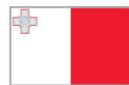


# Masterplan: Development of Applied Science and Business and Commerce Institutes

## 2007-2013 Programming Period

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## **The Beneficiary: Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST)**

- Established in 2000
- The main vocational institution in Malta
- From the provider of traditional vocational courses (art, design, hair and beauty, business, electrical and mechanical engineering), MCAST expanded its range of programmes to address knowledge-intensive economic sectors like health care, ICT, environmental science, financial services, marine engineering, aviation and media.
- Broadened its course offerings to:
  - Levels 1 and 2 programmes to create the support structure to reduce the early school leavers rate;
  - ▶ - Levels 5 and 6 courses to address the European strategy of securing high-quality vocational education and training at higher qualification levels.



## Investment in Educational Capacity Infrastructure

First phase of Corradino New Campus Project (19,000m<sup>2</sup>)

- Institute of Applied Sciences (IAS)
- Institute of Business Management and Commerce (IBMC)
- Students' House
- IT labs for the Institute of Information and Communication Technology (IICT)
- Sports Facilities
- Underground car park



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**Fits squarely with the objective of the Operational Programme:**

*... the ambition to increase the level of participation in education at post-secondary levels will need to be supported by infrastructural expansions and upgrades and other capital investment in the main post-secondary and tertiary institutions in Malta and Gozo....*

**Objective 2:** Improving Malta's Attractiveness and Quality of Life

**Priority Axis 6:** *Urban regeneration and improving the quality of life*

**Operational Objective:** *To continue investment in the health, social and educational sectors*

**Focus area of intervention:** *Education, Social and Health-related Infrastructure (Formal Education*

**Priority Theme:** *Education Infrastructure.*

As a result of this investment MCAST is in a position to address urgent national challenges:

- increase students' participation rates at post-secondary levels
- increase the number of students taking up science subjects
- address skills shortages/new occupational needs in health care, science related industries, ICT, financial services sectors
- enhance the students' knowledge by providing them with hands on experience on equipment which is being used in the labour market, hence ensuring a better trained workforce



The number of MCAST's students have increased by 20% since 2009:

- an overall increase of 780 students at IBMC and IAS equivalent to an 85% increase in these areas
- an increase of 500 students following science related subjects.

## ***Added Value***

- The construction of the first Phase of the MCAST New Campus project was implemented at a much faster rate
- MCAST's educational infrastructure capacity has been enhanced and the attractiveness of post-secondary training specifically the vocational education sector has been increased
- MCAST is in a position to actively contribute towards the provision of skilled labour for the enterprise being targeted for foreign direct investment
- MCAST is directly contributing to Malta's competitiveness by providing the necessary skills required to address knowledge-intensive economic sectors like science, health care, ICT and finance; hence reducing the social and economic disparities between member states.

***Project complements other initiatives funded under ERDF 2007-2013 Programmes:***

- ERDF 054: Setting Up of a Multimedia Training Centre at the Institute of Art and Design, MCAST
- ERDF 056: Upgrading and Expansion, MCAST Institute of Mechanical Engineering Malta /Gozo
- ERDF 062: Language Lab with Contact Training Facility at MCAST Institute of Business Commerce Malta and Gozo
- ERDF 065: Expansion of MCAST Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
- ERDF 066: Computer Systems and Computer Laboratories at MCAST ICT Institute, Malta/Gozo



## ***Other complementary projects co-financed by ESF 2007-2013***

### *Projects targeting IVET included:*

- ESF 1.36: Professional Development Programmes for MCAST Staff and Student's Top-Up Degrees
- ESF 1.130: Making VET Education More Relevant and Attractive
- ESF 3.102: Inclusion for Employment

### *Projects targeting CVET included:*

- ESF 2.85: Linking Industrial Needs and VET to Optimise Human Capital
- ESF 2.139: Increasing Accessibility, Flexibility and Innovation to MCAST Life-Long-Learning Course

### *Projects targeting New Sectors/Lack of Resources:*

- ESF 1.33: Increasing ICT Student Capacity in Malta
- ESF 1.34: Addressing Skills Mismatches in the Aviation Maintenance Industry

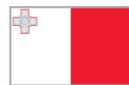


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