDA,
KNEŽEVINE LIHTENŠTAJNA,
KRALJEVINE NORVEŠKE,
u daljnjem tekstu „države donatorice“

i

REPUBLIKE HRVATSKE,
u daljnjem tekstu „država korisnica“

u daljnjem tekstu zajedno „stranke“,

BUDUĆI DA se Protokolom 38.d uz Sporazum o EGP-u, ugrađenim u Sporazum o EGP-u Sporazumom između Europske unije, Islanda, Kneževine Lihtenštajna i Kraljevine Norveške o EGP financijskom mehanizmu za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028., uspostavlja financijski mehanizam (u daljnjem tekstu: „EGP financijski mehanizam za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.“) putem kojeg će države donatorice doprinositi smanjenju gospodarskih i socijalnih razlika u Europskom gospodarskom prostoru;

BUDUĆI DA je cilj EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. ojačati odnose između država donatorica i države korisnice na uzajamnu korist njihovih naroda;

BUDUĆI DA su odlukom Stalnog odbora država EFTA-e br. 4/2024/SC od 24. listopada 2024. države donatorice dale Odboru za financijske mehanizme (u daljnjem tekstu: „OFM“), osnovanom odlukom Stalnog odbora država EFTA-e br. 4/2004/SC od 3. lipnja 2004., mandat za upravljanje EGP financijskim mehanizmom za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.;

BUDUĆI DA će unaprijeđena suradnja između država donatorica i države korisnice doprinijeti osiguravanju stabilne, mirne i napredne Europe, utemeljene na dobrom upravljanju, demokratskim institucijama, vladavini prava, poštivanju ljudskih prava i održivom razvoju;

BUDUĆI DA stranke pristaju uspostaviti okvir za suradnju kako bi se osigurala učinkovita provedba EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.;

SPORAZUMJELE SU SE o sljedećem:

Članak 1. Ciljevi

1. Opći ciljevi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. su doprinijeti smanjenju gospodarskih i socijalnih razlika u Europskom gospodarskom prostoru i jačati bilateralne odnose između država donatorica i država korisnica putem financijskih doprinosa kako bi se promicali tematski prioriteti navedeni u stavku 2. Sukladno tome, stranke ovog Memoranduma o suglasnosti odabiru financirati programe čiji je cilj doprinositi postizanju tih ciljeva.
2. Financijski doprinosi stavljaju se na raspolaganje za promicanje sljedećih tematskih prioriteta:
 - (a) europska zelena tranzicija;
 - (b) demokracija, vladavina prava i ljudska prava;
 - (c) socijalna uključenost i otpornost.

Članak 2. Pravni okvir

Ovaj Memorandum o suglasnosti tumači se zajedno sa sljedećim dokumentima koji, zajedno s ovim Memorandumom o suglasnosti, čine pravni okvir EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.:

- (a) Protokol 38.d uz Sporazum o EGP-u o EGP financijskom mehanizmu za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.;
- (b) Uredba o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. (u daljnjem tekstu „Uredba“) koju su donijele države donatorice u skladu s člankom 9.4. Protokola 38.d;
- (c) programski sporazumi koji će se sklopiti za svaki program; te
- (d) bilo koje smjernice koje je donio Odbor za financijske mehanizme u skladu s Uredbom.

Članak 3. Financijski okvir

1. U skladu s člankom 2. Protokola 38.d, ukupan iznos financijskog doprinosa iznosi 1,805 milijardi EUR u godišnjim tranšama od 257,86 milijuna EUR tijekom razdoblja od 1. svibnja 2021. do zaključno 30. travnja 2028.
2. U skladu s člankom 6. Protokola 38.d, državi korisnici dodjeljuje se ukupno 61.078.142 EUR u razdoblju iz stavka 1.
3. U skladu s člankom 9.7. Protokola 38.d i člankom 1.9. Uredbe troškovi upravljanja država donatorica pokrivaju se iz prethodno navedenog ukupnog iznosa. Daljnje s time povezane odredbe utvrđene su u Uredbi. Neto-iznos koji se stavlja na raspolaganje državi korisnici jest 56.802.672 EUR.

Članak 4. Uloge i odgovornosti

1. Države donatorice stavljaju na raspolaganje sredstva za potporu prihvatljivim programima koje predloži država korisnica i odobri Odbor za financijske mehanizme u okviru tematskih prioriteta navedenih u članku 3.1. Protokola 38.d i programskih područja navedenih u Prilogu Protokolu 38.d. Države donatorice i država korisnica surađuju na pripremi programskih sažetaka u kojima se definiraju opseg i planirani rezultati pojedinih programa.
2. Država korisnica jamči puno sufinanciranje programa koji ostvaruju korist od potpore iz EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. u skladu s Prilogom B i programskim sporazumima.
3. Država korisnica osigurat će poticajno okruženje za nesmetanu provedbu Fonda za civilno društvo u državi korisnici i suzdržati se od poduzimanja mjera koje bi mogle spriječiti upravitelje Fonda u neovisnom obavljanju svoje uloge.
4. Odbor za financijske mehanizme upravlja EGP financijskim mehanizmom za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. i odlučuje o dodjeli financijske pomoći u skladu s Uredbom.
5. Odboru pomaže Ured za financijske mehanizme (u daljnjem tekstu: „UFM“). UFM služi kao kontaktna točka za državu korisnicu za svakodnevno operativno funkcioniranje EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.

Članak 5. Određivanje nadležnih tijela

Država korisnica ovlašćuje Nacionalnu fokalnu točku da djeluje u njezino ime. Nacionalna fokalna točka odgovorna je za postizanje ciljeva EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. te provedbu EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. u državi korisnici u skladu s Uredbom. U skladu s člankom 5.2. Uredbe, u Prilogu A određeni su Nacionalna fokalna točka, Tijelo za ovjeravanje i Tijelo za reviziju.

Članak 6.

Višegodišnji programski okvir

1. U skladu s člankom 2.5. Uredbe stranke su se sporazumjele o provedbenom okviru koji se sastoji od sljedećih financijskih i sadržajnih parametara:
 - (a) popis dogovorenih programa, financijski doprinos EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. i države korisnice;
 - (b) određivanje programa, njihovih ciljeva, upravitelja programa, iznos bespovratnih sredstava, odnosno sredstava sufinanciranja po programu, bilateralnih ambicija kao i eventualnih specifičnih pitanja povezanih s provedbom programa;
 - (c) uvjeti i/ili specifična pitanja na razini države korisnice u vezi s ciljanim skupinama, geografskim područjima ili drugim pitanjima;
 - (d) određivanje donatorskih programskih partnera, ako je potrebno;
 - (e) određivanje međunarodnih partnerskih organizacija, ako je potrebno; te
 - (f) određivanje unaprijed definiranih projekata za uključivanje u relevantne programe.
2. Provedbeni okvir naveden je u Prilogu B.

Članak 7.

Fondovi za bilateralne odnose

U skladu s člankom 4.6.1. Uredbe, država korisnica izdvaja sredstva za jačanje bilateralnih odnosa između država donatora i države korisnice. Dogovoreni iznos naveden je u Prilogu B i dodjeljuje se u fondove za bilateralne odnose na nacionalnoj i programskoj razini. Nacionalna fokalna točka upravlja korištenjem sredstava za bilateralne odnose na nacionalnoj razini i osniva Zajednički odbor za bilateralni fond u skladu s člankom 4.9.1. Uredbe. Upravitelji programa upravljaju korištenjem sredstava za bilateralne odnose dodijeljenim za njihove programe. Kad je riječ o donatorskim partnerskim programima, odluke o korištenju sredstava za bilateralne odnose u okviru programa donose se konsenzusom upravitelja programa i donatorskog programskog partnera.

Članak 8.

Izvješće države korisnice

U skladu s člankom 2.6. Uredbe, Nacionalna fokalna točka podnosi OFM-u godišnje izvješće o provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. u državi korisnici. Izvješće države korisnice podnosi se OFM-u svake godine najkasnije do 10. ožujka.

Članak 9.

Godišnji sastanci

U skladu s člankom 2.7. Uredbe, OFM i Nacionalna fokalna točka održavaju godišnje sastanke. Godišnji sastanak omogućava OFM-u i Nacionalnoj fokalnoj točki da razmotre napredak postignut tijekom prethodnog izvještajnog razdoblja i usuglase se o bilo kojim mjerama koje je potrebno provesti. Godišnji sastanak predstavlja forum za raspravu o pitanjima od bilateralnog interesa.

Članak 10. Izmjena priloga

1. Prilozi A i B mogu se mijenjati razmjenom pisama između OFM-a i Nacionalne fokalne točke.
2. Između programa se mogu obavljati kumulativni prijenosi do 10% ukupnih prihvatljivih izdataka programa, a da to ne iziskuje izmjenu Priloga ovom Memorandumu o suglasnosti, pod uvjetom da promjenu odobri OFM izmjenama relevantnih programskih sporazuma.
3. Osim toga, uštede troškova i iznosi koji nisu dodijeljeni projektima mogu se prenijeti u fondove za bilateralne odnose, a da to ne iziskuje izmjenu Priloga ovom Memorandumu o suglasnosti niti odobrenje OFM-a, pod uvjetom da se s Odborom za suradnju predmetnog programa prethodno provede savjetovanje o prijenosu. Takav prijenos sredstava iz programa ne smije utjecati na ciljeve ni na ishode programa. Nacionalna fokalna točka bez odgode obavještava OFM o takvim prijenosima, a OFM, prema potrebi, ažurira relevantne programske sporazume i ugovor o bilateralnim fondovima.
4. Niti jedan prijenos izvršen u skladu sa stavcima 2. i 3. ne smije utjecati na specifična pitanja, uvjete, ciljeve ni druge prioritete navedene u ovom Memorandumu o suglasnosti već mora biti u skladu s odredbama pravnog okvira.

Članak 11. Kontrola i pristup podacima

Odbor za financijske mehanizme, Odbor revizora EFTA-e i njihovi predstavnici imaju pravo provoditi bilo koju tehničku ili financijsku misiju ili pregled koje smatraju potrebnima za praćenje planiranja, provedbe i nadzora programa i projekata, kao i korištenja sredstava. Država korisnica pruža svu potrebnu pomoć, podatke i dokumentaciju.

Članak 12. Načela upravljanja

1. Provedba ovog Memoranduma o suglasnosti u svim je aspektima regulirana Uredbom i njezinim naknadnim izmjenama i dopunama.
2. Ciljevi EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. ostvaruju se u okviru bliske suradnje između država donatorica i države korisnice, u skladu sa zajedničkim vrijednostima i načelima poštovanja ljudskog dostojanstva, slobode, demokracije, jednakosti, vladavine prava i poštovanja ljudskih prava, uključujući prava pripadnika manjina. Stranke su suglasne primjenjivati najviši stupanj transparentnosti, odgovornosti i troškovne efikasnosti, kao i načela dobrog upravljanja, održivog razvoja, ravnopravnosti spolova i nediskriminacije u svim fazama provedbe EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.
3. Svi programi i aktivnosti financirani iz EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028. moraju biti u skladu s tim vrijednostima i načelima te moraju izbjegavati potporu operacijama koje bi mogle biti njima protivne. Njihova provedba mora biti u skladu s temeljnim pravima i obvezama sadržanima u relevantnim instrumentima i standardima.
4. Država korisnica poduzima proaktivne mjere kako bi osigurala postupanje u skladu s navedenim vrijednostima i načelima na svim razinama provedbe EGP financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.

Članak 13.
Stupanje na snagu

Ovaj Memorandum o suglasnosti stupa na snagu dan nakon datuma njegova posljednjeg potpisa.

Ovaj Memorandum o suglasnosti potpisan je u četiri izvornika na engleskom jeziku.

Potpisano u Zagrebu 23. rujna 2025.

Za Island

Helga Hauksdóttir, v.r.

Potpisano u Zagrebu 23. rujna 2025.

Za Republiku Hrvatsku

Nataša Mikuš Žigman, v.r.

Potpisano u Bruxellesu 15. rujna 2025.

Za Kneževinu Lihtenštajn

Pascal Schafhauser, v.r.

Potpisano u Zagrebu 23. rujna 2025.

Za Kraljevinu Norvešku

Arne Sannes Bjørnstad, v.r.

Nacionalne strukture upravljanja i kontrole

1. Nacionalna fokalna točka

Služba za koordinaciju EU programa i programiranje međunarodnih financijskih mehanizama djeluje kao Nacionalna fokalna točka. Na čelu Nacionalne fokalne točke je ministar.

Služba za koordinaciju EU programa i programiranje međunarodnih financijskih mehanizama podređena je Sektoru za EU programe i međunarodne financijske mehanizme unutar Uprave za strateško planiranje i koordinaciju fondova EU u Ministarstvu regionalnoga razvoja i fondova Europske unije.

Služba za koordinaciju EU programa i programiranje međunarodnih financijskih mehanizama odgovara ravnatelju, koji odgovara državnom tajniku. Državni tajnik odgovara ministru.

Uloge i odgovornosti Nacionalne fokalne točke propisane su u Uredbi, posebice u njezinu članku 5.3.

2. Tijelo za ovjeravanje

Sektor za poslove Nacionalnog fonda djeluje kao Tijelo za ovjeravanje. Dužnost čelnika Tijela za ovjeravanje obnaša glavni državni rizničar.

Sektor za poslove Nacionalnog fonda nalazi se u sastavu Državne riznice pri Ministarstvu financija.

Sektor za poslove Nacionalnog fonda izravno odgovara glavnom državnom rizničaru. Glavni državni rizničar odgovara ministru financija.

Uloge i odgovornosti Tijela za ovjeravanje propisane su u Uredbi, posebice njezinu članku 5.4.

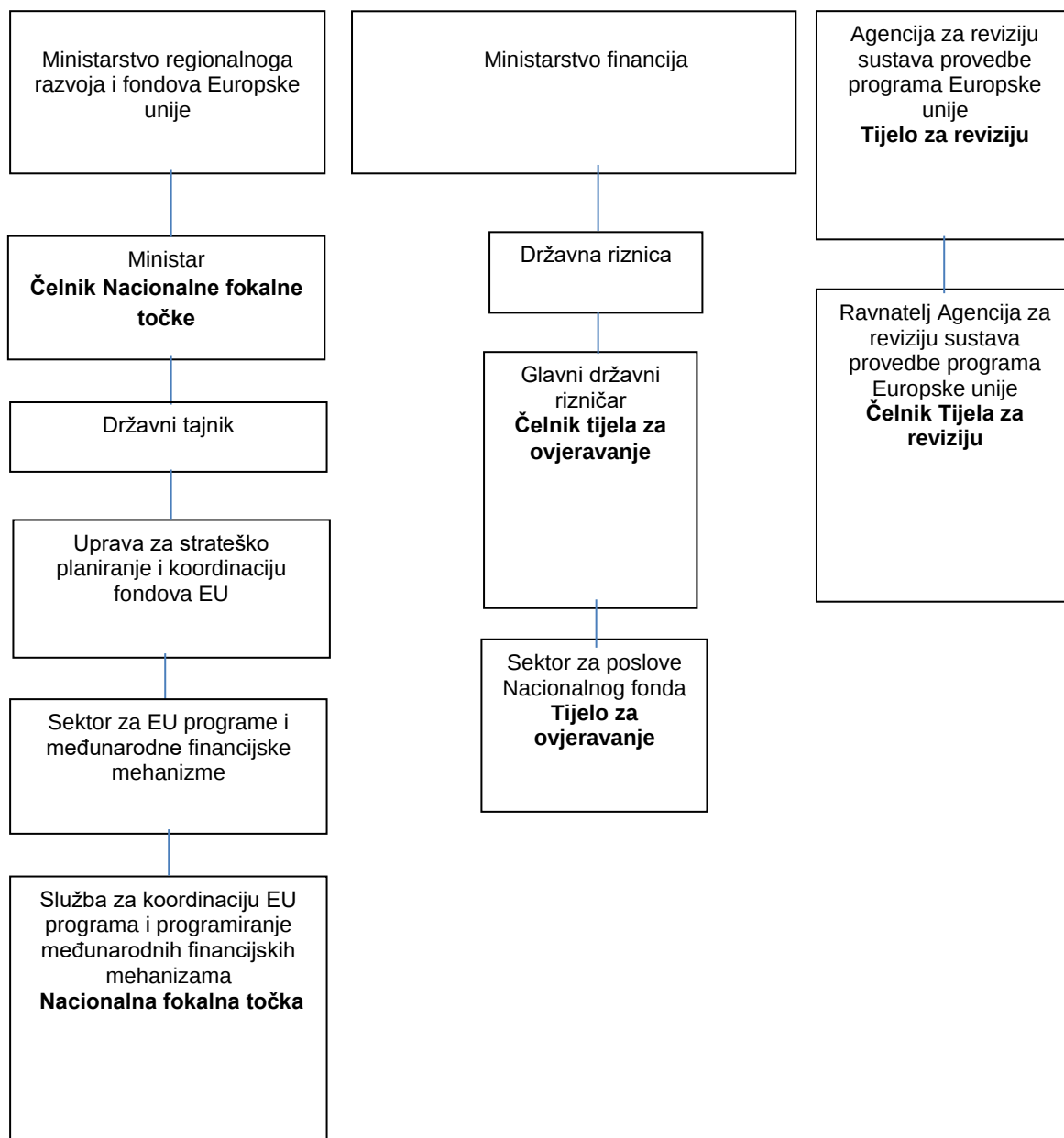
3. Tijelo za reviziju

Agencija za reviziju sustava provedbe programa Europske unije (ARPA) djeluje kao Tijelo za reviziju. Dužnost čelnika Tijela za reviziju obnaša ravnatelj ARPA-e.

ARPA djeluje u svojstvu pravne osobe i funkcionalno je neovisna o ostalim nadležnim tijelima i tijelima koja sudjeluju u upravljanju i provedbi EGP financijskog mehanizma i Norveškog financijskog mehanizma.

Uloge i odgovornosti Tijela za reviziju propisane su u Uredbi, posebice njezinu članku 5.5.

4. Organizacijska shema



Provedbeni okvir

U skladu s člankom 2.5. Uredbe, stranke ovog Memoranduma o suglasnosti usuglasile su se o provedbenom okviru izloženom u ovom Prilogu.

1. Financijski parametri provedbenog okvira

	Republika Hrvatska	Doprinos EGP FM	Nacionalni doprinos
	Programi		
1	Zelena tranzicija	21.600.000 EUR	3.811.765 EUR
2	Lokalni razvoj	33.000.000 EUR	5.823.529 EUR
	Ostale dodjele sredstava		
	Tehnička pomoć državi korisnici (čl. 1.10)	916.172 EUR	0 EUR
	Rezerva za završetak projekata iz FM-a 2014. – '21. (čl. 1.11.)	N/P	N/P
	Sredstva za bilateralne odnose na nacionalnoj razini (čl. 4.7.)	886.500 EUR	0 EUR
	Sredstva za bilateralne odnose na programskoj razini (čl. 4.10.)	400.000 EUR	0 EUR
	Neto sredstva dodijeljena Hrvatskoj	56.802.672 EUR	9.635.294 EUR

2. Uvjeti

N/P

3. Specifična pitanja

Iznos sredstava za bilateralne odnose dodijeljen za pojedine programe navodi se u pripadajućim programskim sporazumima.

Dogovoreni iznos sredstava dodijeljenih za programe i bilateralne fondove uključuje doprinos iz EGP financijskog mehanizma za Hrvatsku povezan s izazovima nastalima uslijed invazije na Ukrajinu, a iznosi 3.383.831 EUR. Sredstva su namijenjena u prvom redu za potporu projektima u okviru programa Zelene tranzicije, odnosno Lokalnog razvoja, a način korištenja sredstava opisan je u pripadajućim programskim sažecima. Izvješćivanje o korištenju doprinosa povezanog s izazovima nastalima uslijed invazije na Ukrajinu uključuje se u izvješća države korisnice i završna programska izvješća.

Teme ravnopravnosti spolova i digitalizacije bit će uključene u sva relevantna programska područja. U programskim sažecima opisan je način na koji će se to postići.

4. Sadržajni parametri provedbenog okvira

Država korisnica treba, uz odobrenje OFM-a, provoditi programe navedene u nastavku sukladno članku 6.3. Uredbe.

A. Program Zelena tranzicija

<i>Programski cilj(evi):</i>	Ubrzanje zelene tranzicije prema održivijem društvu.
<i>Iznos bespovratnih sredstava:</i>	21.600.000 EUR
<i>Sufinanciranje programa:</i>	3.811.765 EUR
<i>Upravitelj programa:</i>	Ministarstvo regionalnoga razvoja i fondova Europske unije Republike Hrvatske
<i>Donatorski programski partner:</i>	Norveška uprava za vodne resurse i energiju Islandski centar za istraživanje
<i>Međunarodne partnerske organizacije:</i>	Organizacija za gospodarsku suradnju i razvoj (OECD) (naknadno će biti potvrđeno)
<i>Programski partneri države korisnice:</i>	Energetski institut Hrvoje Požar
<i>Programska područja:</i>	Zelena tranzicija
<i>Uvjeti specifični za program:</i>	N/P
<i>Pitanja specifična za program:</i>	Radi povećanja energetske otpornosti, program daje prednost slabije razvijenim područjima kao što su otoci, ruralna i planinska područja. Program daje prioritet izgradnji kapaciteta, a u tom kontekstu razmatra se mogućnost da se pri izradi programskog sažetka prethodno definira projekt s OECD-om. Pri izradi programskog sažetka razmatra se mogućnost uključivanja prethodno definiranog projekta u području geotermalne energije s donatorskim programskim partnerima. S donatorskim programskim partnerima se pri izradi programskog sažetka pripremaju prethodno definirani projekti u vezi s energetsom i infrastrukturnom otpornošću. Pri izradi programskog sažetka razmatra se mogućnost prethodnog definiranja dodatnih projekata. Tijekom izrade programskog sažetka provodi se savjetovanje s relevantnim dionicima. Javne ustanove nadležne za relevantno područje javne politike aktivno sudjeluju u pripremi i provedbi programa te su članice Odbora za suradnju. Program se bavi izazovima nastalima kao posljedica invazije na Ukrajinu.

Program će se provoditi zajedno s programom Zelene tranzicije koji se provodi u okviru Norveškog financijskog mehanizma za razdoblje od 2021. do 2028.

B. Program Lokalni razvoj

<i>Programski cilj(evi):</i>	Otpornija, uključiva i održiva društva
<i>Iznos bespovratnih sredstava:</i>	33.000.000 EUR
<i>Sufinanciranje programa:</i>	5.823.529 EUR
<i>Upravitelj programa:</i>	Ministarstvo regionalnoga razvoja i fondova Europske unije Republike Hrvatske
<i>Donatorski programski partneri:</i>	Uprava za visoko obrazovanje i vještine Kraljevine Norveške Nacionalna agencija za međunarodne poslove obrazovanja Kneževine Lihtenštajna
<i>Međunarodne partnerske organizacije:</i>	N/P
<i>Programska područja:</i>	Lokalni razvoj, dobro upravljanje i uključivanje
<i>Uvjeti specifični za program:</i>	N/P
<i>Pitanja specifična za program:</i>	Program osigurava bolji pristup kvalitetnom STEM obrazovanju s naglaskom na vještine i kompetencije 21. stoljeća, u slabije razvijenim područjima, uključujući građanski odgoj. Program podupire uključivo obrazovanje koje učenicima osigurava jednake mogućnosti za uspjeh, neovisno o njihovu podrijetlu ili sposobnostima. Najviša razina financiranja ulaganja u infrastrukturu i opremu (infrastrukturne mjere) iznosi približno 60%. Konačni iznos usuglašava se i utvrđuje programskim sporazumom. Pri izradi programskog sažetka razmatra se mogućnost prethodnog definiranja projekta s Hrvatskom akademskom i istraživačkom mrežom (CARNet) i gradom Reykjavikom. Pri izradi programskog sažetka razmatra se mogućnost prethodnog definiranja projekta sa Sveučilištem u Zagrebu, Sveučilištem u Bergenu i Islandskim meteorološkim zavodom u području seizmičkih istraživanja radi unapređenja analize lokalnih učinaka tla i seizmičke opasnosti. Pri izradi programskog sažetka razmatra se mogućnost prethodnog definiranja projekta s OECD-om radi potpore nacionalnoj urbanoj politici u Hrvatskoj. Pri izradi programskog sažetka razmatra se mogućnost prethodnog definiranja projekta o informacijskom integritetu, uključujući manipulaciju informacijama i vanjsko upletanje, u partnerstvu s donatorskim programskim partnerima. Javne ustanove nadležne za predmetno područje politika aktivno sudjeluju u izradi i provedbi programa te djeluju kao članice Odbora za suradnju. Program se bavi izazovima nastalima kao posljedica invazije na Ukrajinu.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM
2021-2028

between

ICELAND,
THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN,
THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,
hereinafter referred to as the “Donor States”

and

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,
hereinafter referred to as the “Beneficiary State”

together hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

WHEREAS Protocol 38d to the EEA Agreement, incorporated into the EEA Agreement by the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028, establishes a financial mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the “EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028”) through which the Donor States will contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area;

WHEREAS the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 aims to strengthen relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State to the mutual benefit of their peoples;

WHEREAS by decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 4/2024/SC of 24 October 2024 the Donor States have given the Financial Mechanism Committee, established by a decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 4/2004/SC of 3 June 2004, a mandate to manage the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028;

WHEREAS the enhanced cooperation between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State will contribute to securing a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe, based on good governance, democratic institutions, the rule of law, respect for human rights and sustainable development;

WHEREAS the Parties agree to establish a framework for cooperation in order to ensure the effective implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028;

HAVE AGREED on the following:

Article 1 Objectives

1. The overall objectives of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to strengthen bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary States through financial contributions to promote the thematic priorities listed in paragraph 2. Accordingly, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall select programmes for funding that aim to contribute to the achievement of these objectives.
2. The financial contributions shall be available to promote the following thematic priorities:
 - (a) European green transition;
 - (b) Democracy, rule of law and human rights;
 - (c) Social inclusion and resilience.

Article 2 Legal framework

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be read in conjunction with the following documents which, together with this Memorandum of Understanding, constitute the legal framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028:

- (a) Protocol 38d to the EEA Agreement on the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028;
- (b) the Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 (hereinafter referred to as the “Regulation”) issued by the Donor States in accordance with Article 9.4 of Protocol 38d;
- (c) the programme agreements that will be concluded for each programme; and
- (d) any guidelines adopted by the Financial Mechanism Committee in accordance with the Regulation.

Article 3

Financial framework

1. In accordance with Article 2 of Protocol 38d, the total amount of the financial contribution is € 1 805 million in annual tranches of € 257.86 million over the period running from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2028, inclusive.
2. In accordance with Article 6 of Protocol 38d, a total of € 61,078,142 shall be made available to the Beneficiary State over the period referred to in Paragraph 1.
3. In accordance with Article 9.7 of Protocol 38d and Article 1.9 of the Regulation, the management costs of the Donor States shall be covered by the overall amount referred to above. Further provisions to this effect are set out in the Regulation. The net amount of the allocation to be made available to the Beneficiary State is € 56,802,672.

Article 4

Roles and responsibilities

1. The Donor States shall make funds available in support of eligible programmes proposed by the Beneficiary State and agreed on by the Financial Mechanism Committee within the thematic priorities listed in Article 3.1 of Protocol 38d and the programme areas listed in the Annex to Protocol 38d. The Donor States and the Beneficiary State shall cooperate on the preparation of concept notes defining the scope and planned results for each programme.
2. The Beneficiary State shall assure the full co-financing of programmes that benefit from support from the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 in accordance with Annex B and the Programme Agreements.
3. The Beneficiary State shall ensure an enabling environment for the unimpeded implementation of the Civil Society Fund in the Beneficiary State and shall refrain from taking any measures that might prevent Fund Operators from independently exercising their role.
4. The Financial Mechanism Committee shall manage the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 and take decisions on the granting of financial assistance in accordance with the Regulation.
5. The Committee shall be assisted by the Financial Mechanism Office (hereinafter referred to as the “FMO”). The FMO shall serve as a contact point for the Beneficiary State for the day-to-day operations of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028.

Article 5

Designation of authorities

The Beneficiary State has authorised a National Focal Point to act on its behalf. The National Focal Point shall have the overall responsibility for reaching the objectives of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 as well as for the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 in the Beneficiary State in accordance with the Regulation. In accordance with Article 5.2 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point, the Certifying Authority and the Audit Authority are designated in Annex A.

Article 6

Multi-annual programming framework

1. In accordance with Article 2.5 of the Regulation, the Parties have agreed on an implementation framework consisting of the following financial and substantive parameters:
 - (a) a list of agreed programmes, the financial contribution from the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 and from the Beneficiary State;
 - (b) identification of programmes, their objective(s), the Programme Operators, the grant amount and amount of co-financing by programme, the bilateral ambitions as well as any specific concerns relating to the implementation of the programmes;
 - (c) conditions and/or specific concerns at Beneficiary State level relating to target groups, geographical areas or other issues;
 - (d) identification of Donor Programme Partners, as appropriate;
 - (e) identification of International Partner Organisations, as appropriate; and
 - (f) identification of pre-defined projects to be included in relevant programmes.
2. The implementation framework is outlined in Annex B.

Article 7

Funds for bilateral relations

In accordance with Article 4.6.1 of the Regulation the Beneficiary State shall set aside funds to strengthen bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State. The agreed amount is reflected in Annex B and is allocated to the funds for bilateral relations at national and programme level. The National Focal Point shall manage the use of the funds for bilateral relations at national level and shall establish a Joint Committee for the Bilateral Fund in accordance with Article 4.9.1 of the Regulation. The Programme Operators shall manage the use of the funds for bilateral relations allocated to their programmes. For Donor partnership programmes, decisions on the use of the funds for bilateral relations in the programme shall be taken by consensus between the Programme Operator and the Donor Programme Partner(s).

Article 8

Country Report

In accordance with Article 2.6 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall submit to the FMC an annual Country Report on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 in the Beneficiary State. The Country Report shall be submitted to the FMC not later than 10 March each year.

Article 9

Annual meetings

In accordance with Article 2.7 of the Regulation an annual meeting shall be held between the FMC and the National Focal Point. The annual meeting shall allow the FMC and the National Focal Point to examine progress achieved over the previous reporting periods, discuss risks and agree on any necessary measures to be taken. The annual meeting shall provide a forum for discussion of issues of bilateral interest.

Article 10

Modification of the annexes

1. Annex A and B may be amended through an exchange of letters between the FMC and the National Focal Point.
2. Cumulative transfers up to 10% of the total eligible expenditure of a programme may be made between programmes without a modification of the Annexes to this Memorandum of Understanding, provided that the change has been agreed by the FMC through modifications of the relevant Programme Agreements.
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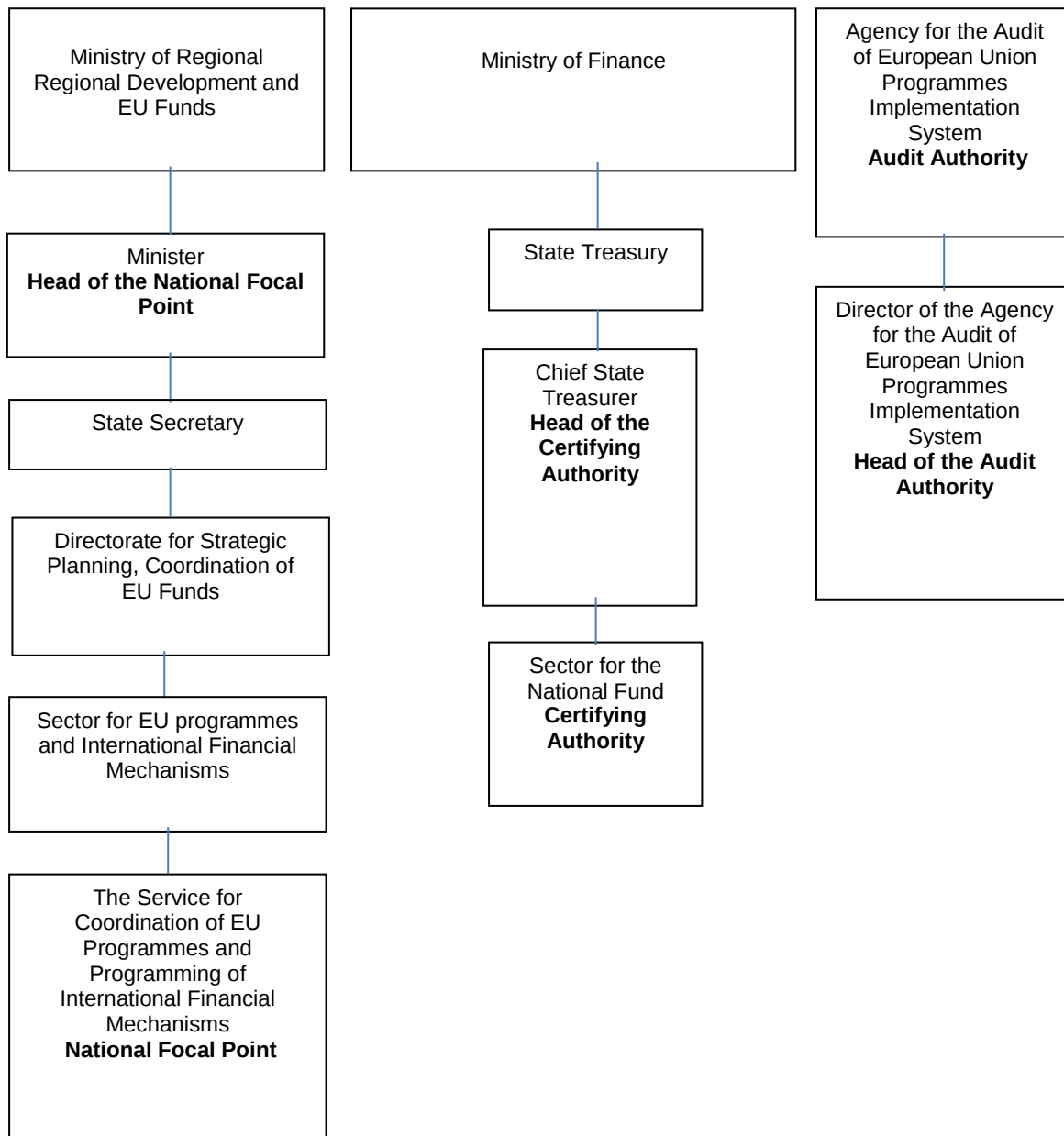
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2. Conditions

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The agreed allocations to the programmes and bilateral funds include the EEA Financial Mechanism contribution to Croatia related to the challenges experienced as a result of the invasion of Ukraine, which amounts to € 3,383,831. The funding shall primarily be made available to support projects under the Green Transition and Local Development programmes and the use of these funds shall be described in the concept note for the programmes. Reporting on the use of the contribution related to the challenges experienced as a result of the invasion of Ukraine shall be included in the country reports and the final programme reports.

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The programme will be implemented in conjunction with the programme Green Transition implemented under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028.

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Financijske obveze koje nastaju za Republiku Hrvatsku na temelju Memoranduma o suglasnosti iz članka 1. ovoga Zakona podmiruju se u okviru proračunskih sredstava za 2026., 2027., 2028., 2029., 2030., 2031. i 2032. godinu.

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Provedba ovoga Zakona u djelokrugu je tijela državne uprave nadležnih za poslove međunarodnih financijskih mehanizama, financija i regionalnoga razvoja.

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Memorandum o suglasnosti iz članka 1. ovoga Zakona stupio je na snagu 24. rujna 2025.

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Ovaj Zakon stupa na snagu osmoga dana od dana objave u „Narodnim novinama“.

O B R A Z L O Ž E N J E

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM
2021-2028

between

ICELAND,
THE PRINCIPALITY OF LIECHTENSTEIN,
THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,
hereinafter referred to as the "Donor States"

and

THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA,
hereinafter referred to as the "Beneficiary State"

together hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

WHEREAS Protocol 38d to the EEA Agreement, incorporated into the EEA Agreement by the Agreement between the European Union, Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway on the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028, establishes a financial mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the "EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028") through which the Donor States will contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area;

WHEREAS the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 aims to strengthen relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State to the mutual benefit of their peoples;

WHEREAS by decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 4/2024/SC of 24 October 2024 the Donor States have given the Financial Mechanism Committee, established by a decision of the Standing Committee of the EFTA States No. 4/2004/SC of 3 June 2004, a mandate to manage the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028;

WHEREAS the enhanced cooperation between the Donor States and the Beneficiary State will contribute to securing a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe, based on good governance, democratic institutions, the rule of law, respect for human rights and sustainable development;

WHEREAS the Parties agree to establish a framework for cooperation in order to ensure the effective implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028;

HAVE AGREED on the following:

Article 1 Objectives

1. The overall objectives of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to strengthen bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary States through financial contributions to promote the thematic priorities listed in paragraph 2. Accordingly, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall select programmes for funding that aim to contribute to the achievement of these objectives.
2. The financial contributions shall be available to promote the following thematic priorities:
 - (a) European green transition;
 - (b) Democracy, rule of law and human rights;
 - (c) Social inclusion and resilience.

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This Memorandum of Understanding shall be read in conjunction with the following documents which, together with this Memorandum of Understanding, constitute the legal framework of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021-2028:

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Article 3

Financial framework

1. In accordance with Article 2 of Protocol 38d, the total amount of the financial contribution is € 1 805 million in annual tranches of € 257.86 million over the period running from 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2028, inclusive.
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Article 4

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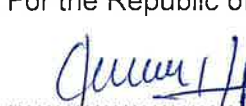
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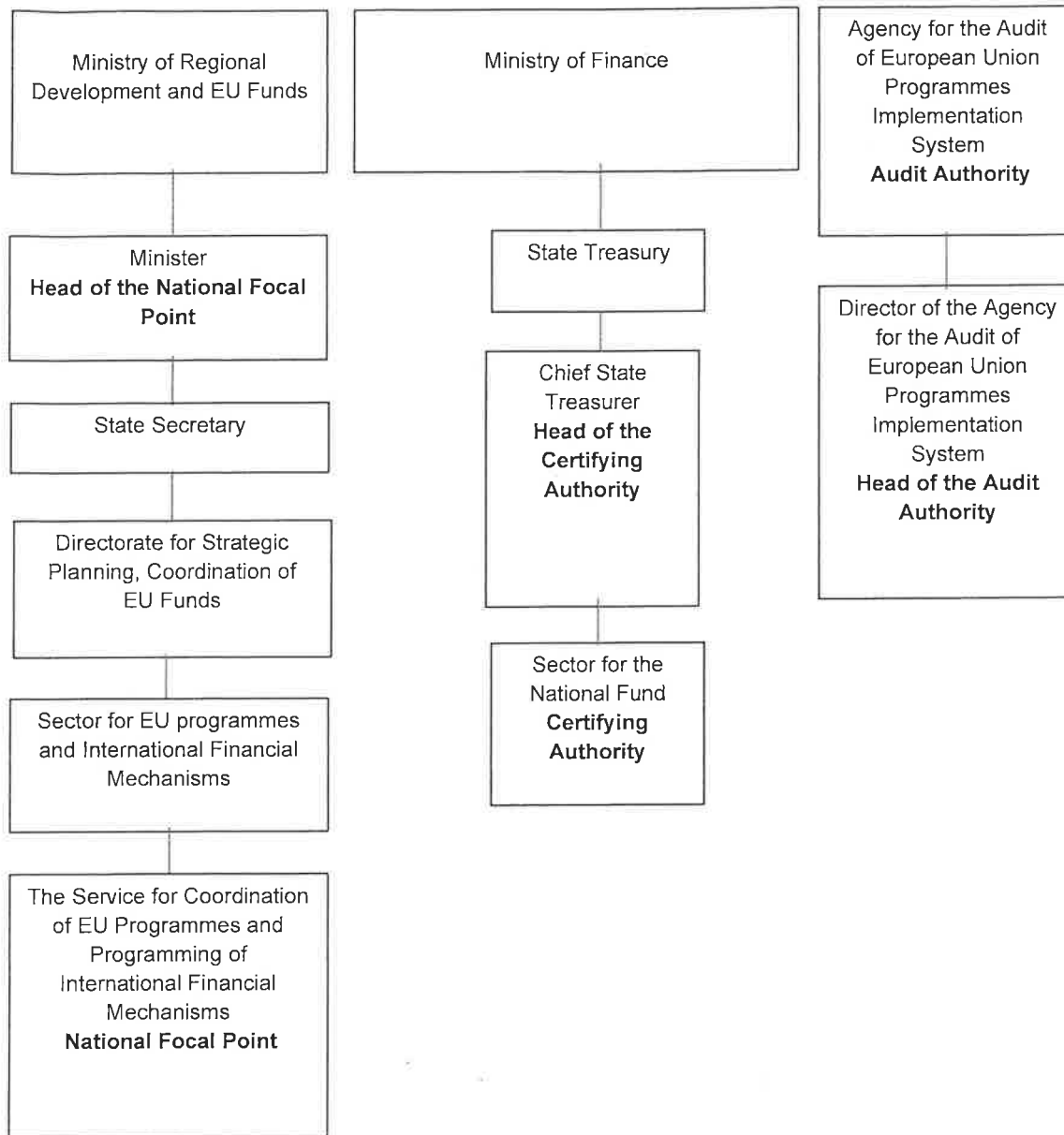
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