

MONITORING COMMITTEE

Operational Programme I

Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life

Implementation Update
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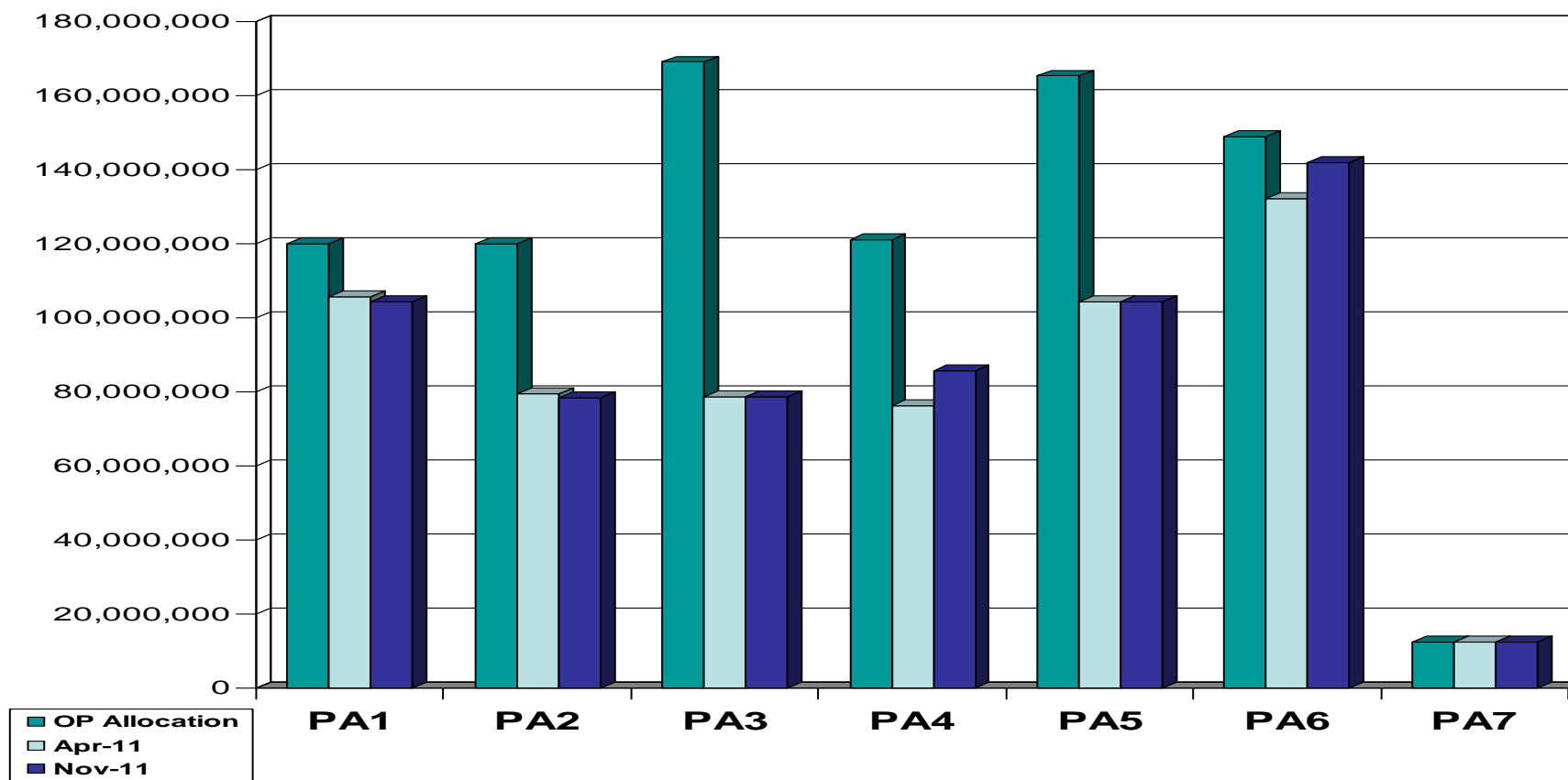
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Overview of Operational Programme I

November 2011: Public Eligible Amounts		
Description	ERDF (EUFG + MTF)	CF (EUFG + MTF)
OP Financial Allocation	€522,327,095	€ 334,288,259
Committed Value	€422,859,794	€183,049,515
% of OP Financial Allocation	81%	56%
Contracted Value	€218,072,708	€133,861,673
% of Committed Value	52%	73%
Paid by Treasury	€104,571,141	€77,256,978
% of Contracted Value	48%	58%

Commitment values in Projects & Aid Schemes



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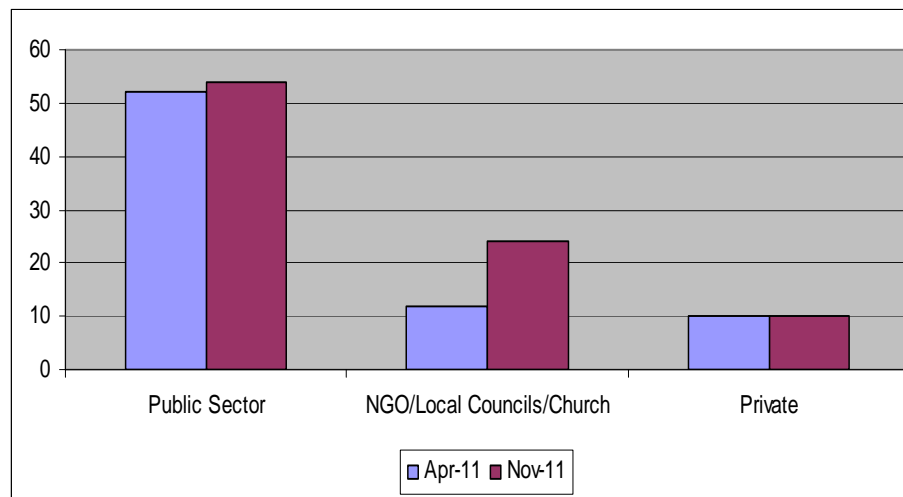
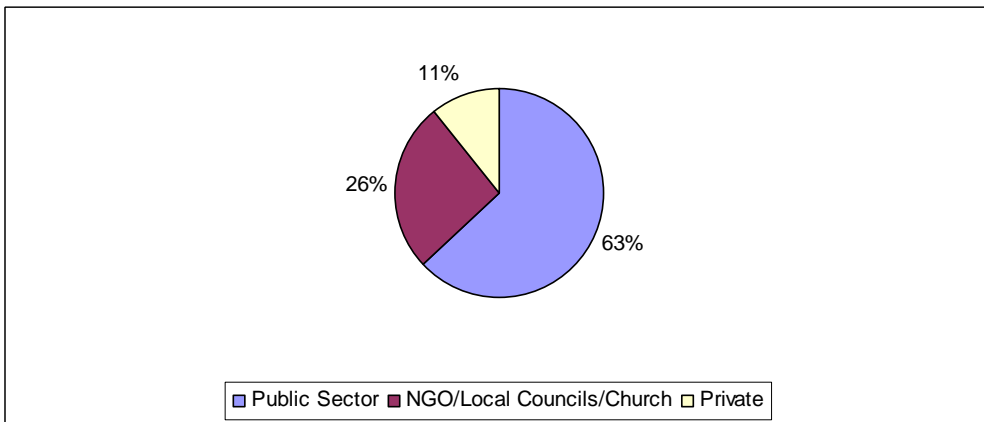
New Calls for Project Proposals Launched & Calls under evaluation

- **Priority Axis 2 (Tourism)**
 - Call 10: under evaluation (indicative call budget €42,000,000)
- **Priority Axis 3 and 5**
 - Non-Major Call 2: 1 project under evaluation (approximately €5,000,000)
 - Non-Major Call 3: under evaluation (approximately €30,000,000)
- **Priority Axis 4 (Energy)**
 - Call 9: 10 projects approved for a value of €2,181,200
 - Call 12: under evaluation (indicative call budget €10,000,000)
 - Call 13: open call closes 2nd December 2011 (indicative budget €5,000,000)
- **Priority Axis 6 (Internal Mobility)**
 - Call 11: 1 Project Approved for a value of €9,945,561

Snapshot: Approved Projects per PA

Priority Axis	No of Projects/Aid Schemes	Amount Committed (€)	OP Allocation (€)	% Committed
1	22	104,392,020	120,000,000	87
2	18	78,488,240	120,000,000	65
3	3	78,739,659	165,250,000	48
4	17	85,696,697	121,000,000	71
5	3	104,309,856	165,250,000	63
6	24	141,955,740	149,000,000	95
7	1	12,327,095	12,327,095	100
Total	88	605,909,308	856,615,354	71

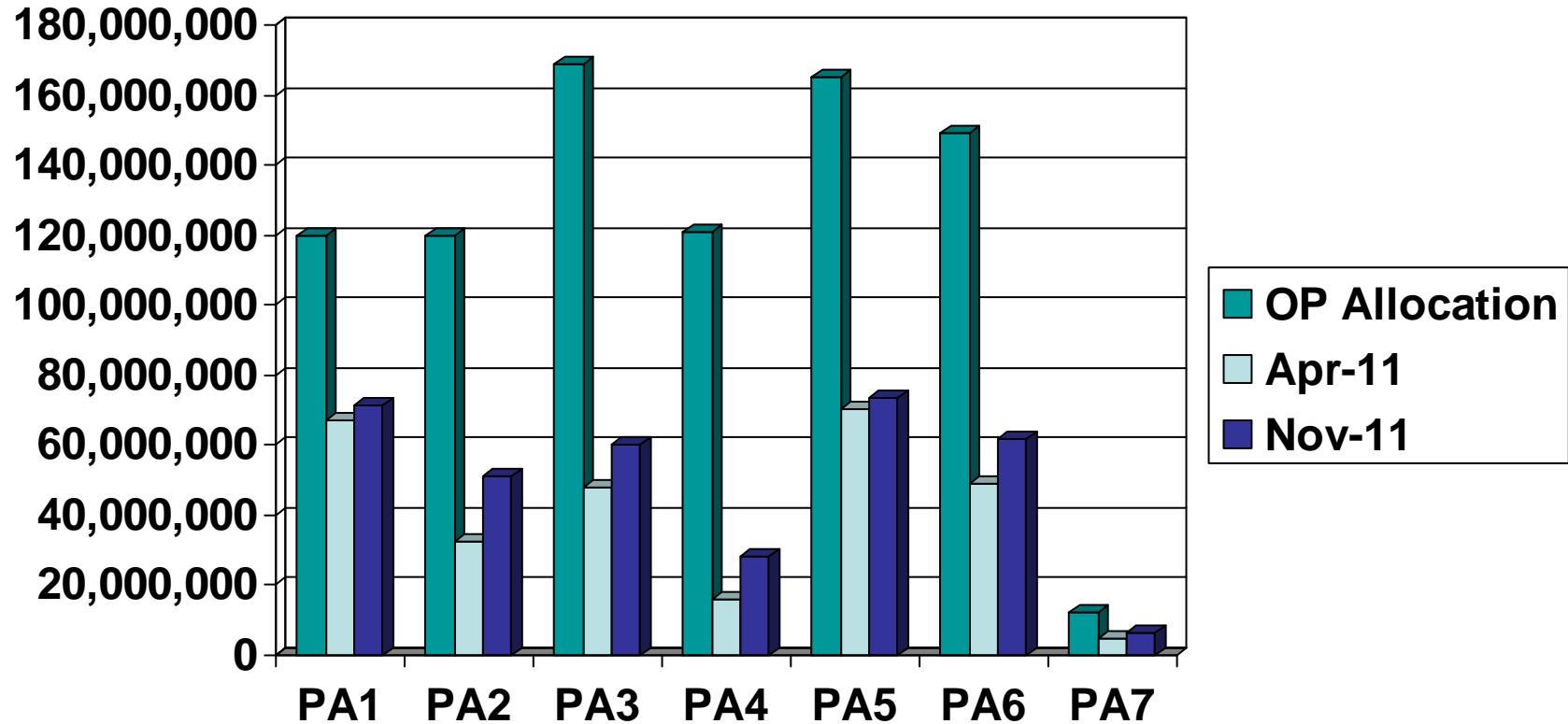
Snapshot: Types of Beneficiaries



Gozo Commitment

OP Allocation	€856,615,354
10% of OP Allocation: commitment towards Gozo	€85,661,535
Committed (Gozo) as at October 2011	€53,741,883
% of committed values vis-à-vis 10% Allocation	63%

Contracting values in Projects & Aid Schemes – 7.5% increase



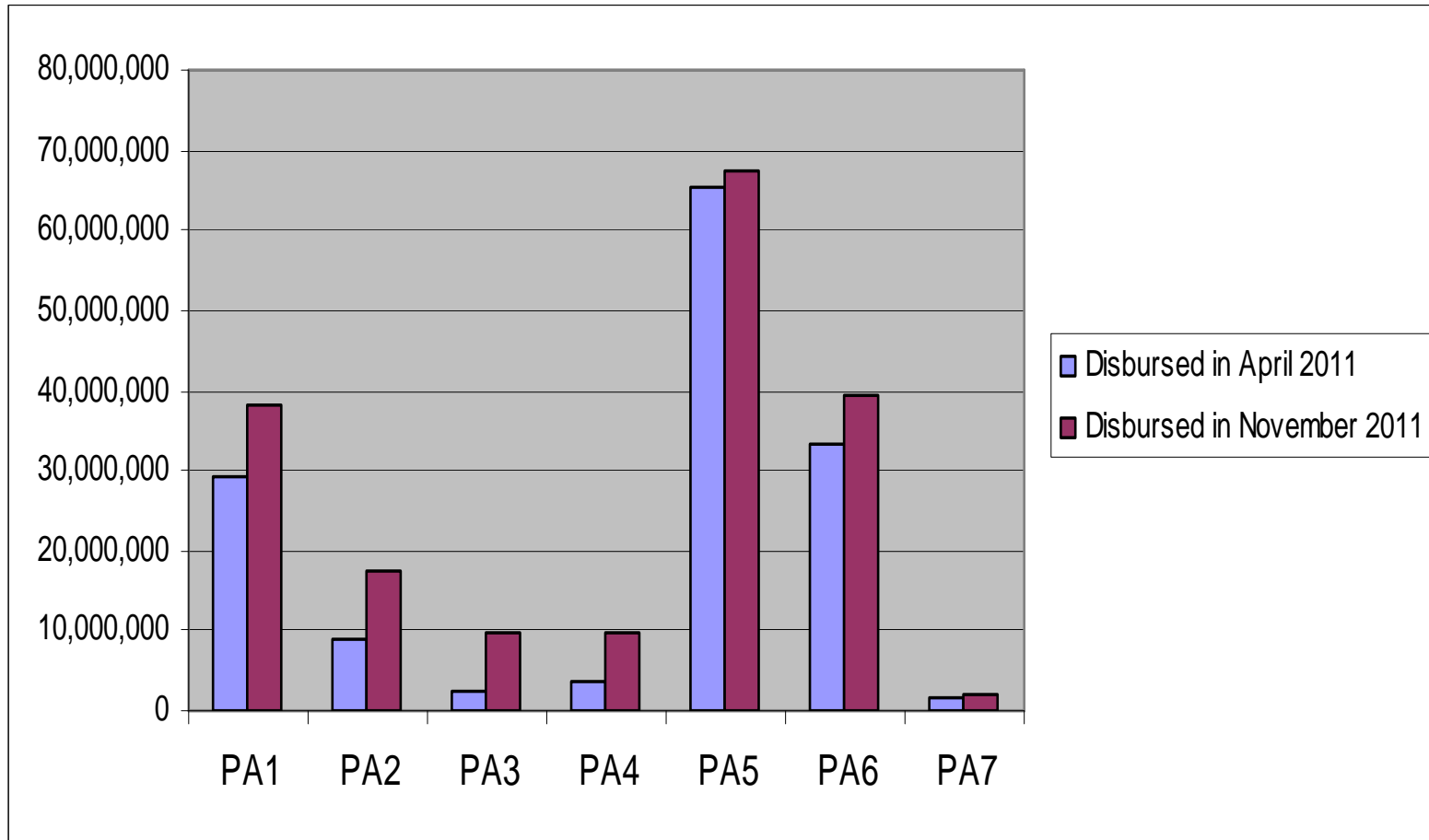
Aid Schemes: Malta Enterprise

MALTA ENTERPRISE	PA1	PA4
Total Grant Amount Allocated	€27,000,000	€15,000,000
Total Amount Contracted	€19,381,866	€14,774,636
% Contracted of Allocation	72%	98%
No of Approved Operations	289	225

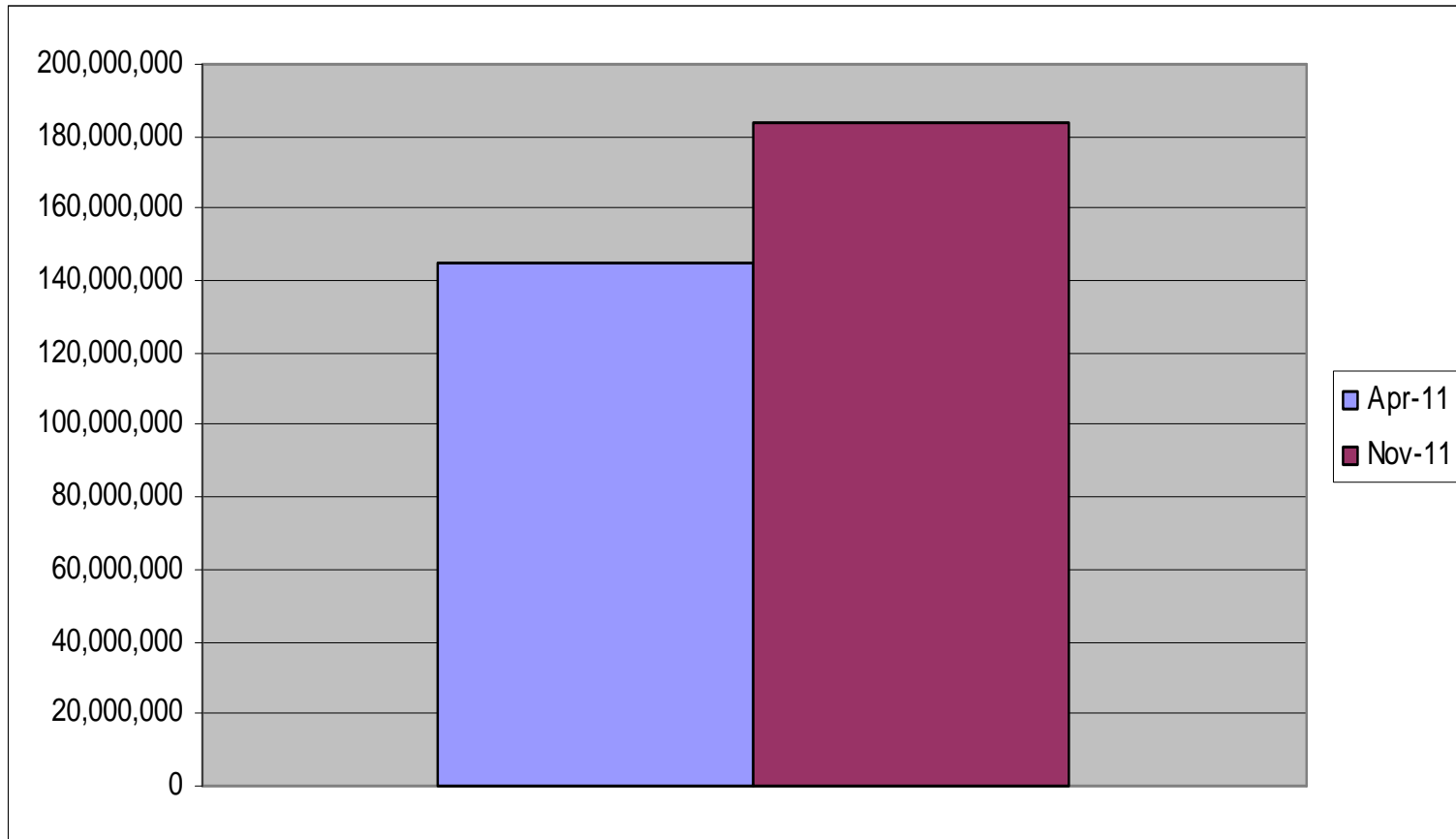
Aid Schemes: TSDU & DSWS

	PA2 (TSDU)	PA6(DSWS)
Total Grant Amount Allocated	€8,945,208.71	€500,000
Total Amount Contracted	€5,926,104	€171,485
% Contracted of Allocation	66%	34%
No of Approved Operations	79	7

Payments



Payments



Financial Control: Documentary Checks

MA Documentary Checks carried out between April 2011 and October 2011:

No of Reports Opened & In Progress	15
No of Reports finalised	41

Financial Control: Verified and Certified Amounts

November 2011: Public Eligible Amounts		
Description	ERDF (EUF + MTF)	CF (EUF + MTF)
Verified Amount	€87,187,183	€70,159,131
% of Paid by Treasury	91%	91%
Certified Amount	€73,218,699	€70,159,131
% of Verified Amount	84%	100%

Financial Management: Interim and Advance Payments from EC

Interim Payments (Cumulative)		
	ERDF	CF
As at November 2010	€22,689,300.18	€25,345,524.64
As at May 2011	€42,328,901.88	€52,404,707.61
As at November 2011	€62,235,893.88	€56,735,544.90

Advance Payments (Cumulative)		
	ERDF	CF
As at November 2011	€39,958,022.79	€29,835,227.10

Financial Management: Payments from EC

OPI	Financial Allocation (EUF)	Payments made by EC	Value of Payments made by EC as a % of EUF
ERDF	€522,327,095	€102,193,917	19.6%
CF	€334,288,259	€86,570,772	25.9%

List of Major Projects

Code	Title	Public Eligible Expenditure
Priority Axis 3		
CF117	Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure (Phase I)	€ 57,588,381
CF125	Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure (Phase II)	€ 52,000,000
Priority Axis 4		
ERDF120	National Flood Relief Project	€ 50,722,090
Priority Axis 5		
CF116	Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure	€ 69,985,474
CF118	Rehabilitation & Restoration of Closed Landfills	€ 26,224,382
CF119	Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant	€33,000,000
Priority Axis 6		
ERDF196	Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre	€ 48,802,722

Major Projects PA 3 (Cohesion Fund)



(CF 117) Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure – Phase I (TM):



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€57,588,381	€42,848,767	€4,682,936	€2,177,189

- All contracts are signed and works have commenced on all sites



Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)

*(CF118) Rehabilitation & Restoration of Closed Landfills
(WasteServ Malta Ltd)*



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€26,224,382	€4,192,030	€542,741	€483,781

- Shift in budget components approved by the MA on 18th May 2011
- Works Tender for Maghtab Phase I awarded in June 2011

Major Projects PA 4 (ERDF)



(ERDF 120) National Flood Relief Project (MRRA):



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€50,722,090	€1,650,676	€1,580,831	€598,087

- Proposed to be Shifted from PA 4 to PA 5
- Almost all tenders have been published
- 1 component is still awaiting MEPA permit



Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)



(CF116) Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure (WSC)



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€69,985,474	€68,498,326	€66,199,964	€63,224,672

- Plant stated Operations in March 2011
- Minor Works are still ongoing and all works are expected to be concluded by End of Year



Major Projects PA 6 (ERDF)



(ERDF 196) Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre (MHEC):



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€48,802,722	€1,044,260	€710,940	€710,940

- The *Bulk Excavations Works* was completed by the end of April 2011
- The *Design, Development and Build* tender is still under evaluation. The final outcome to be published by end Q4 2011
- Evaluation on medical equipment tender ongoing



Major Projects in the Pipeline

Preparations for two major projects

CF 125 : Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure – Phase II (TM)

- Forecasted value - €52,000,000



CF 119 : Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant (WSM)

- Forecasted value - €33,000,000



Achieving First Results (1)

- **Priority Axis 1**
 - 10 new/modernised specialised facilities constructed/refurbished
 - 8 enterprises involved in networking and new collaboration with other businesses and academia
- **Priority Axis 2**
 - 1 New assisted tourism & cultural project & 1 project implemented by a NGO
 - 7.115 MWH/annum total Energy Saved

Achieving First Results (2)



- **Priority Axis 4**
 - 16.7MWH total annual electricity generated as at today
- **Priority Axis 6**
 - 2 existing learning facilities refurbished; 805.48m² modernized facilities refurbished
 - 423 students benefitting from upgrade and modernized facilities/services (per annum)



A further four (4) projects envisaged to be concluded by December 2011



- **Priority Axis 1**
 - ERDF 87: Developing National Metrology Capacity in Support of Industry (MCCA); **€767,789**
- **Priority Axis 2**
 - ERDF 24 :Upgrading of Villa Rundle (MGOZ); **€2,100,136**
- **Priority Axis 5**
 - CF116 : Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure (WSC) ; **€69,985,474**
- **Priority Axis 6**
 - ERDF 72: Construction and Equipping of an Independent Living Center (KNPD); **€1,061,997**



Lisbon Agenda - Earmarking



- Overall increase in Commitment of earmarked categories for Lisbon Agenda related projects
- 48 Projects/Schemes (amounting to €190,479,894) under implementation are contributing to the earmarked categories



JEREMIE

- Agreement between JEREMIE Holding Fund (EIF) and Financial Intermediary (BOV) signed on 6th April 2011
- Implementation ongoing with very satisfying results so far:
 - Number of Loans Sanctioned: 141
 - Number of SME's involved: 135
 - Amount in Euro: €12.7m
 - Total Investment Amount: €20.7m



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Axis	Intervention	Status
Axis 1	Malta Enterprise (Life Sciences Centre)	Final Stages
Axis 2	MTA (PPP – Grant Blending Support for Tourism Zone Upgrade)	Concluded
Axis 3	TM (Refurbishment and Upgrading of Existing Ten-T port Infrastructure)	Ongoing
	TM (Upgrade of Ten T Phase II)	Ongoing
	TM (Malta-Gozo under sea-link)	Ongoing
Axis 4	MRRA (National Flood Relief Project)	Ongoing
Axis 5	WasteServ (Malta North Mechanical and Biological Treatment Plant)	Ongoing
Axis 6	MHEC (Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre)	Project Application Concluded
	TM (Promotion of Modal Shift through setting up a ITMS)	Concluded
	TM (Encouraging a Modal Shift in Land Transportation)	Ongoing

Monitoring & Reporting Structures



- **Project Progress Reports**

- For the period January to June 2011 57 Project Progress Reports were received
- A meeting was held on the 15 November 2011 to align the PPR reports of OPI and OPII.

- **Ministerial Project Steering Committees**

- 15 Ministerial Project Steering Committees were held since the last MC in April 2011.
- 2 more Ministerial Project Steering Committees for OPM and OPM (Tourism) will be held by end of year.

- **Intermediate Bodies Steering Committee (IBSC)**

- 2 Intermediate Bodies Steering Committee were held as follows:
 - TSDU – 1 session held in May 2011.
 - Malta Enterprise – 1 session held in July 2011.
 - DSWS – No Intermediate Bodies Steering Committee held.



Monitoring & Reporting Structures



- **IB Network Meetings**
 - One IB Network Meeting (Meeting on the Implementation of IB Aid Schemes) were held on the 1 September 2011
- **Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee**
 - Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee was held on the 1 September 2011
- **High Level Meetings**
 - PPS High Level Meetings
 - Cabinet Update
- **VO's and Local Councils Bi-Lateral Meetings**
 - 2 sets of bilateral meetings for Local Councils and VO's were held in June and September 2011



Guidance by the MA

- Update on the Accounting Code related to IB's and Update 1 to the MA Circular 2/2010 on the documents to be uploaded in the SFD
- Revision of eligibility rules
- MoP was updated and circulated

Structural Funds Database

- There was continuous development of the system in line with requirements by the users;
- The SFD unit in collaboration with other stakeholders prepared and published three guidance documents on Financial Planning & Funds Allocation; Closure of Projects; and Development and Testing
- Future Plans
 - Capacity building
 - Refresher training for SFD Trainers who didn't receive training during 2011.
 - Release of a number of modules

Information & Publicity

- Advertising of future calls of applications
- Holding Information Sessions
- Holding of Local Informal Information and Publicity (LIIP) Network
- Procurement of Promotional Material
- Preparation of Annual Event

Annual Event

- The Annual Event 2011 will be held on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November 2011.
- Six bus tours will be organised in Malta and Gozo around a number of selected projects.
- This Event will give the public a first hand opportunity to experience and find out more about the benefits of Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 in Malta and Gozo

Review of Communication Plan

- The MA has taken the findings of the appraisal of the Plan into consideration and consolidated its review
- The revision will provide for:
 - better monitoring structure of information and publicity;
 - as well as a strategy which is more focused on the promotion of tangible results.

Evaluation Activities



Participation in Evaluation Networks Meetings

Programme Level Evaluations - Thematic Evaluation

- The tender dossier entitled “Evaluation of increased **competitiveness** and **improved quality of life** through OPI supported initiatives” is finalized and was submitted to DoC for vetting and launching.

Evaluations being carried out

- ERDF Innovation Supported Evaluation (DG Regio);
- More effective and concentrated Cohesion Policy in the context of EU 2020 objectives (DG Regio);
- Implementation of Article 11 and 16 of the General Fund Regulation (EC 1083/2006) in Operational Programmes and Projects co-funded by ERDF (European Inclusion Network);
- Performance Audit concerning the use of Structural Funds for Energy Efficiency (European Court of Auditors)

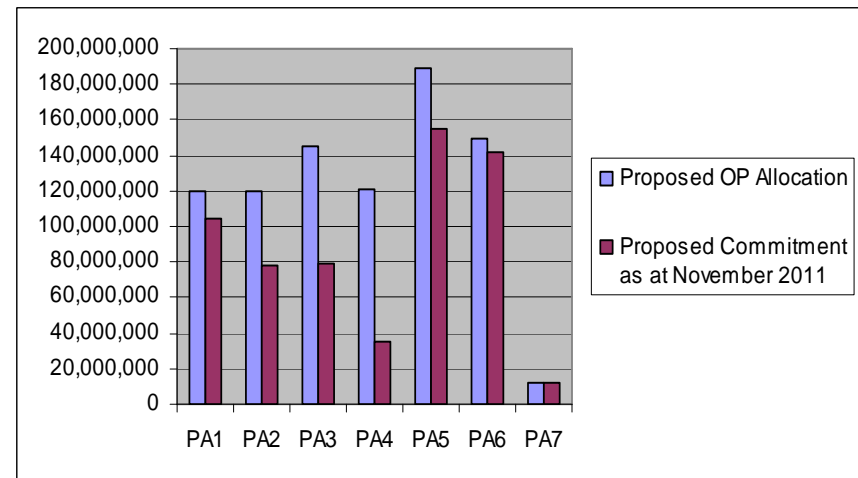
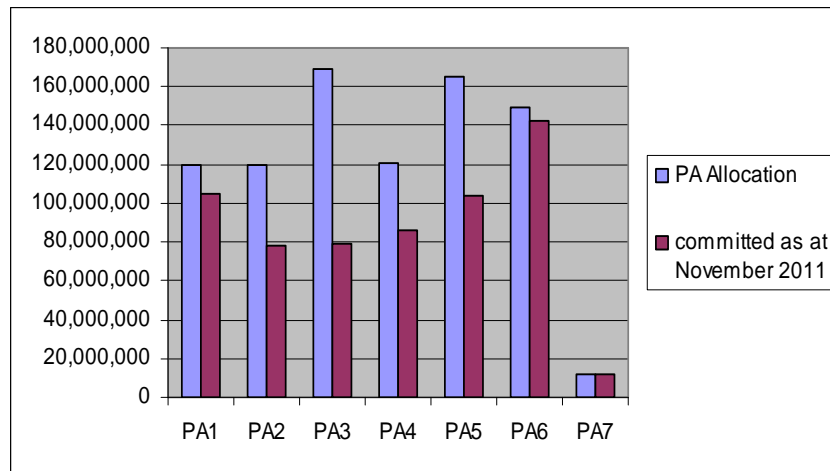


Training & Capacity Building

Training given on	Topics of Training	Number of Participants
Internal Training / Stakeholders Training	Line Ministry's Role on Monitoring and Public Procurement	14
	SFD Training	31
	CBA Training	33
	Other Training	26
Training to New Beneficiaries	Induction Training for New Beneficiaries & SFD Training	26

Concluding Remarks on Implementation in 2011 (1)

- Proposed OP changes



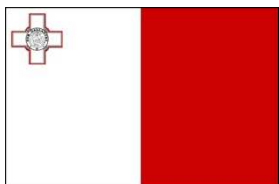
Concluding Remarks on Implementation in 2011 (2)



- Launch of future calls for proposals
- Closing of Call 10 and Evaluation and Closure of Call 12
- Speeding up of payment/ contracting/verification and certification
- To increase the Gozo commitment
- Thematic Evaluation
- Training will be given to new recruits and beneficiaries as well as ongoing internal training will be provided



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