**Secretariat for European Affairs**

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

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**New proposals for 2022 tentative dates for the IPA Monitoring Committee (MC) and the Sectoral Monitoring Committee (SMC) meetings.**

* The IPA I Sector Monitoring committee should be used as an established platform for the SMC under IPA II.
* The IPA II 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.
* As per Article 53 (1) of the Framework Agreement, in case of indirect management by the IPA II beneficiary the IPA II SMC should be established 6 months after the signing of the first Financing Agreement in each sector.
* The SMC should provide basis for the discussion under the IPA MC meeting.
* The reporting requirements for drafting IPA II Annual Report on Implementation heavily depends on the issues and information provided by and discussed on the Sector Monitoring committees’ meetings.

In 2022 (having in view the signed Financing Agreements for different sectors/subsectors), there should be:

1. IPA Monitoring Committee meeting once per year;
2. IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Rule of Law and Fundamental rights –twice per year
3. IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Transport and Environment- twice per year
4. IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Regional Competitiveness and Innovation and Agriculture-twice per year
5. IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Democracy and Governance including Public Administration Reform – twice per year
6. IPA II 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 EUD 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** | **Final date in agreement with EUD** | **Comment** |
| 1 | IPA Monitoring Committee meeting | 7th meeting  22 March 2022 | 7th meeting  22 March 2022 | The IPA I TAIB and IPA II annual reports on implementation facilitate the discussions on IPA implementation in the IPA MC. |
| 2 | IPA II Sector Monitoring committee on Rule of Law and Fundamental rights | 6th meeting  12 April 2022 | 6th meeting  12 April 2022 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 7th meeting  4 October 2022 | 7th meeting  4 October 2022 |
| 3. | IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Transport and Environment | 7th meeting  13 May 2022 | 7th meeting  13 May 2022 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 8th meeting  25 October 2022 | 8th meeting  25 October 2022 |
| 4. | IPA II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting on Regional Competitiveness and Innovation and Agriculture and Rural Development | 6th meeting  27 April 2022 | 6th meeting  27 April 2022 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 7th meeting  3 November 2022 | 7th meeting  3 November 2022 |
| 5. | IPA II Sector Monitoring committee on Democracy and Governance (focus on PAR and PFM in 2020) | 4th meeting  26 May 2022 | 4th meeting  26 May 2022 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 5th meeting  17 November 2022 | 5th meeting  17 November 2022 |
| 6. | IPA II Sector Monitoring committee on Education, employment and social policy | 4th meeting  31 May 2022 | 4th meeting  31 May 2022 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 5th meeting  2 December 2022 | 5th meeting  2 December 2022 |  |
| 7. | IPARD II Sector Monitoring Committee meeting (two meetings in 2022) | Spring meeting April/May 2022  Autumn meeting  November/December 2022  The exact date is arranged 45 days before the meeting in communication between IPARD MA and PA and DG AGRI | This will be agreed with DG AGRI. |  |

1. The dates are proposed tentatively, 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)