

International Affairs and Policy Development Directorate (IAPD)

Structure, Functions and Responsibilities

The Directorate is currently made up of the following officials:

- Director
- Research Officer
- Principal
- Executive Officer

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 opportunities arising from International bodies in particular the World Health Organisation. Its main function is to co-ordinate the implementation of provisions arising from the European Union and other bilateral and multilateral relations in the area of health.

Policy development takes place on an ongoing basis through the consolidation of Government position 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 collaboration in inter-sectoral activities and reviews. It is frequently consulted by other Ministries and entities to review their positions on various subjects in order to ascertain that health -related aspects are promoted and appropriately catered for.

General Description of the Categories of Documents Held

- Draft Legislation in relation transposition to EU Directives
- Draft Explanatory Memoranda related to EU dossiers
- Draft Instruction Notes related to EU items
- Draft Briefing Notes related to EU items
- Draft Speaking Notes
- Draft Bi-lateral Agreements

IAPD's documents are in draft form. These are submitted to EUCD/MFEA 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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