

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

Funds: European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF)

Programming Period: 2014-2020

Budget Available: €709.1 Million

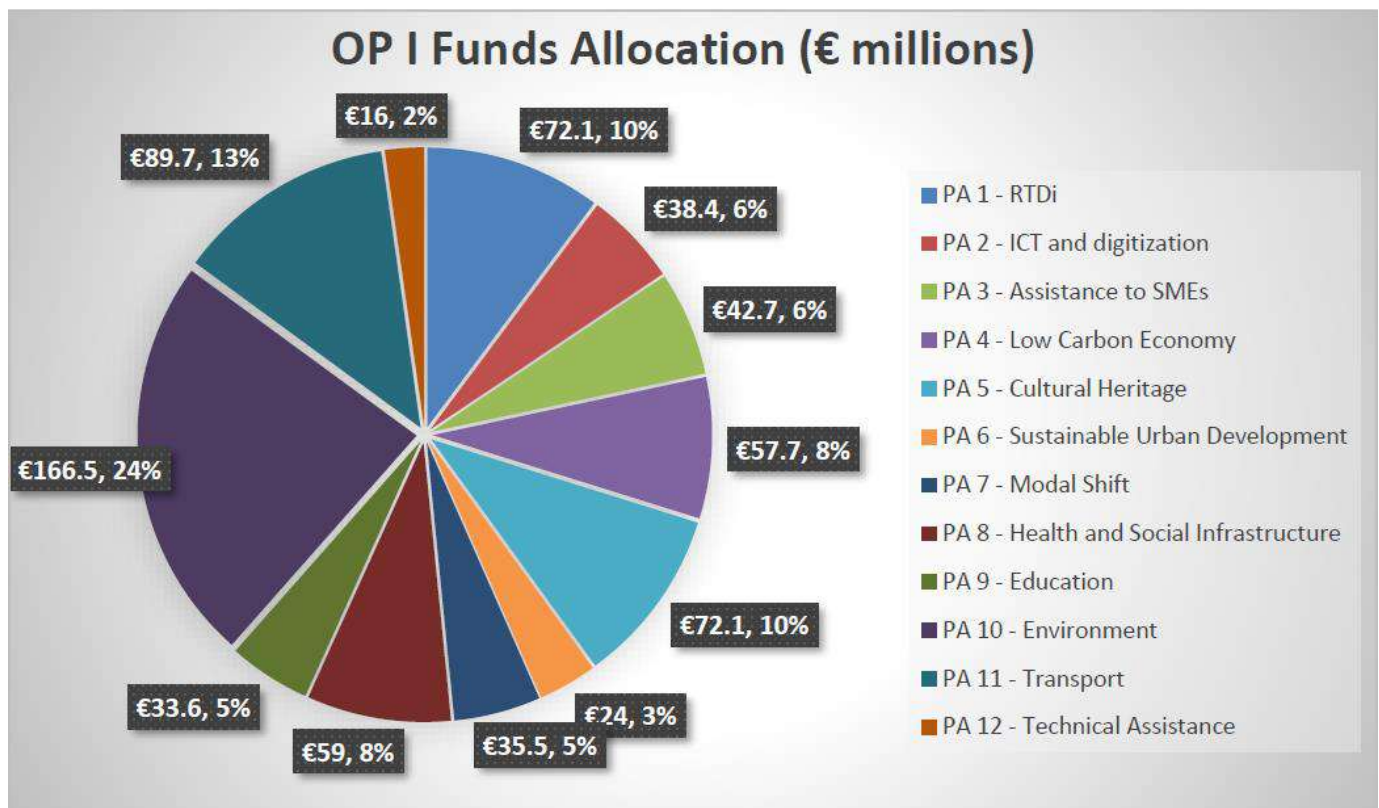
Reporting Year: 2019

What are ERDF and CF and what do they finance?

The ERDF and CF are two European Union Funding instruments intended to support infrastructural investments in less developed regions.

The aim of these two funds is to assist Malta in fulfilling a number of different objectives, known as Thematic Objectives, which reflect national priorities. The ERDF in Malta supports infrastructural investments in education, health, social infrastructure, cultural heritage research and innovation, renewable energy and competitiveness (Priority Axes (PAs) 1- 9). On the other hand, CF supports infrastructural investments in road and maritime infrastructure as well as investments in the water and waste sectors (PAs 10 and 11).

The allocation of ERDF and CF funds under the OP is as follows:



How can one access these funds?

In the case of Government Ministries and Entities, including public bodies and NGOs, not involved in an economic activity which is in competition with the private sector, applications can be submitted directly with the Planning and Priorities Coordination Division (PPCD) acting as the Managing Authorities when calls are published for projects in the priority areas identified above. Further details can be found on <https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/Information/Pages/Open-Calls.aspx>.

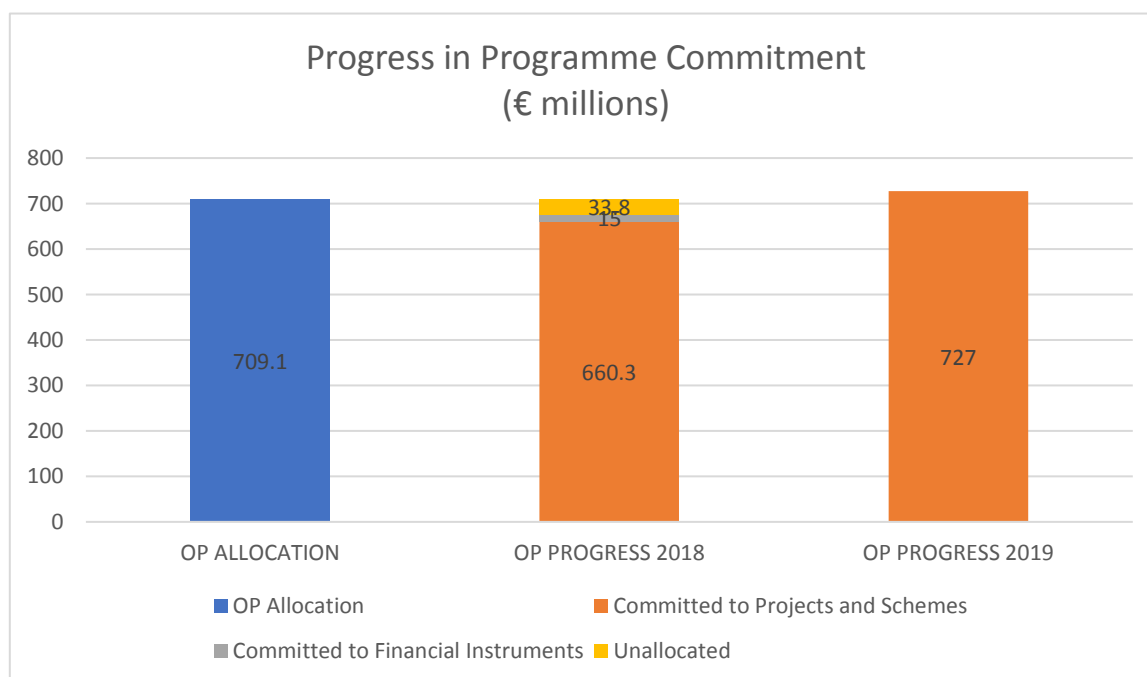
In the case of the private sector, including bodies involved in an economic activity, applications can be submitted with the Measures and Support Division. Further details can be found on <https://businessenhance.gov.mt/en/Pages/Main-Page.aspx>.

Contractors interested in submitting tender offers in relation to projects being implemented through the assistance of EU funds, should visit and register on <https://www.etenders.gov.mt/epps/home.do> in order to be able to participate in public calls for tenders issued by Project Beneficiary and Implementers.

Even though there are no calls under these funds that are earmarked for private citizens, they may still benefit from the different funded actions that aim to have significant positive impact on everyday life, such as through the introduction of new e-services, the construction of a new hospital, actions aimed towards a cleaner environment and better quality of water, and many others. Furthermore, citizens can directly benefit from the European Social Fund, which focuses on human capital, through schemes such as scholarships and actions aimed at improved labour market situations. Further details can be found <https://education.gov.mt/en/Pages/educ.aspx>.

Progress by end of 2019

Work on the implementation of the Operational Programme (OP) continued intensely in 2019, with progress registered in all phases of the implementation cycle, when compared to the previous reporting year, as can be seen below:



In 2019, 3 projects in the area of health and social infrastructure were approved following the conclusion of the evaluation of the 8th Call for project proposals. The lists of beneficiaries under the ERDF and CF can be found here:

<https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/Operational%20Programmes/Programming%20Period%202014%20-%202020/Operational%20Programme%201/Pages/Operational-Programme-I.aspx>

Although no further calls for mainstream project proposals were issued in 2019, in the case of aid granted to private enterprises, a total of 57 calls were issued under the 7 schemes being implemented under PA1, PA2 and PA3. The calls are now being managed through open rolling calls with different cut-off dates to ensure that the private sector is able to submit proposals at regular intervals. In 2019 only, 197 applications were received (31 under PA 2 and 166 under PA 3), with a total of 101 proposals approved for funding. C. 59% of these approved proposals were submitted by micro enterprises, covering mainly the hospitality sector, the wholesale and retail sectors and the manufacturing of food products.

In terms of progress in the implementation of the projects approved for funding, details can be found below:

Priority Axis	Progress Achieved
PA 1 RTDi	<p>Two projects, providing research infrastructure, with a total EU funding amount of €52M are being implemented by the University of Malta. These projects aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enable and support technology transfer, entrepreneurship and knowledge exchange with industry (Transdisciplinary Research and Knowledge Exchange (TRAKE) project) - Achieve a model resource efficient building, namely a ‘live’ laboratory, to monitor a range of resource efficient technologies in a real life-context (Sustainable Living Complex (SLC) project) <p>Whilst the construction works of the different buildings under both the TRAKE and the SLC projects are ongoing, the delivery of lab equipment under TRAKE has enabled the University of Malta to start undergoing research activities in the areas of bioengineering, robotics, manufacturing, and transport. By end 2019, c. 50 FTE of researchers were undertaking research with such equipment.</p> <p>A Grant Scheme aimed for the private sector, focusing on RD&I, had 6 cut off dates in 2019 through open rolling calls but no proposals for approval were submitted.</p>
PA2 ICT	<p>Two projects, with a total EU funding amount of €33.5M, are being implemented with the aim of developing and implementing a national spatial data infrastrucute, to provide information that identifies the geographic location of features and boundaries in Malta (Sintegram); and creating a number of eService applications in the areas of</p>

	<p>Government to Business, Government to Customers and Government to Government (CONVERGE).</p> <p>2019 saw the successful closure of the Sintegram project, directly resulting in the development of a single platform for data gathering and storing that allows multiple Government Ministries and entities to access the same data.</p> <p>Under the Converge project, an additional 10 new e-services and e-platforms were successfully set up in 2019. These include several related to the health sector, such as, an Electronic Patient Records for Primary Health Care, a Patient Consent Management System, a Health Data Exchange system, a Patient Registry for the Directorate for Health Information & Research as well as an IT solution for the Department of Pharmaceutical Affairs.</p> <p>This PA also includes the implementation of a grant scheme to private companies, namely the e-Commerce Grant Scheme. In 2019, there were 6 cut-off calls in which 31 applications were received. 9 grants were approved for a total value of €39,000 whilst 1 application was still under evaluation at end 2019.</p>
<p>PA 3 Enhancing Competitiveness through investment in SMEs</p>	<p>Three projects with a total EU Funding amount of €18.6M are currently being implemented. The main achievements registered in 2019 are summarised as per below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The official launch of the Xewkija Enterprise Hub in Gozo with the signature of the first lease agreement, followed by an additional 9 new lease agreements for the Industrial Workshop Complex, also in Xewkija. - Following the conclusion of embellishment works within the Crafts Village at Ta' Qali, 17 tenants have continued investing in rehabilitation works on their individual units. Road works on site have now been completed with lighting poles and LED lighting. - 242 unique enterprises benefitted from the Internationalization Knowledge Platform in several manners, including using research material available on the platform, applying to participate in expos and seminars abroad and the production of promotional videos by 20 enterprises. <p>5 different Grant Schemes for the private sector are implemented under this PA, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SME Growth Grant Scheme - Start-up Investment Grant Scheme - SME Diversification and Innovation - SME Internationalisation - SME Consultancy Services Grant Schemes

	<p>Calls under all schemes continued to be issued in 2018 through open rolling calls with different cut-off dates. In 2019, 166 applications were received for all schemes under this PA out of which 92 SMEs were awarded a grant with a total value of €4.8M.</p>
<p>PA 4 Low Carbon economy</p>	<p>Three projects, related to Energy Efficiency, were under implementation in 2019 with a total EU Funding amount of €6.6M. They mainly deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrading and retrofitting of the Administration Centre of the Ministry for Gozo aimed to minimise the building's energy consumption. A 54% reduction in energy consumption is expected - in 2019, works continued with the implementation of certain energy efficient actions. - Increasing energy efficiency in the street lighting of Malta's arterial and distributor roads through the installation of smart LED street lighting, expecting to decrease its annual primary energy consumption by over 70% - final stages of implementation of contract through which LED luminaires with increased technological efficiency and dimming settings were installed in Malta's arterial and distributor roads. - Investing in an energy efficient lighting system together with a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) system that will result in a carbon efficient residence minimising energy demand for the St. Vincent De Paul Residence (retirement home). The project is expected to decrease its annual primary energy consumption by 32.8% - the main tender for the provision of and installation of HVAC and lighting system was awarded in Q4 2019 and works have started. <p>Five projects, related to Renewable Energy Sources, also received ERDF assistance for a value of €15.7M, with one project having been concluded in 2017. The interventions mainly deal with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increasing the use of RES in the domestic sector through a scheme which provides financial support covering part of the costs of PV systems installed in households. The project will be targeting c. 6,594 families; - by 2019, 6,085 families were assisted through grants to cover part of the costs of PV systems installed; - Installing PVs in public buildings (Malta Information Technology Agency), as well as in buildings owned by NGOs (Malta Red Cross, Oasi Foundation and Church School Association) to shift towards the use of RES. The projects are expected to produce 0.29MWp of additional capacity of renewable energy production. – following the completion of one the projects resulting in 0.05MW of additional capacity of renewable energy production, in 2019 the other NGO-led projects have registered progress with conclusion of procurement and installation of PVs.

	<p>Furthermore, following the signature of the Funding Agreement for a new Financial Instrument for RES and EE measures for households and enterprises with a total EU funding amount of €15M, 2 meetings of the Investment Board were held in 2019, during which decisions on the call for Expression of Interest and the advisory package were taken. The Call for Expression of Interest was launched in January 2020 and is expected to be on the market till Q2 2020.</p>
PA 5 Cultural heritage	<p>Twenty-eight projects with a total EU Funding amount of €74M are approved under PA 5; 11 such projects are being implemented by NGOs whilst another 6 projects are led by Local Councils.</p> <p>Examples of major achievements by end of 2019 are summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following Malta's National Fine Arts Museum, it was the turn of the Manoel Theatre, Malta' national and oldest theatre in Valletta, to open its doors. With the installation of a new ventilation and acclimatization system, this opera venue offered its patrons a comfortable ambiance in terms of air temperature control as well as improved acoustics, making it possible for tourists to enjoy theatre productions also in the summer months. - Restoration works on other historical sites, such as the Red Tower in Melieha and the Santa Marija Tower on the island of Comino, as well as the railway embankment in Attard and the Xewkija Windmill in Gozo were in an advanced stage of implementation. - Extensive restoration works on churches, paintings and religious artefacts were also ongoing throughout the year in villages and towns across the Maltese islands. - The natural heritage of the Maltese island was targeted through the regeneration of Chadwick Lakes, following a pilot project completed in Gozo. So far, an area of around 13,000 sq.m. has been rehabilitated, creating a venue for natural heritage tourism.
PA 6 SUD	<p>Following the finalisation of the Sustainable Urban Development strategy for the Harbour Area, progress was registered on the operations approved for EU financing to address the specific needs of communities of lower Valletta and improve their quality of life.</p> <p>The actions within the strategy are grouped as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A – Improving the urban environment, the revitalisation of cities and the preservation of cultural heritage - B – Social housing and community needs - C - Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises; and - D – Actions for the vulnerable.

	<p>€24M in EU funding was committed towards projects falling under this PA.</p> <p>Examples of major achievements achieved by end of 2019 are summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Restoration works were carried out at on landmark buildings such as the Auberge de Baviere and the House of Catalunya, on an area of c. 8,000 sq.m. of fortifications making up the English and the French curtains, and on a number of churches and religious shrines. - From a social housing point of view, restoration works continued on several housing units, with 11 housing units rehabilitated completely. - The construction works for the conversion of Old Abattoir site into a “Valletta Design Cluster” aimed to encourage and foster the cultivation of enterprises in the creative sector, progressed well with the completion of the restoration of the built fabric. Works related to the mechanical and electrical installations and finishes have also commenced.
PA 7 Modal Shift	<p>€35.5M were committed for the SMITHS (Sustainable Multi Intermodal Transport HubS) project which aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - encouraging a modal shift and sustainable and alternative low-carbon transport modes; - facilitating alternative transport through new/improved maritime infrastructure; - improve air quality and reduce GHG emissions from the transport sector. <p>By end 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the actions aimed to promote alternative clean and sustainable modes for commuting, works related to the construction of segregated cycling lanes and pedestrian paths covering c. 2.75km were carried out. These were completed and opened to the public. - In relation to the investment being carried out in Gozo aimed introduce a new multimodal hub in Gozo, including a Park and Ride facility operated by clean collective modes of transport, the contract for the purchase of 6 fully electric powered buses with a category M3 Class I was signed. The delivery of the said vehicles is expected in 2020. - With regards to the maritime component, works started on the ferry landing places in Bormla and Sliema.
PA 8 Social and Health Infrastructure	<p>Four projects with a total EU Funding amount of €22M are currently being implemented in the area of Social Intervention:</p>

- The setting up of a centre that will support the integration of vulnerable persons within the community (**The Meeting Place**)
- The establishment of semi-independent living arrangements in Naxxar to support the integration of persons with disabilities within the community by providing them with transitional residential and employment opportunities (**REACH**)
- The **retrofitting of energy-efficient lifts in social housing estates** throughout the island in order to increase vertical mobility
- The setting up of a **Caritas Community Centre** to centralise in one place (i) all out-patient based services (non-residential) and (ii) all the administrative operations of the organization.
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Four mainstream selected projects with a total public eligible value of €44M are currently being implemented in the area of Health Intervention:

- The construction of a **regional health hub in Paola** which will seek to provide primary health care provision to the inhabitants of the Southern Region.
- The setting up of the **Establishment for Blood, Tissue and Cell Centre** to provide for the stem cell, bone, cornea and amnion banking.
- Improvement of **palliative care by Hospice Malta** through the expansion of the Day Therapy Unit, Out Patients' Clinics and storage facility for equipment which can be loaned to patients.
- Other health related infrastructure.

By end 2019:

- In the area of social housing, **51 blocks were completed with 184 residents** benefitting from improved accessibility with installations of energy efficient lifts. Whilst increasing safety of residents, this also provides easier access to disadvantaged people.
- Procurement processes were launched for the newly-approved projects, resulting in the award of the 2 main contracts for the projects being led by NGOs, that is, the Palliative Care Centre led by Hospice Malta and the Caritas Community Centre.

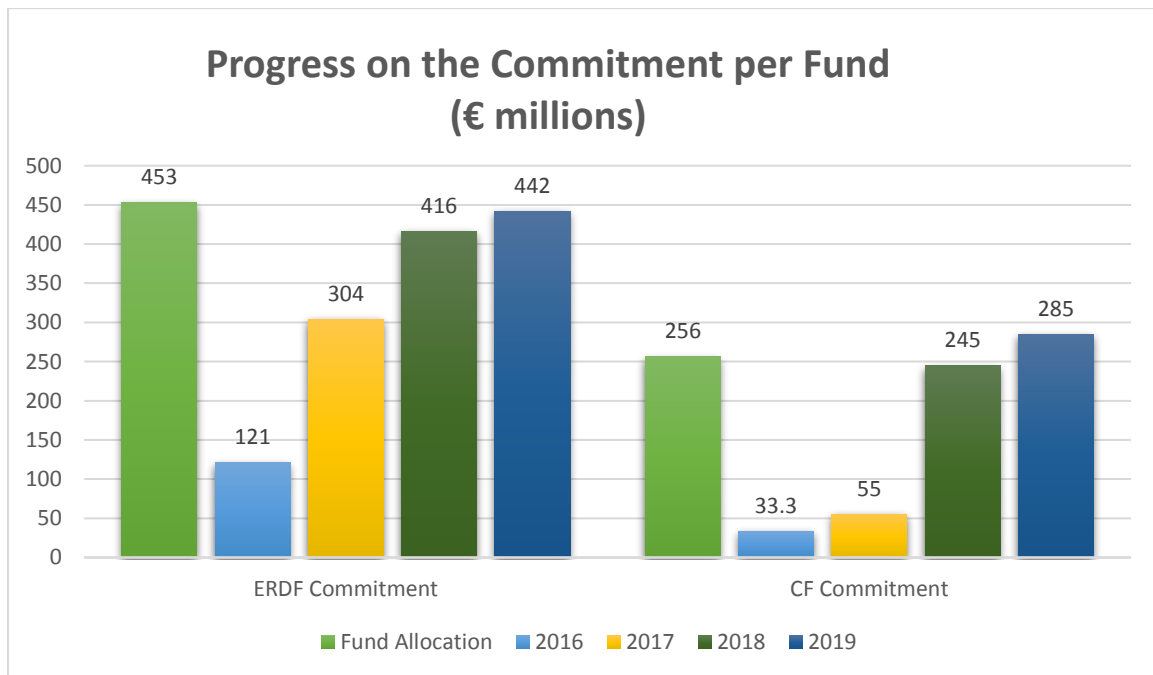
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implementation-wise, progress on the ground was registered in relation to projects approved in previous years, including the Paola Regional Health Hub, mainly on excavation works and the finalization of the building designs.
<p>PA 9 Education, Training and Lifelong Learning</p>	<p>Two projects with a value of €33.9M are currently being implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction of 3 new buildings as part of the MCAST Masterplan (Phase 2) project, housing part of the Institute of Engineering and Transport (IET), as well as building and construction the Institute of Information, Communication and Technology (IICT), and the MCAST Resource Centre (MRC). The project shall also include a College Management Information System – in 2019, the Institute of Engineering and Transport was being used to deliver courses from Level 1 to Level 7 in a wide range of subject areas such as welding, marine engineering, construction, mechanical and electrical installation as well as internal and external finishes. Following the completion of the excavation works for the ‘Institute of Information and Communication Technology,’ construction works are still ongoing. The main tenders for the ‘MCAST Resource Centre’, were also ongoing. MCAST can also boast of a new Management Information System which is currently in use by students and MCAST staff. - Investment in 76 Vocational Education & Training (VET) labs in 13 secondary state schools in Malta and Gozo covering 9 VET and applied subjects: Hospitality; Health and Social Care; Engineering Technology; Information Technology; Agribusiness; Retail; Textiles and Fashion; Hairdressing and Beauty; Media Literacy (INVEST project) – by end 2019, 71 VET labs have been fully completed and started hosting a total of 2,508 students. An important result from this project is that 55% of Year 9 students in state schools (scholastic year 2019/2020) have opted to study at least one vocational or applied subject.
<p>PA 10 Environment</p>	<p>Seven projects including a Major Project with a total public eligible value of €190M are being implemented under this PA.</p> <p>Under the Waste Investment Priority, the funded interventions aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rehabilitating the former landfill at Wied Fulija. - Setting up of a Multi-Material Recovery Facility within the grounds of the Civic Amenity site in Hal Far. - Encouraging Sustainable Waste Practices in Households in order to increase the separation of Municipal Solid Waste at source. <p>The interventions related to Water, have the objective of:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrade of the water production/distribution as well as of the sewage network with the aim of addressing existing obstacles to the water production, wastewater collection and treatment and water reuse in the Maltese Island (Major Project). - Retrofitting of the Sant Antnin Wastewater Treatment Plant with innovative activated sludge-based technologies. - Increasing knowledge on the occurrence of natural water resources in the Maltese islands. (Water Campaign and Monitoring Project). - Setting up a Rainwater Integrated Infrastructure Network for rainwater management in five catchments in Malta. <p>Examples of major achievements under this PA by end of 2019 are summarized below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant progress has been made on the Water Major Project, with the completion of the 3.4 km Pembroke-Ibragg section, part of the underground tunnel from Pembroke RO to Malta's main reservoirs in Ta' Qali. Other sections are being bored simultaneously to improve the efficiency and blending capacity of the water network. 2019 also saw the completion of EE measures at 2 RO plants: retrofitting of 5 trains, each with a production capacity of 4,500m³/day, with new pumping and energy recovery equipment. - Delivery of new equipment at the San Antnin Wastewater treatment plant. - Continuation of the two campaigns in the areas of water and waste being implemented under this PA. Launched in September, the water campaign included 32 press articles, airing of 10 TV episodes, radio and social media marketing. The waste campaign continued with 2 new measures launched in October: one promoting separation of waste at source through kerbside collection vehicles and another targeting hazardous waste with the participation of 90% of all licensed pharmacies in Malta. - Progress on waste infrastructural projects was also registered for the rehabilitation of the Wied Fulija landfill and the construction of the Multi Material Recovery Facility.
PA 11 TEN-T	<p>Three projects with a total public eligible value of €95.4M were funded, or are currently being funded under this PA, with the aim of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upgrading of the existing roundabout junction at Node EA15 (Kappara) to a grade separated junction - completed in early 2018 and opened to the public; - Constructing and upgrading of road sections of what is known as the TEN-T Core and Comprehensive Transport Network for the removal of existing traffic bottlenecks - by end of 2019, widening works of the Marsa-Hamrun By-Pass were completed, contributing towards an additional 1.1 km of reconstructed and

	<p>upgraded roads. Moreover, works on the Santa Lucija Underpass commenced in the latter half of 2019; the completion of this vehicular underpass is expected to result in 1.25km of enhanced TEN-T road section with increased road safety and reductions in journey time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The enhancement of the capacity of the Core TEN-T Port of Valletta by undertaking investment towards the setting up of a new cargo facility located at Bridge Wharf and Church Wharf - changes in the project location for the port project slowed down the drafting of the tenders and the planning process and dredging works will need to be carried out in Summer of 2021 due to delays in the said planning process.
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Allocation and Commitment of the two Funds

As at end 2019, the overall progress of the implementation of the OP in terms of allocation and commitment is as follows:



What's next? ... The implementation of the programme is expected to continue to progress in 2020 as project implementation continues across the board on all projects approved for funding under OPI.

PA1

INVESTING IN RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION

THESE PROJECTS ARE:
-TRAKE (TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE)
-SLC (SUSTAINABLE LIVING COMPLEX)

2
MAINSTREAM PROJECTS

€52M
IN EU FUNDS UNDER PA1

TRAKE: DELIVERY OF LAB EQUIPMENT HAS ALREADY ENABLED RESEARCH BY APPROX. 50FTE RESEARCHERS IN THE AREAS OF BIOENGINEERING, ROBOTICS, MANUFACTURING AND TRANSPORT.

SLC: LAB EQUIPMENT ACQUIRED WILL ENABLE RESEARCH ON RESOURCE-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS



PA2 | CONSOLIDATING INVESTMENT WITHIN THE ICT SECTOR

THESE PROJECTS ARE:
-CONVERGE (CONNECTED
E-GOVERNMENT)
-SINTEGRAM
(DEVELOPING SPATIAL
DATA INTEGRATION FOR
THE MALTESE ISLANDS)

2
PROJECTS &
1 AID SCHEME

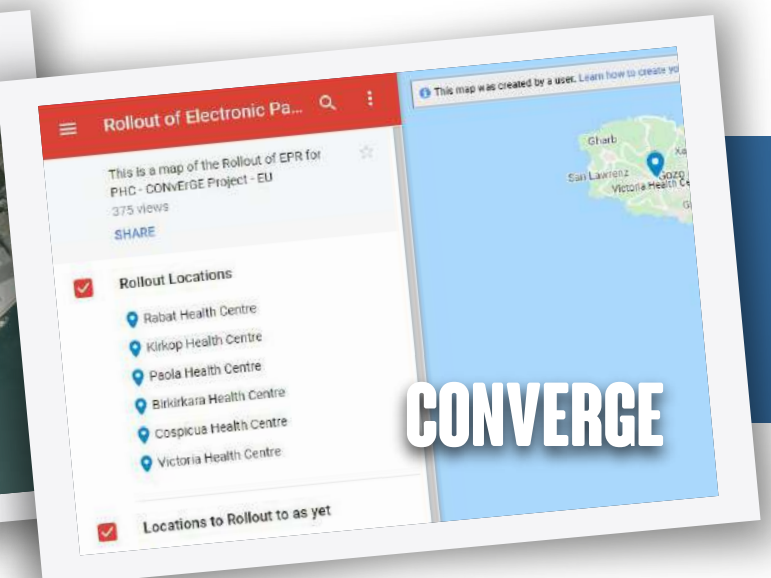
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ENTERPRISES
RECEIVING
SUPPORT

€38M
IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA2

SINTEGRAM: COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT RESULTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SINGLE PLATFORM FOR DATA GATHERING AND STORING THAT ALLOWS MULTIPLE GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES & ENTITIES TO ACCESS THE SAME DATA

CONVERGE: 10 NEW E-SERVICES ACHIEVED IN 2019, MOSTLY RELATED TO HEALTH

AID SCHEMES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR: 9 GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR A TOTAL OF €39K



PA3

ENHANCING MALTA'S COMPETITIVENESS THROUGH INVESTMENTS IN SMEs

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- CRAFTS VILLAGE (TA' QALI)
- XEWKIJA ENTERPRISE HUB & INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOP COMPLEX (XEWKIJA)
- INTERNATIONALISATION KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM

3

PROJECTS BEING
IMPLEMENTED
(+5 AID SCHEMES)

95

ENTERPRISES
RECEIVING DIRECT
SUPPORT

269

ENTERPRISES
RECEIVING INDIRECT
SUPPORT

€44.6M

IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA3

OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF THE XEWKIJA ENTERPRISE HUB WITH FIRST LEASE AGREEMENT SIGNED

AN ADDITIONAL 9 LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR THE INDUSTRIAL WORKSHOP COMPLEX, ALSO IN XEWKIJA

92 GRANT AGREEMENTS SIGNED UNDER 5 DIFFERENT AID SCHEMES FOR A TOTAL VALUE OF €4.8M



PA4 | SHIFTING TOWARDS A LOW CARBON ECONOMY

THESE PROJECTS INCLUDE:
-INSTALLATION OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY SOURCES
-INCLUSION OF ENERGY
EFFICIENCY MEASURES

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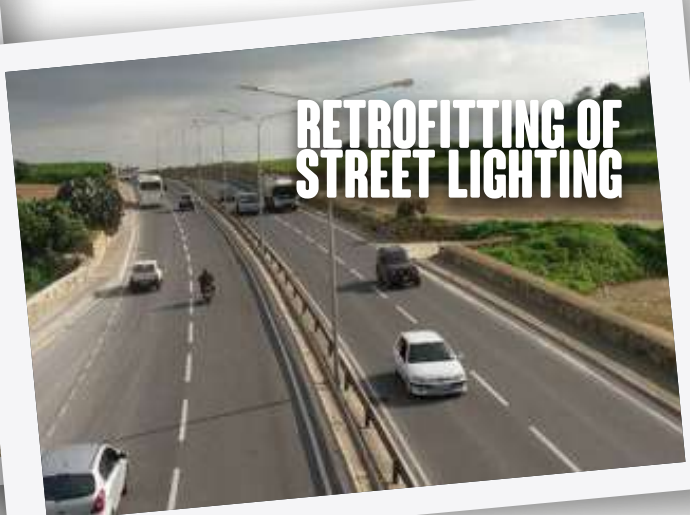
PROJECTS BEING
IMPLEMENTED
+1 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT

€37.4M
IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA4

6,085

FAMILIES BENEFITTING
FROM FINANCIAL SUPPORT
TO UNDERTAKE INVESTMENT
IN RES UNDER THE
DOMESTIC GRANT SCHEME

LED LUMINAIRES, WITH INCREASED
TECHNOLOGICAL EFFICIENCY AND DIMMING
SETTINGS, WERE INSTALLED IN MALTA'S
ARTERIAL AND DISTRIBUTOR ROADS



PA5

PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT - INVESTING IN NATURAL AND CULTURAL ASSETS

CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE
PROJECTS INCLUDING RESTORATION
WORKS ON HISTORICAL SITES SUCH

AS:

- RED TOWER (MELLIEHA)
- SANTA MARIJA TOWER (COMINO)
- CARAVAGGIO CENTRE (VALLETTA)
- GRANDMASTER'S PALACE (VALLETTA)

28

PROJECTS BEING
IMPLEMENTED

11
NGOs

6
LOCAL
COUNCILS

€74M

IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA5

EXTENSIVE RESTORATION WORKS ON
CHURCHES, PAINTINGS AND RELIGIOUS
ARTEFACTS ONGOING IN VILLAGES AND TOWNS
ACROSS THE MALTESE ISLANDS

REGENERATION OF CHADWICK LAKES, WITH AN
AREA OF AROUND 11,000 SQ.M REHABILITATED
SO FAR, CREATING A VENUE FOR NATURAL
HERITAGE TOURISM



PA6 | SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE HARBOUR AREA PROJECT, AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES AT THE LOWER VALLETTA AREA

RESTORATION WORKS CONTINUED ON SEVERAL HOUSING UNITS, WITH WORKS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN 2020

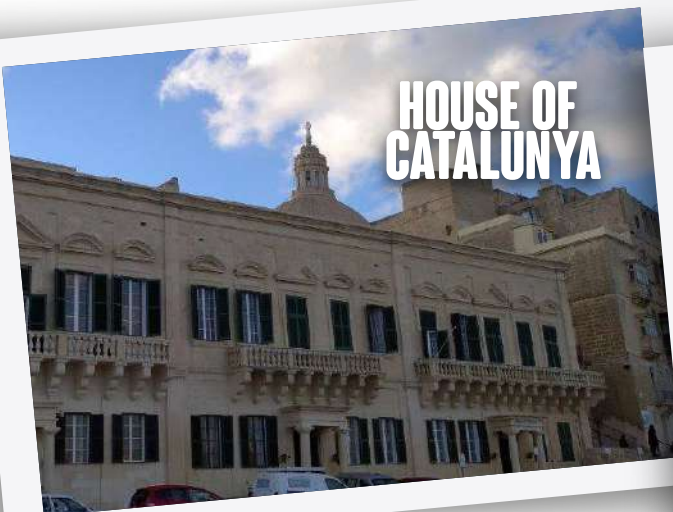
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PROJECT
(INCL. 4 ACTIONS)

SUPPORT TO SMEs:
VALLETTA DESIGN CLUSTER

€24M
IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA6

RESTORATION WORKS ON LANDMARK BUILDINGS INCLUDE:

- AUBERGE DE BAVIERE
- HOUSE OF CATALUNYA
- AREA OF C. 8,000 SQ.M OF FORTIFICATIONS MAKING UP THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH CURTAINS;
- A NUMBER OF CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS SHRINES



PA7

SHIFTING TOWARDS A MORE LOW-CARBON TRANSPORT SECTOR

ONE PROJECT AIMING TO ENCOURAGE A MODAL SHIFT, SUSTAINABLE AND ALTERNATIVE LOW CARBON TRANSPORT MODES, IMPROVE AIR QUALITY AND REDUCE GHG EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORT SECTOR

1
PROJECT

6

FULLY ELECTRIC POWERED BUSES TO OPERATE A NEW GOZO PARK AND RIDE FACILITY

€35.5M
IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA7

**APPROX
2.75KM**

SEGREGATED CYCLING LANES & PEDESTRIAN PATHS

WORKS HAVE ALSO STARTED ON THE FERRY LANDING PLACES IN BORMLA AND SLIEMA



PA8

INVESTING TOWARDS A MORE SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE SOCIETY

APPROVAL OF 3 NEW PROJECTS IN 2019:

- SETTING UP OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR THE BLOOD TISSUES AND CELL CENTRE MALTA
- THE 'IMPROVEMENT OF PALLIATIVE CARE' BY HOSPICE MALTA;
- THE SETTING UP OF A 'CARITAS COMMUNITY CENTRE'

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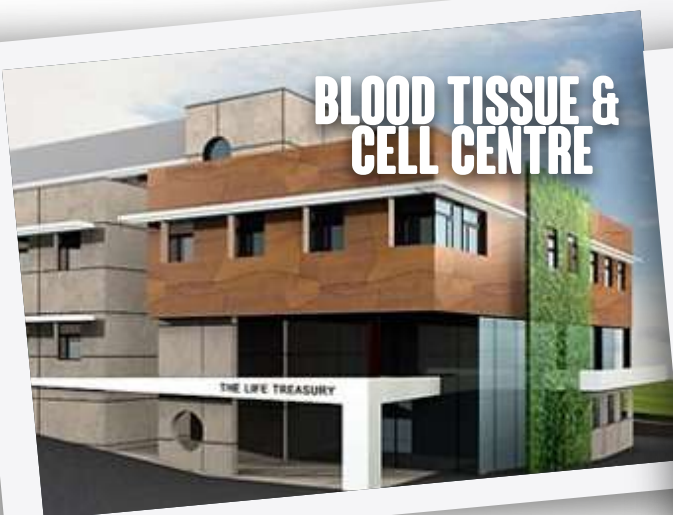
PROJECTS

€65M

IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA8

IN SOCIAL HOUSING, 51 UNITS WERE COMPLETED WITH FAMILIES BENEFITTING FROM IMPROVED ACCESSIBILITY WITH INSTALLATIONS OF ENERGY EFFICIENT LIFTS

PHOTOS SHOWN BELOW ARE ARCHITECTURAL RENDERINGS OF THE NEW PROJECTS APPROVED



PA9

DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE THROUGH EDUCATION, TRAINING & LIFELONG LEARNING

**- MCAST CAMPUS
[PHASE II]
- INVEST**

**2
PROJECTS**

THE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORT AT MCAST BEING USED TO DELIVER COURSES FROM LEVEL 1 TO 7 IN DIFFERENT SUBJECT AREAS SUCH AS WELDING, MARINE ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION, HVAC, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND WOODWORK

STUDENTS IN STATE SCHOOLS STUDYING AT LEAST ONE VOCATIONAL/APPLIED SUBJECT DURING 2019/20 SCHOLASTIC YEAR

2,508

NEW MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM WHICH IS CURRENTLY IN USE BY STUDENTS AND MCAST STAFF

**€33.8M
IN EU FUNDS
UNDER PA9**

INVEST - 71 VET LABS WHICH HAVE STARTED HOSTING STUDENTS IN 13 SECONDARY SCHOOLS: 55% OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS IN STATE SCHOOLS (SCHOLASTIC YR 2019/2020) HAVE OPTED TO STUDY AT LEAST ONE VOCATIONAL OR APPLIED SUBJECT



PA10

INVESTING IN A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY SOCIETY

7 PROJECTS IN WATER AND WASTE INCLUDING THE WATER MAJOR PROJECT,

7 PROJECTS

2

INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS IN THE AREAS OF WATER & WASTE

+120,000

BINS DISTRIBUTED TO HOUSEHOLDS

€189M
IN EU FUNDS UNDER PA10

COMPLETION OF THE 3.4KM PEMBROKE-IBRAGG UNDERGROUND TUNNEL TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY AND BLENDING CAPACITY OF THE WATER NETWORK



IMPROVING WATER QUALITY



WATER CAMPAIGN

PA11

INVESTING IN TEN-T INFRASTRUCTURE

EU FUNDED PROJECTS BEING IMPLEMENTED TO UPGRADE THE TEN-T ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE & THE TEN-T PORT

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PROJECTS

€95M

IN EU FUNDS UNDER PA11

COMPLETION OF MARSAMRUN BY-PASS RESULTING IN 1.1KM OF RECONSTRUCTED AND UPGRADED ROADS

COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS ON SANTA LUCIA UNDERPASS, WHICH WILL RESULT IN 1.25KM OF ENHANCED TEN-T ROAD SECTION WITH INCREASED ROAD SAFETY AND REDUCTIONS IN JOURNEY TIME

MARSAMRUN BYPASS



SANTA LUCIA UNDERPASS

