**Secretariat for European Affairs**

**NIPAC office – Monitoring and Evaluation of EU Programmes under IPA II**

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**New proposals for 2023 tentative dates for the IPA Monitoring Committee (MC) and the Sectoral Monitoring Committee (SMC) meetings.**

* As per Article 52 (1) of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement, the Commission and the IPA III beneficiary shall set up an IPA monitoring committee no later than six months after the entry into force of the first financing agreement. This committee shall also fulfil the responsibilities of the IPA monitoring committee under Council Regulation (EC) No 1085/2006 (‘IPA Regulation’) and under the IPA II Regulation.
* As per Article 53 (1) of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement, in case of indirect management by the IPA III beneficiary the IPA SMC should be established 6 months after the signing of the first Financing Agreement in each sector.
* The IPA II Sector Monitoring committee should be used as an established platform for the SMC under IPA III.
* The IPA III Sector Monitoring committee should discuss on equal terms the implementation issues, under direct and indirect management, provided that all the necessary and timely data on implementation are collected and properly disseminated to the members of the Sector Monitoring committees.
* The SMC should provide basis for the discussion under the IPA MC meeting.
* The reporting requirements for drafting IPA Annual Report on Implementation heavily depends on the issues and information provided by and discussed on the Sector Monitoring committees’ meetings.

In 2023 (having in view the signed Financing Agreements for different sectors/subsectors), there should be:

1. IPA Monitoring Committee meeting once per year;
2. IPA Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Rule of Law and Fundamental rights – twice per year
3. IPA Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Transport and Environment - twice per year
4. IPA Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Regional Competitiveness and Innovation, Agriculture, and Energy – twice per year
5. IPA Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Democracy and Governance including Public Administration Reform – twice per year
6. IPA Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Education, Employment and Social Policy – twice per year

The tentative schedule is proposed by the NIPAC office in January year n-1 and agreed with the EU Delegation by beginning of year n.

The dates agreed for SMC and IPA MC meetings could only be modified in limited and highly exceptional cases.

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| **No.** | **Monitoring/Sector Monitoring Committee** | **Provisional date[[1]](#footnote-1)proposed by NIPAC office (second round of consultations)** | **Final date in agreement with EUD** | **Comment** |
| 1 | IPA Monitoring Committee meeting | 8th meeting  8 March 2023 | 8th meeting  8 March 2023 | The IPA annual report on implementation to be discussed with the IPA MC in written procedure |
| 2 | IPA II Sector Monitoring committee on Rule of Law and Fundamental rights | 7th meeting  12 April 2023 | 7th meeting  12 April 2023 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 8th meeting  4 October 2023 | 8th meeting  4 October 2023 |
| 3. | IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Transport and Environment | 8th meeting  27 April 2023 | 8th meeting  27 April 2023 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 9th meeting  25 October 2023 | 9th meeting  25 October 2023 |
| 4. | IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Regional Competitiveness, Innovation and Agriculture and Rural Development, and Energy | 7th meeting  5 May 2023 | 7th meeting  5 May 2023 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 8th meeting  3 November 2023 | 8th meeting  3 November 2023 |
| 5. | IPA II Sector Monitoring committee on Democracy and Governance (focus on PAR and PFM) | 5th meeting  19 May 2023 | 5th meeting  19 May 2023 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 6th meeting  17 November 2023 | 6th meeting  17 November 2023 |
| 6. | IPA II Sector Monitoring committee on Education, employment and social policy | 5th meeting  22 March 2023 | 5th meeting  22 March 2023 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 6th meeting  1 December 2023 |  |  |
| 7. | IPARD II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting (two meetings in 2023) | Spring meeting April/May 2023  Autumn meeting  November/December 2023  The exact date is arranged 45 days before the meeting in communication between IPARD MA and PA and DG AGRI | This should be agreed with DG AGRI. |  |

1. The tentative dates are proposed tentatively and having in mind the time to draft the meeting minutes from the previous meeting and to organize the next SMC, including the invitations, supporting materials and time for preparation of the participants. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)