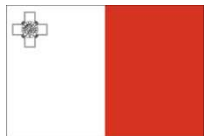




## STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCREENING OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME I



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## Presentation Overview

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## Introduction

- Regulation 4 of Legal Notice 497 of 2010
  - SEA must be carried out for certain plans & programmes **or their modifications** that are likely to have a significant effect on the environment
- SEA carried out on OPI in 2006
- OPI subsequently modified & approved in 2009
- Proposed changes to OPI now require re-assessment



- Main Changes:
  - PA4: investment in infrastructure to generate energy from natural sources
  - PA4: actions that seek to make better use of resource available
  - PA6: addition of the project to construct the Oncology Centre

## Methodology

- Two-tiered approach:
  1. Is the change to OPI major or minor and was the change assessed in SEA done in 2006?
  2. If change is major, or not assessed in SEA of 2006, then further assessment is required

## Findings

### **Infrastructure for to generate energy from natural sources:**

- Could have a significant environmental effect depending on location
- Planning process would assess impacts of individual projects
- Assessed in SEA for Waste Strategy

### **Further treatment and reuse of TSE:**

- Unlikely to have significant environmental effects
- Assessed in the SEA on the draft Water Policy

### **Construction of the Oncology Centre:**

- Construction - Temporary impacts e.g. noise & dust
- Operation - Traffic generation
- No EIA required by MEPA

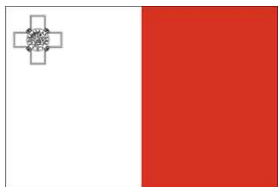
## Conclusions

**None of the proposed changes to the OP warrant a new SEA because:**

- 1. Some proposals have been assessed by sectoral SEAs**
- 2. Individual projects would be assessed by the planning process**
- 3. Impacts of some of the proposals would not be major**



**Thank you!**



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