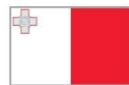


# Operational Programme I

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## ***Ex-Ante* Conditionalities (Article 19 CPR)**

- There are two types: **thematic** *ex-ante* conditionalities, related to a sector or policy (e.g. R&D, active inclusion) and **general** *ex-ante* conditionalities, which can apply to all sectors and policies (e.g. public procurement, anti-discrimination rules);
- The *ex-ante* conditionalities are set out in the Fund-specific rules and reflect existing commitments or obligations that should be fulfilled as a general rule by programme adoption at the latest;

## ***Ex-Ante* Conditionalities (Article 19 CPR)**

- In case applicable *ex-ante* conditionalities are not fulfilled (either completely or partially not-fulfilled), Member States need to indicate in their Programmes and Partnership Agreement, **the actions to be taken**, the responsible bodies and a timetable to ensure that they will be fulfilled at the latest by the end of 2016. Member States thus have to prepare an action plan;
- If the Commission concludes that the applicable *ex-ante* conditionalities have not been fulfilled, then interim payments may be suspended in accordance with Art. 142 (1) (e) of the CPR by Commission Decision.

## (Thematic) *Ex-Ante* Conditionalities (status as at May 2015)

29 thematic *ex-ante* conditionalities, of which the following 16 are applicable to the OP

No.	Subject	Criteria not fulfilled	By when	By who
1.1	Research and Innovation: The existence of a national or regional smart specialisation strategy in line with the National Reform Programme, to leverage private research and innovation expenditure, which complies with the features of well-performing national or regional research and innovation systems.	A national or regional smart specialisation strategy is in place that:		Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE) Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST)
		- outlines measures to stimulate private RTD investment;	30/06/2015	
		- contains a monitoring mechanism.	31/12/2015	
		A framework outlining available budgetary resources for research and innovation has been adopted	30/06/2015	
1.2	Research and Innovation infrastructure: The existence of a multi-annual plan for budgeting and prioritization of investments	A national multi-annual plan for budgeting and prioritization of investments is developed.	30/06/2015	

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No.	Subject	Criteria not fulfilled	By when	By who
3.1	Specific Actions have been carried out to underpin the promotion of entrepreneurship taking into account the Small Business Act (SBA)	measures have been put in place with the objective of reducing the time and cost involved in setting-up a business taking account of the targets of the SBA;	31/12/2015	Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business
		a mechanism is in place to monitor the implementation of the measures of the SBA which have been put in place and assess the impact on SMEs	31/03/2015 (Completed)	
4.1	Actions have been carried out to promote cost-effective improvements of energy end use efficiency and cost-effective investment in Energy efficiency when constructing or renovating buildings.	The actions are: measures to ensure minimum requirements are in place related to the energy performance of buildings consistent with Article 3, Article 4 and Article 5 of Directive 2010/31/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council;	01/01/2016	Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure (MTI) Building Regulations Office (BRO)
		The actions are: measures necessary to establish a system of certification of the energy performance of buildings consistent with Article 11 of Directive 2010/31/EU;	31/12/2015	

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No.	Subject	Criteria not fulfilled	By when	By who
6.1	Water sector: The existence of (a) a water pricing policy which provides adequate incentives for users to use water resources efficiently and (b) an adequate contribution of the different water uses to the recovery of the costs of water services at a rate determined in the approved river basin management plan for investment supported by the programmes	<p>In sectors supported by the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund and the EAFRD, a Member State has ensured a contribution of the different water uses to the recovery of the costs of water services by sector consistent with the first indent of Article 9(1) of Directive 2000/60/EC having regard, where appropriate, to the social, environmental and economic effects of the recovery as well as the geographic and climatic conditions of the region or regions affected.</p> <p>The adoption of a river basin management plan for the river basin district consistent with Article 13 of Directive 2000/60/EC.</p>	22/12/2015	Ministry for Energy and Health (MEH), Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change (MSDEC), Malta Environment and Planning (MEPA), Malta Resources Authority (MRA) Lead: MEH (SEWCU), Supporting Competent Authorities: MEPA, MRA

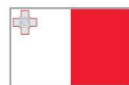
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No.	Subject	Criteria not fulfilled	By when	By who
7.1	Road Transport: The existence of a comprehensive plan(s) or plans or framework(s) or frameworks for transport investment in accordance with the Member States' institutional set-up (including public transport at regional and local level) which supports infrastructure development and improves connectivity to the TEN-T comprehensive and core networks)	A national transport strategy and a national transport master plan with the support of a new national transport model is developed.	30/09/2015	Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure (MTI) Integrated Transport Strategy Directorate within Transport Malta (TM)
7.3	Other modes of transport, including inland-waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure: The existence within the comprehensive transport plan or plan(s) or framework or framework(s) of an explicit specific section on inland-waterways and maritime transport, ports multimodal links and airport infrastructure, which contribute to improve connectivity to the TEN-T comprehensive and core networks and to promoting sustainable regional and local mobility.			



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