



Cooperation Framework

between the

Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of the

Republic of Malta

and the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of the Republic of Kosovo

(2023 – 2028)

In recalling the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter referred to as the MoU between Parties), signed 12 December 2013, in Valletta, Malta.

The two Parties with the intention to enhance their cooperation, plan to undertake the following activities:

Article 1

Political Consultations

- i. The two Parties, within the context of the afore-mentioned MoU, undertake to exchange views and information and assist each other in their policies related to the European Union and the Mediterranean and the Western Balkans region through the following actions.
- ii. The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta will stand ready to assist the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Kosovo in providing information and insights on developments in the Mediterranean, with a particular focus on North Africa and the Middle East;
- iii. Parties will hold yearly political consultations based on a format that will be decided according to the agenda items;
- iv. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Kosovo will invite and support, on internship basis, a junior diplomat or other public official from Malta, at one of the public diplomacy programs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Kosovo;
- v. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Kosovo will invite senior officials from the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta at all international conferences, and other initiatives hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora of Kosovo and vice versa,
- vi. The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta will facilitate familiarization visits by a junior diplomat/s from Kosovo to the Ministry to observe the work of different Directorates and Units, especially those involved in multilateral and regional diplomacy.

Article 2

Economic, Social and Cultural Initiatives

Parties will develop and further strengthen the friendly bilateral relations covering economic, social and cultural initiatives as follows:

- i. Parties shall propose and facilitate the process of concluding bilateral agreements covering education, vocational training, youth and sport, tourism, culture, and civil protection that would help enhance the commercial, social, and cultural relations between the two countries;
- ii. Parties shall utilize all possible opportunities to promote and create good conditions to initiate contacts between respective business communities, through the involvement of Chambers of Commerce and other entities responsible for commercial exchanges;
- iii. Parties shall facilitate the possibility to bring closer and connect professional tourism institutions in both countries in order to benefit from the specific education and training;
- iv. Parties shall facilitate the cooperation between the Ministry of Health of Malta and Ministry of Health of Kosovo, in sharing experiences between professionals in the categories of nurses, medical laboratory scientists/technologists, pharmacists, pharm techs, occupational therapists and radiographers. This will take place in full compliance with the standards and certifications required by the health authorities of both parties.
- v. In addition, the respective Foreign Ministries will facilitate contacts between entities concerned with ICT and e-government development, simplification of bureaucracy, SME strategies as well as bringing together the ICT sector and Start Ups from both countries.
- vi. Parties will assist each other in establishing their respective cultural days in both capitals, Day of Maltese Culture or Day of Malta in Kosovo and Day of Kosovar Culture or Day of Kosovo in Malta;
- vii. Parties will seek to reinforce people-to-people contacts, especially those between respective youth through cultural programs and sporting events;
- viii. Parties will also seek to establish contacts between the University of Malta and the Kosovo Universities;

Article 3

Training of Kosovo's public officials on European Union procedures

The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta will stand ready to provide expertise and best practice sharing to Kosovo's public officials on:

- i. Institutional mechanisms and administrative capacity on issues related to the process of European integration and enlargement;
- ii. The role of the Foreign Ministry and main challenges in the integration process;

Article 4

Memorandum of Understanding between the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and the Diplomatic Academy of the Republic of Kosovo

- i. The Parties welcome the continued implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) and the Diplomatic Academy of the Republic of Kosovo, which took place at MEDAC on 30 November 2015.

Article 5

This renewed Cooperation Framework shall enter into force on the date of signature and shall remain in force for five (5) years, unless either Signatory terminates it by notification, through diplomatic channels.

The termination shall come into effect after three (3) months from the date of the said notification.

Signed in, Malta, on 30/01/2023, in two originals, in the English language.

**For the Ministry for Foreign and
European Affairs and Trade of the
Republic of Malta**

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and Diaspora of the Republic of
Kosovo**




