

International Affairs and Policy Development Directorate (IAPD)

Structure, Functions and Responsibilities

The Directorate is currently made up of the following officials;

- Director
 - Assistant Director
 - Senior Manager
 - 3 Manager II officials
- Administrative Officer
- Basic Specialist Trainee in Public Health Medicine on rotation every 3 months

The main function of the Directorate is to coordinate the formulation of the Ministry's position on Health policies originating from the European Union whilst also exploring and utilising other policy opportunities arising from international bodies such as the World Health Organisation. The Directorate also coordinates the implementation of provisions arising from the European Union and other bilateral and multilateral relations with various countries in the area of health.

Policy development is a dynamic process which requires the consolidation of the Government position on a wide range of health related policies, to which the Ministry for Health is the lead Ministry. This takes place through the scrutiny of different policy documents including both legislative (such as proposal of EU Regulations or Directives) and non-legislative (including reports, questionnaires and Communications from the Commission).

The Directorate embraces the mainstreaming of health in all policies through its work and collaborates (or participates) in inter-sectoral activities and reviews. It is frequently consulted by other Ministries and government entities to review the Ministry's position on various health topics, in order to ascertain that health -related provisions are promoted and appropriately catered for.

General Description of the Categories of Documents Held

- Draft Explanatory Memoranda related to EU (Health) dossiers
- Draft Instruction Notes related to EU policy in the area of Health
- Draft Briefing Notes and Speaking Notes related to EU policy in the area of Health
- Draft Bi-lateral Agreements in the area of Health
- Draft Legislation in relation to the transposition of EU Directives in the area of Health

All IAPD's documents are compiled in draft form. These are submitted to EUCD/MFT and PREU for the required clearance.

EU related policies papers such as white papers or green papers are accessible online via <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

National Legislation can be accessed via the Ministry for Justice and Local Government website <http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/>

European Union Law information can be accessed via:
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

European Parliament related information can be accessed via:
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/home/home.do>

Bi-lateral Agreements can be accessed via:
<http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/Treaties%20Series/Pages/Treaties%20Search%20Page.aspx>

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