

Operational Programme I

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Monitoring Committee Meeting

Ex-ante Conditionalities

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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 reflect existing commitments or obligations that should be fulfilled, as a general rule, by programme adoption, at the latest.

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In case of ex-ante conditionalities not fulfilled (either completely or partially not-fulfilled), MS need to indicate in their OPs and PAs, the actions to be taken, the responsible bodies and a timetable to ensure fulfilment by latest, end of 2016. An action plan needs to be drawn up.

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 conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible
T.01.1	3 – outlines measures to stimulate private RTD investment	30 June 2015	2 Quarters Delayed	Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE) Malta Council for Science and Technology
(Research and Innovation)	4 – contains a monitoring mechanism	31 December 2015	On Schedule	
	5 – a framework outlining available budgetary resources for research and innovation has been adopted.	30 June 2015	2 Quarters Delayed	(MCST)

Thematic ex-ante conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible
T.01.2 (Research and Innovation infrastructure)	1. A national multi- annual plan for budgeting and prioritization of investments is developed.	30 June 2015	2 Quarters Delayed	Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE) Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST)

Thematic ex-ante conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible
T.03.1 (Specific actions to promote	1. The specific actions are: 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 SBS	31 December 2015	On Schedule	Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business
entrepreneur ship taking into account SBA)	3. The specific actions are: 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 March 2015	COMPLETE	(MEIB)

Thematic ex-ante conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible
T.04.1 (Specific actions to promote cost EE when constructing or renovating	1. 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 2010/3/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council	1 January 2016	On Schedule	Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure (MTI) Building Regulations
buildings)	2. The actions are: measures necessary to establish a system	31 December 2015	Delayed by 1 month	Office (BRO)

Thematic ex- ante conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible
T.06.1 (Water Sector)	1.In sectors supported by the ERDF, the Cohesion Fund and the EAFRD, a MS has ensured a contribution of the different water uses to the recover of the cost 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.	22 December 2015	On Schedule	MEH, MSDEC MEPA, MRA
	2. The adoption of a river basin management plan for the river basin district consistent with Article 13 of Directive 2000/60/EC	22 December 2015	On Schedule	

Thematic ex-ante conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible
	5. A realistic and mature pipeline for projects for which support from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund is envisaged	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure
T.07.1 (Transport)	1. The existence of a comprehensive transport plan or plans or framework or frameworks for transport investment which complies with legal requirements for strategic environmental assessment and sets out	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	Integrated Transport Strategy Directorate within Transport Malta
	2. The contribution to the single European Transport Area constitute with Article 10 of Regulation.	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	

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T 07 1	3. The core TEN-T network and the comprehensive network where investment from the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund is envisaged	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure
T.07.1 (Transport)	4. Secondary connectivity	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	Integrated Transport Strategy Directorate within Transport Malta
	6. Measures to ensure the capacity of intermediary bodies and beneficiaries to deliver the project pipeline	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	

Thematic ex- ante conditionality	Criteria not fulfilled	Deadline	Current Status	Bodies Responsible	
T.07.3	1. The existence of a section on inland- waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure within the transport plan or plans or framework or frameworks	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	Ministry for Transport and	
(Other modes of transport)	2. Complies with legal requirements for strategic environmental assessment	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay	Infrastructure (MTI) Integrated Transport Strategy Directorate within Transport Malta	(MTI) Integrated Transport Strategy Directorate within Transport
	3. Sets out a realistic and mature project pipeline(including a timetable and budgetary framework)	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay		
	4. Measures to ensure the capacity of intermediary bodies and beneficiaries to deliver the project pipeline. 30 September 2015	30 September 2015	3 Quarters Delay		





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