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OF MALTA



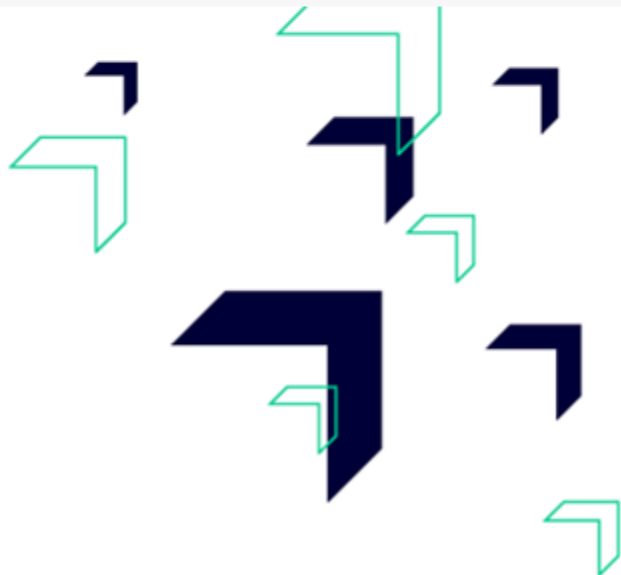
ESF+ Programme ESIF 2021-2027

*Fostering the socioeconomic wellbeing of society
through the creation of opportunities for all and
investment in human resources and skills*

Call for Project Proposals

Information Session: General Overview

12th May 2025



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Legal Basis

- (EU) 2021/1060: Common Provisions Regulation
- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1060>
- (EU) 2021/1057: Fund Specific Regulation (ESF+)
- <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R1057>
- National Eligibility Rules
- <https://fondi.eu/important-documentation/reference-documents/eligibility-selection-rules-criteria/2021-2027-programming-period/>

Introduction

- **Partnership Agreement** - overarching strategy delineates the main areas of intervention under the **European Structural and Investment Funds**
- **European Structural and Investment Funds**
 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
 - Cohesion Fund (CF)
 - Just Transition Fund (JTF)
 - **European Social Plus Fund (ESF+)**
 - European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)

ESF+ Programme

- **A total of Five Priorities are financed through ESF+ funds**
- Priorities 1 to 5 funded under **ESF+** with key priority areas including:
 - ☐ Priority 1: Enhancing employability and labour market resilience;
 - ☐ **Priority 2: Fostering active inclusion for all;**
 - ☐ Priority 3: Quality and inclusive education and enhanced lifelong learning for growth;
 - ☐ Priority 4: Addressing material deprivation; and
 - ☐ Priority 5: Enhancing social innovation.

The applicable **co-financing rate** for the 2021-2027 Programme is:

- 60% EU share and 40% MT share

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Priority: 2. Fostering Active Inclusion for All.

- Specific objective: **ESO4.8**. Fostering active inclusion with a view to **promoting equal opportunities, non-discrimination and active participation, and improving employability**, in particular for disadvantaged groups.
- Restricted call for **NGOs, VOs and Social Partners** for projects not exceeding €200,000.
- Budget Allocation for Call 12 is **€1,500,000**.

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Priority: 2. Fostering Active Inclusion for All.

- Specific objective: **ESO4.11**. Enhancing the equal and timely access to quality, sustainable and affordable services, including services that promote the access to housing and person-centred care including healthcare ; modernising social protection systems, including promoting access to social protection, with a particular focus on children and disadvantaged groups; improving accessibility including for persons with disabilities, effectiveness and resilience of healthcare systems and long-term care services.
- Restricted call for **NGOs, VOs** and **Social Partners** for projects not exceeding €200,000.
- Budget Allocation for Call 13 is **€1,500,000**.

Two-stage approach

- The application process is implemented into a two-stage approach.
- Stage 1 – Submission of the **first stage project proposal**
- Stage 2 – Submission of the **full application** including supplementary

| <u>Call Process</u> | <u>Timeframes</u> |
|---|-------------------------|
| Launch of First stage Proposal | 04/05/2025 |
| Information Session | 12/05/2025 |
| Deadline for Submission of First stage Proposal | 09/06/2025 |
| Meetings with Applicants | 11/06/2025 – 11/07/2025 |
| Launch of Second stage Application | 14/07/2025 |
| Deadline for Submission of Second stage Application | 08/08/2025 |

Stage 1 – Application process

- This will include **critical information** including but not limited to:
 - **General details** on the applicant organisation and partners
 - The applicable **specific objective** and **expected results**
 - The **targeted cohorts** and the related **indicators**
 - **Financial plan** and the **activities** being proposed.

Meetings with Applicants

- Following the submission of the proposal, the **budget** will be assessed, and the **form of financing** will be **discussed** with the applicant.
- The aim of these meetings is to **simplify** the proposed budget.

Stage 2 – Application process

- Subsequently, applicants will be invited to submit the **full application** at this stage.
- The Project Selection Committee (PSC) will then **evaluate** all submissions in line with the **eligibility** and **selection criteria**.

Key Questions to be asked

- Are you an **Eligible Applicant**?
- Is the project in line with the **scope** of the relevant source of funds?
- Do the project activities **fit** within the **Priority and Specific Objectives** currently open under these calls?

General Principles

- The selection process is carried out by the **Project Selection Committee (PSC)**.
- The PSC will **rank** the project proposals. A minimum score of 50% must be obtained.
- If an applicant wishes to proceed with a grievance on the outcome of the PSC, then the applicant may send a request of appeal to the **Project Selection Appeals Board**.

Process



Priority



Specific
Objective



Interventions



Expected
Results



Output
Indicators



Result
Indicators



Interventions and Expected Results

| Priority | Specific Objective (ESO) | Interventions | Expected Result (ER) |
|----------|---|--|---|
| 2 | <i>ESO4.8: Active Inclusion and Employability</i> | 1. Active Ageing Projects | 1. Increase social integration for disadvantaged groups |
| | | 2. After-Care Services | 2. Reduce child poverty |
| | | 3. Functional Family Therapy (FFT) | 3. Strengthen the employability of persons at risk of poverty and persons with a disability |
| | | 4. Investing in youth rehabilitation | |
| | | 5. Projects supporting persons with disabilities/vulnerable groups | |
| | | 6. Support services and life skills for social housing beneficiaries | |
| | | 7. Supporting the active role of voluntary organisations | |

Interventions and Expected Results

| Priority | Specific Objective (ESO) | Interventions | Expected Result (ER) |
|----------|---|--|--|
| 2 | <i>ESO4.11: Equal access to quality, social and healthcare services</i> | 1. Training for Health Professionals, including in long-term care and disability | 1. Improved health and care services, including long-term care, social protection services and reduced health inequalities |
| | | 2. Specialised training in Child Protection Services | |
| | | 3. Child Guarantee Initiatives | |
| | | 4. Addressing children's developmental/ medical needs holistically | |
| | | 5. Support for Social Partners and other NGOs | |

What are indicators?

- Indicators (OUTPUT and RESULT) are numerical **targets** to be achieved as a result of EU support.
- Each project needs to contribute to **at least one output** and **one result indicator** from Malta's ESF+ Programme.

Difference between output and result indicators:

- Output indicators:
 - **Measure** the direct **deliverables** of a project
 - They record the point of entry of participants at the **start** of the Project.
- Result indicators:
 - Measure the **effects** of a project (**the change**)
 - For project participants, they record the situation at the **end** of the Project (ex: 4 weeks / 6 months after)

Indicators - Specific Objective ESO.4.8

| Output Indicator | Target | | | Result Indicator | Target | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Malta | Gozo | Total | | Malta | Gozo | Total |
| EECO01: Total number of participants (measurement unit: persons) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | EECR01: Participants engaged in job searching upon leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EECO12: Participants with disabilities (measurement unit: persons) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | EECR03: Participants gaining a qualification upon leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PSO03: Number of non-governmental organisations supported (measurement unit: number) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | EECR05: Participants in employment six months after leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | PSR01: Participants gaining a certification upon leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | PSR02: Vulnerable persons with improved well-being upon leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | PSR03: Improved/Introduced new systems/services (measurement unit: number) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Indicators - Specific Objective ESO.4.11

| Output Indicator | Target | | | Result Indicator | Target | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Malta | Gozo | Total | | Malta | Gozo | Total |
| EECO01: Total number of participants (measurement unit: persons) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | EECR03: Participants gaining a qualification upon leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PSO03: Number of non-governmental organisations supported (measurement unit: number) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | PSR01: Participants gaining a certification upon leaving (measurement unit: percentage) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | | PSR03: Improved/Introduced new systems/services (measurement unit: number) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Understanding the Indicator tables found in Malta's ESF+ Programme:

2.1.1.1.2. Indicators

Reference: point (d)(ii) of Article 22(3) CPR and Article 8 ERDF and CF Regulation


Table 2: Output indicators



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| Priority | Specific objective | Fund | Category of region | ID | Indicator | Measurement unit | Milestone (2024) | Target (2029) |
|----------|--------------------|------|--------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1 | ESO4.3 | ESF+ | Transition | EECO01 | Total number of participants | persons | 180.00 | 1,269.00 |
| 1 | ESO4.3 | ESF+ | Transition | PSO02 | Number of actions supported | Number | 0.00 | 2.00 |

Reference: point (d)(ii) of Article 22(3) CPR

Table 3: Result indicators



| Priority | Specific objective | Fund | Category of region | ID | Indicator | Measurement unit | Baseline or reference value | Reference Year | Target (2029) | Source of data | Comments |
|----------|--------------------|------|--------------------|--------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| 1 | ESO4.3 | ESF+ | Transition | EECR05 | Participants in employment six months after leaving | persons | 44.10 | 2021 | 45.00 | MA monitoring tool | |
| 1 | ESO4.3 | ESF+ | Transition | PSR01 | Participants gaining a certification upon leaving | Percentage | 72.90 | 2019 | 75.00 | MA monitoring tool | |
| 1 | ESO4.3 | ESF+ | Transition | PSR03 | Improved/Introduced new systems/services | Number | 2.00 | 2013 | 2.00 | MA monitoring tool | |

Common ESF+ Indicators (Annex I of ESF+ Regulation)

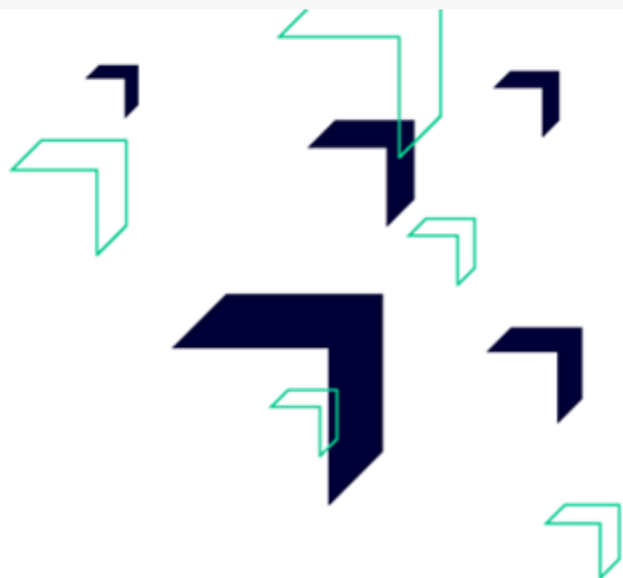
Apart from the indicator tables in the ESF+ Programme, projects need to contribute also to the **common indicators** which are listed in the ESF+ Regulation – **Annex I, II, III** (Annex I applies to the majority of projects).

- Applicants do **NOT** need to include the common indicators from the Annexes in their Application Form (choose only from the tables in the Malta ESF Programme).
- However, indicator reporting **WILL** include these common indicators during the course of project implementation.
- The MA will provide a '**Data on Participants Form**' and a **reporting template** to assist Beneficiaries in collecting and reporting this data related to the common indicators.

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