

ADDENDUM

**to the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM
2004-2009**

signed on 3 February 2005

between

the Republic of Iceland, The Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway

and

the Republic of Portugal

(hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”)

WHEREAS the Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2004-2009 was entered into between the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein, the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Portugal on 3 February 2005;

WHEREAS it follows from Articles 4, 5 and Annex A of the Memorandum of Understanding that the Ministry of Towns, Local Administration, Housing and Regional Development (MCALHDR) has been authorized by the Republic of Portugal to act on its behalf as its national focal point;

WHEREAS from March 2005 a new government organisation has been implemented in Portugal;

WHEREAS the role as national focal point has been transferred from the MCALHDR to the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development (MAOTDR) and a Management Unit has been set up within the MAOTDR for this purpose;

WHEREAS these changes should be reflected in the Memorandum of Understanding;

WHEREAS the parties have agreed on further technical adjustments to Annex A of the Memorandum of Understanding;

THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING:

Article 1

The references in Articles 4, 5 and Annex A to the Ministry of Towns, Local Administration, Housing and Regional Development (MCALHDR) shall be replaced with references to the Ministry of Environment, Spatial Planning and Regional Development (MAOTDR).

Article 2

1. The following shall be inserted in Annex A under the heading “Auditing arranged by the National Focal Point”, after the four bullet points:

“**Auditing** of approved projects will be carried out at three levels:

- At the highest level, **Inspecção Geral das Finanças (IGF)**, an independent office within the framework of the Ministry of Finance charged with public internal control of state accounts and all EU funds, will certify approved projects accounts; IGF is independent of the National Focal Point and Paying Authority;
- Intermediate level auditing will be conducted within the Paying Authority, the Directorate General for Regional Development (Direcção Geral de Desenvolvimento Regional – DGDR);
- Regular management control will be carried out by the National Focal Point within the Management Unit.“

2. The following shall replace the existing two sentences in Annex A related to “The Tribunal de Contas” under the heading “Auditing arranged by the National Focal Point”:

“Additional auditing on a sample basis can also be executed by the **Tribunal de Contas**, an independent court of audit.”

3. The following (underlined) shall be inserted in Annex A at the end of the last sentence related to “The Monitoring Committee” under the heading “Additional implementing Structures”, so that the sentence will read:

“The Chairman of the Committee invites, as observers, representatives of the FMO and of the EEA EFTA States authorities”.

Article 3

This Addendum enters into force on the day after the date of the last signature.

This Addendum is signed in four originals in the English language.

Signed in Brussels on _____
For the Republic of Iceland

Signed in Lisbon on _____
For the Republic of Portugal

Signed in Brussels on _____
For the Principality of Liechtenstein

Signed in Brussels on _____
For the Kingdom of Norway