

L.N. 281 of 2025**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACT
(CAP. 595)****European Union Programmes Agency
(Establishment) (Amendment) Order, 2025**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 26 of the Public Administration Act, the Prime Minister has made the following order:-

Citation. **1.** The title of this order is the European Union Programmes Agency (Establishment) (Amendment) Order, 2025 and this order shall be read and construed as one with the European Union Programmes Agency (Establishment) Order, hereinafter referred to as the "principal order".

S.L. 595.30.

Amends article 2 of the principal order.

2. Article 2 of the principal order shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the definition "actions" there shall be added the following new definitions:

"Erasmus+ Programme" means the programme established by means of the applicable European Union legislation;

"European Solidarity Corps" means the programme established by means of the applicable European Union legislation;";

(b) the definition "National Authority" shall be substituted by the following new definition:

" "National Authority" means the office appointed in accordance with the applicable European Union legislation to monitor and supervise the management of the Erasmus + Programme and the European Solidarity Corps Programme in Malta in accordance with the applicable Union legislation;".

Amends article 3 of the principal order.

3. In sub-article (1) of article 3 of the principal order the words "2014-2020" shall be substituted by the words "and the European Solidarity Corps".

4. Immediately after article 4 of the principal order there shall be added the following new article:

Adds new article to the principal order.

"Responsibilities of the National Authority.

4A. (1) The National Authority shall be responsible for the monitoring and supervision of the management of the National Agency at national level in the implementation of the programme for European Union action in the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps, in accordance with applicable European Union Regulations and national provisions.

(2) In the exercise of its functions, the National Authority shall in particular:

(a) ensure the proper monitoring and supervision of the National Agency in order to guarantee that its operations are fully aligned with European Union Regulations, guidelines and national priorities;

(b) ensure that the National Agency manages all financial resources entrusted to it in a transparent, accurate, and accountable manner, in compliance with European Union and national financial Regulations and requirements.

(3) The National Authority shall provide adequate co-financing for the operations of its national agency to ensure that the Erasmus + Programme and the European Solidarity Corps are managed in compliance with the applicable European Union Regulations.

(4) Without prejudice to any other action that the National Authority is required to initiate or to take under any other European Union or national law, where the National Authority identifies through its check that serious irregularities or fraud has taken place, it shall immediately inform the Minister to withhold or partially withhold any further payments of national funds."

5. Sub-article (3) of article 5 of the principal order shall be substituted by the following new sub-article:

Amends article 5 of the principal order.

Cap. 595. "(3) The National Agency shall be a Government Agency as established in accordance with article 26 of the Public Administration Act."

6. Sub-article (1) of article 7 of the principal order shall be amended as follows:

Amends article 7 of the principal order.

(a) in paragraph (a) thereof the words "give advances" shall be substituted by the words "process payments";

B 2666

(b) in paragraph (c) thereof the words "by the Minister" shall be substituted by the words "by the Permanent Secretary".

Amends article
8 of the
principal order.

7. In sub-article (1) of article 8 of the principal order immediately after the words "set out in article 3(1)" there shall be added the words "taking into account the Commission programmes' guides".

Amends article
12 of the
principal order.

8. Article 12 of the principal order shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-article (4) thereof the words "appointed by the Minister" shall be substituted by the words "appointed by the National Co-ordinator";

(b) in sub-article (5) thereof immediately after the words "Erasmus + Programme" there shall be added the words "and the European Solidarity Corps";

(c) sub-article (9) thereof shall be deleted.
