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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

28th May 2026



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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 17 is **€908,000**.

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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 18 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	17/05/2026
Information Session	28/05/2026
Deadline for Submission of First stage Proposal	22/06/2026
Meetings with Applicants	23/06/2026 – 20/07/2026
Launch of Second stage Application	21/07/2026
Deadline for Submission of Second stage Application	11/08/2026

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.

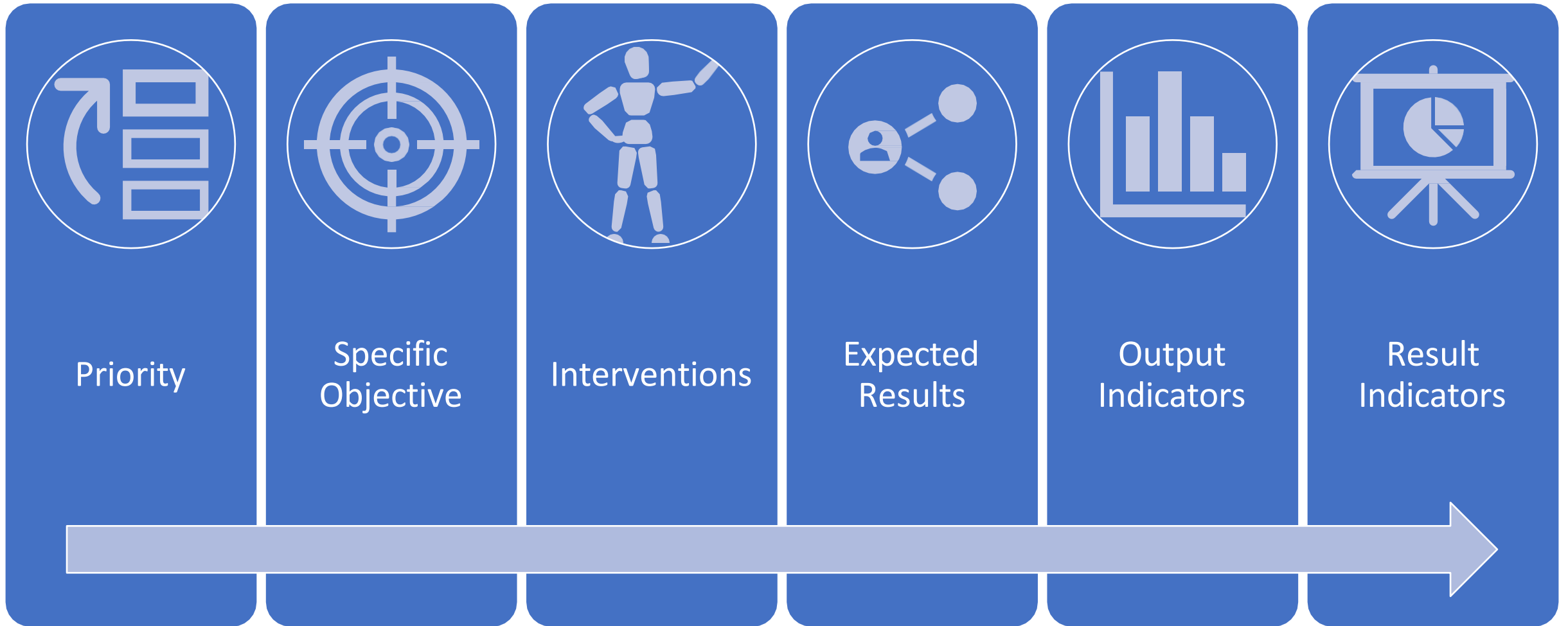
Stage 2 – Application process

- 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**.

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



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	

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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"/>

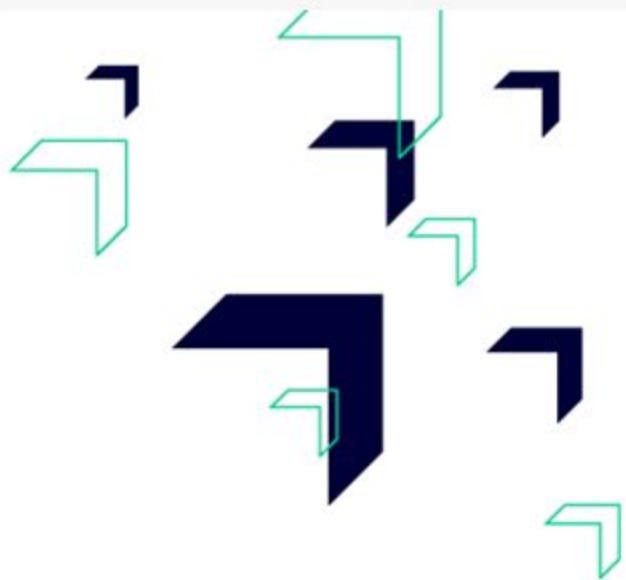
Indicators - Specific Objective ESO.4.11

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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"/>

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