IMPLEMENTATION OF E-COHESION

General characteristics

MALTA

No. of **targeted national/regional operational programmes** covering ERDF/CF: **2**

No. of **e-Cohesion systems**: **1**

At a glance:

e-Cohesion system: SFD 2014-2020 (Structural Funds Database 2014-2020)
Introduction of the system: Operational since 2015.
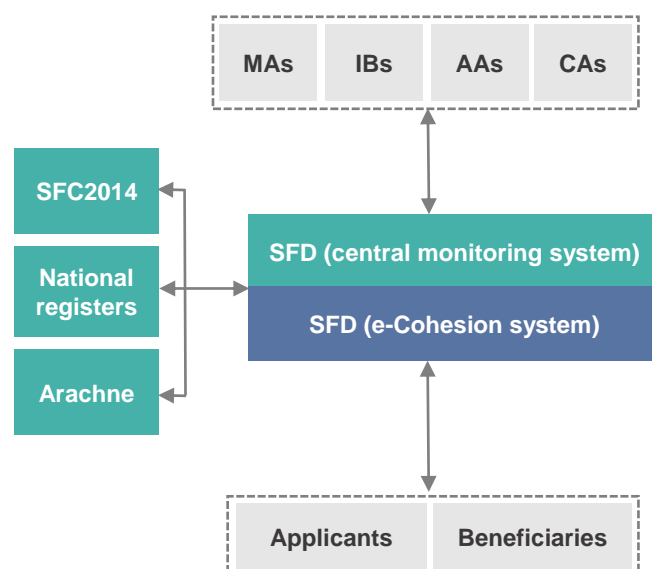**Type of the system:** National system - it covers two national OPs and does not support any Interreg programmes.
Implementation mode: Highly centralised.
Use during 2021-2027: New system will be developed/purchased.
Fund coverage of the system: ☑ **ERDF** ☑ **CF**

Context and structure of e-Cohesion

- e-Cohesion in Malta is **highly centralised** - SFD is the only system used in the country and covers the only two national OPs - "*Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges*" and "*Stimulate private sector investment for economic growth*";

- e-Cohesion in Malta showcase **high levels of interoperability**; SFD is closely integrated with the **central monitoring system** and other **national governmental registers** (e.g., Central bank of Malta, other EU funds databases);

- SFD is also integrated with the **European Commission's System for Fund Management (SFC2014)** and **Arachne database;**

- SFD supports all key processes related to project implementation as well as the application process;

- The use of SFD is not mandatory, but it is the **officially provided solution** for project application and management.

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Principles: Interoperability and once-only encoding

- **SFD supports once-only encoding on the cross-programme level:** Data and documents provided by beneficiaries are shared with all relevant authorities;

- While the system generally **supports the pre-filling of information,** not enough data is available to confirm which types of information are pre-filled and from which sources.

e-Cohesion features: Coverage of processes and functionalities

- **SFD supports all operations related to project application and implementation** (progress reports, modification requests, payment claims and management verifications / on-the-spot checks);

- **SFD supports all functionalities associated with user-friendliness** (interactive forms, automatic calculations, checks for incorrect/missing data, system-generated alerts, online status tracking, validity of e-signature and availability of previous data).

> *Please note that this fiche is not informed by the survey results. We did not receive enough responses, therefore, the information presented in this fiche builds on desk research and additional information received from relevant authorities.*