**Secretariat for European Affairs**

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

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**New proposals for 2024 tentative dates for the IPA Monitoring Committee (MC) and the Sectoral Monitoring Committee (SMC) meetings.**

* Pursuant to 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.
* Pursuant to Article 53 (1) of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement, the IPA III beneficiary shall have in place IPA sectoral monitoring committees to monitor annual and multi-annual programmes implemented in indirect management by the IPA III beneficiary, which are financed by the IPA Regulation, the IPA II Regulation and the IPA III Regulation in a specific sector or programme. Such committees shall be in place no later than six months after the entry into force of the first financing agreement in that sector.
* Pursuant to Article 53 (3) of the Financial Framework Partnership Agreement, where an IPA sectoral monitoring committee is in place, this committee may, in addition to the multi-annual programmes implemented in indirect management, monitor other annual programmes in direct or indirect management in the same specific sector. This provision does not apply to IPARD III programmes.
* The SMC should provide basis for the discussion under the IPA MC meeting.

In 2024, there should be:

1. IPA III Monitoring Committee meeting once per year;
2. IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee meeting on Transport and Environment and Climate Action - twice per year;
3. IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee meeting on Competitiveness, Innovation, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Energy - twice per year;
4. IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee meeting on Democracy and Governance (with focus on Public Administration Reform and Public Finance Management) – twice per year;
5. IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee meeting on Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights – twice per year;
6. IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee meeting on Education, Employment and Social Policies, and Health – 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/Sectoral Monitoring Committee** | **Provisional date[[1]](#footnote-1)proposed by NIPAC Office (first round of consultations)[[2]](#footnote-2)** | **Final date in agreement with EUD** | **Comment** |
| 1 | IPA III Monitoring Committee | 2nd meeting  17 April 2024 | 2nd meeting  17 April 2024 | The IPA annual report on implementation to be discussed with the IPA MC in written procedure |
| 2 | IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee on Transport and Environment and Climate Action | 3rd meeting  11 April 2024 | 3rd meeting  11 April 2024 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 4th meeting  4 October 2024 | 4th meeting  4 October 2024 |
| 3. | IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee on Competitiveness, Innovation, Agriculture and Rural Development, and Energy | 3rd meeting  23 April 2024 | 3rd meeting  23 April 2024 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 4th meeting  15 October 2024 | 4th meeting  15 October 2024 |
| 4. | IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee on Democracy and Governance (focus on PAR and PFM) | 2nd meeting  21 May 2024 | 2nd meeting  21 May 2024 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 3rd meeting  29 October 2024 | 3rd meeting  29 October 2024 |
| 5. | IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee on Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights | 3rd meeting  15 May 2024 | 3rd meeting  15 May 2024 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 4th meeting  6 November 2024 | 4th meeting  6 November 2024 |
| 6. | IPA III Sectoral Monitoring Committee on Education, Employment and Social Policies and Health | 2nd meeting  28 May 2024 | 2nd meeting  28 May 2024 | Background materials for the status of implementation including any issues. |
| 3rd meeting  26 November 2024 | 3rd meeting  26 November 2024 |

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)
2. The IPARD Monitoring Committee meetings are not included in this schedule, as their schedule is subject of agreement between the IPARD Managing Authority within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy and DG AGRI. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)