**Annex I – Legal bases and explanations for the EFFA programme**

The procedural and institutional arrangements presented in the self-assessment apply not only to the programmes supported by the ERDF, CF and ESF+, but also to the programme “European Funds for Food Aid 2021-2027” supported by the ESF+. The table below summarises how these arrangements apply in practice to this programme and indicates the legal basis where relevant.

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| **Chapters of the self-assessment** | **“European Funds for Food Aid 2021-2027” (FEPŻ) programme** |
| **Chapters I-III** | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements) |
| **Chapter IV. Obligation of the institutions and the beneficiary to respect the Charter of Fundamental Rights:** |
| 1. Institutions obliged to respect the Charter  | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements) |
| 2. Obligations of the Beneficiary  | All beneficiaries are obliged to respect the Charter according to provisions of the programme, implementation documents, as well as the Guidelines of the Managing Authority (MA) for individual editions of programme (sub-programmes). The Guidelines for Intermediate Body (IB) and Beneficiaries - Partner Organizations for sub-programme 2023 is available on the website of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy: <https://www.gov.pl/web/rodzina/podprogram-2023> Beneficiaries describe the compliance with the Charter both at the stage of submission of applications for co-financing of projects and applications for payments, submitted to the MA or IB.  |
| **Chapter V. System for the protection of fundamental rights in Poland in the context of implementation of the European Funds:**  |
| 1. The Ombudsman and his role in dealing with complaints 2. Institutions of the system for the implementation of European funds2.1 Managing authorities  | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements) |
| 2.2 Coordinator for Charter of Fundamental Rights in the Managing Authority  | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements). The Coordinator for the Charter was appointed by the Managing Authority.  |
| 2.3 European Funds Ombudsman (EFO)  | This role is played by the Independent Unit for the Complaints and Petitions in the Department of Social Assistance and Integration at the Ministry of Family and Social Policy (Act Nr 24 of the Minister of Family and Social Policy of 4 August 2022 establishing the organisational rules of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy) |
| 3. Administrative courts  | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements) |
| **Chapter VI. Responsibilities of the institutions of the system for the implementation of European funds to ensure compliance with the Charter for the implementation of the tasks entrusted to them at all stages of programme implementation:**  |
| 1. Programming and preparation of implementation documents  | As described in the self-assessment and to be applied by the relevant minister. Specific arrangements on the Advisory Team composition were introduced, i.e. the Rules of Procedure of the European Funds for Food Aid 2021-2027 Implementation Advisory Team adopted by Resolution No. 1/2023, in § 8 point 3 assume the participation of two external horizontal observers, independent of the MA, who together with the Team, give opinions and issue recommendations on possible violations of the Charter. The MA is in the process of appointment of these independent horizontal observers (they will be selected by the Partnership Development Subcommittee of the Partnership Agreement Committee 2021-2027). All documents related to the Team are published on the website of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy: <https://www.gov.pl/web/rodzina/zespol-doradczy-do-spraw-wdrazania-fepz-2021-2027>  |
| 2. Implementation of programmes  | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements) |
| 3. Evaluation  | Evaluations of the FEPŻ programme will cover enforcement/application of the Charter. This issue will be an element of an evaluation.  |
| 4. Controls and audit & 5. Information and promotion | As described in the self-assessment (no specific arrangements). Applied by the relevant minister. |
| **Chapter VII. Procedure for complaints to institutions implementing EU programmes** | The procedure for complaints regarding violations of rights and freedoms set out in the Charter was prepared by the Ministry of Family and Social Policy. It is attached to the Guidelines of the Managing Authority for Intermediate Body and Beneficiaries-Partner Organizations for sub-programme 2023, and will constitute the annex to the next editions of programme. The procedure (Annex 16) is published on the website of the Ministry of Family and Social Policy: <https://www.gov.pl/web/rodzina/podprogram-2023>  |
| **Chapter VIII. Informing the MC of complaints and cases of non-compliance with the Charter**  | The reporting obligations are set out in the Rules of Procedure of the European Funds for Food Aid 2021-2027Implementation Advisory Team adopted by Resolution No. 1/2023 |