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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2022 was marked by the strong resurgence of face-to-face activities, the reinforcement of the Programme's monitoring and evaluation and the closing of the cycle of the Active Citizens Fund, with the launch of the last call of the current funding period and with the approval of the last 20 projects. This year also marks the end of the pre-defined project.

The Programme reached a commitment rate of 106.5%, i.e., the approved support exceeds the amount provided by the EEA Grants due to the use of the overbooking decided by the Foundation in 2021.

In 2022, the Programme already achieved or exceeded all targets, with emphasis on:

- The approval of 176 projects instead of the 150 planned.
- All output and outcome targets set out in the 30 indicators contracted with the FMO for the 4 Programme Outcomes are expected to at least be achieved given the projects contracted or to be contracted, even though we have seen the results of some projects that have already ended fall below target.
- 36 projects with donor country partnerships, when the target contracted with the FMO is 12. 3 bilateral cooperation initiatives by Portuguese NGOs were also approved this year, for a total of 10.
- 72 projects from promoters based outside the Metropolitan Areas of Lisbon and Porto were approved, thus exceeding the target set with the FMO of 54, which already represented a doubling of the previous period's result.

In 2022 the FO held 2 mandatory project management workshops and thematic workshops on project communication, project evaluation and public procurement.

This year, the successively postponed international conference Digital for Good was held, in which the latest developments and technological trends were discussed to support a stronger and better-prepared civil society in Europe, capable of progressing in the digital age and finding, together new solutions to the new problems we face. The conference was co-organized with the Fund Operators from Estonia and Malta.

The Programme was also present at a meeting of Fund Operators organised by the FMO in Brussels and at 2 events in Oslo on Human Rights and advocacy for social inclusion and co-organised a training workshop in Athens with the Greek and Romanian FOs.

This year, the FO more than doubled its monitoring visits. And in March, KPMG Finland and KPMG Portugal audited the Programme and 5 supported projects at the request of the FMO. The FO received an unqualified report with recommendations on procedures that the Programme duly answered. Another 9 audits were carried on by the external entity Alberto Soares & Associados during 2022.

In the first half of 2022, the mid-term evaluation of the PT ACF was carried out by the University of Porto, focusing on 2 areas – Education for Citizenship and Capacity-building.

In 2022 the partnership with Portuguese TV channel SIC started to produce results, with 4 supported project stories broadcast. In October, the FO launched an institutional Programme [video](#). During the year, the media covered the programme and its supported project in 47 news.

With the approval of the last projects and the closure of more projects over time, including the pre-defined project, the level of uncertainty has been reduced, as is reflected in the risk register.