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MALTA 2007-2013

MONITORING COMMITTEE for Operational Programme II


Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life
Cohesion policy (2007-2013)

Implementation Update

22nd May 2008

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Initial Implementation Steps

- 18th July 2007 – Launch of Operational Programmes I & II.
- 27th July 2007 – Launch of the first call for Project Proposals.
- 4th September 2007 – The first advance payment of €2.24M from the EC was received.

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• Calls Issued:

Priority Axis	Issued on	Deadline
CALL 1 PA 2 : Investing in Employability and Adaptability of the Workforce FA 1 : Continuous Training and Education	27 th July 2007	7 th September 2007
CALL 2 PA1: Improving Education and Skills FA 4 : Information and Communication Technology	3 rd August 2007	14 th September 2007
CALL 3 PA 1 : Improving Education and Skills PA 3 : Promoting an Equal and Inclusive Labour Market (all focus areas)	8 th January 2008	22 nd February 2008
CALL 4 PA 3 : Promoting an Equal and Inclusive Labour Market (for NGOs only, all focus areas)	29 th February 2008	2 nd May 2008
Aid Schemes	11 th March 2008	21 st April 2008

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• Projects submitted under each PA per call

CALL 1	Priority Axis 2, Focus Area 1	16 projects
CALL 2	Priority Axis 1, Focus Area 4	5 projects
CALL 3	Priority Axis 1 (all Focus Areas) Priority Axis 3 (all Focus Areas)	19 projects 22 projects
CALL 4	Priority Axis 3 (for NGOs only)	6 projects
Aid Schemes	Training Aid Framework	1
	Employment Aid Framework	1

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Project Selection Process

- The Project Selection Committee was set up and the Terms of Reference were adopted.
- Between the last quarter of 2007 and end of first quarter of 2008, the PSC met to evaluate the project proposals submitted under Priority Axes 1 and 2 from the first two calls.
- In total the PSC evaluated 5 projects under Priority Axis 1 and 16 projects under Priority Axis 2.
- The Project Selection Process leading to the ranking of the project proposals, resulted in 3 projects being funded under Priority Axis 1 and another 3 projects funded under Priority Axis 2.
- 8.53% of the OP11 budget have been committed in funding for the approved projects

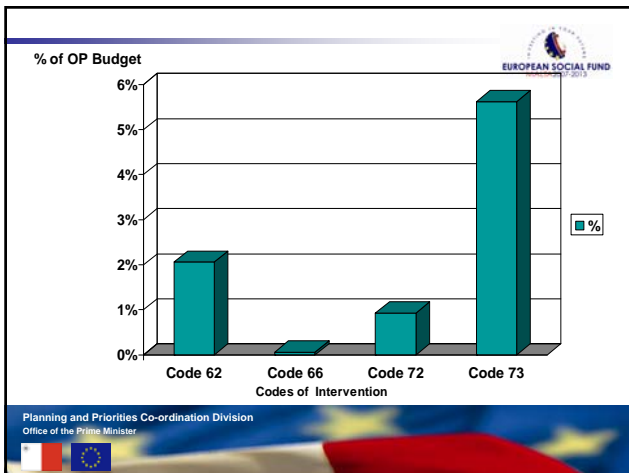
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Selected Projects and the related Intervention Codes

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Project	Code by Priority Theme (indicative)
ESF 1.19 On-line E-Learning Management Systems for Post-Graduate Medical Training Activities (MAM)	73
ESF 1.21 Parents & Teachers Fusion ICT Training Programme (MEDC)	72
ESF 1.22 Research Analysis and Training for Enhancing the University Library (UoM)	73
ESF 2.4 Employability Programme (ETC)	66, 73
ESF 2.11 Developing Leaders for Change and Innovation in Tourism (MTA)	62, 72, 73
ESF 2.12 Second Step (MITC)	66, 73

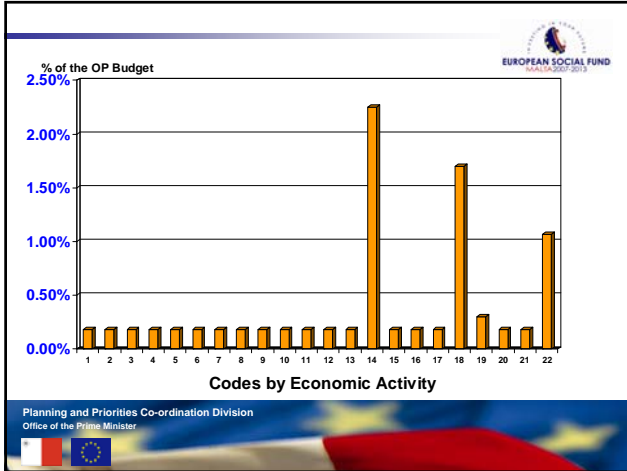
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Codes by Economic Activity of Approved Projects

Project	Code (indicative)
ESF 1.19, On-line E-Learning Management Systems for Post-Graduate Medical Training Activities (MAM)	19 – Human Health Activities
ESF 1.21, Parents & Teachers Fusion ICT Training Programme (MEDC)	18 – Education
ESF 1.22, Research Analysis and Training for Enhancing the University Library (UOM)	18 – Education
ESF 2.4, Employability Programme (ETC)	1 – 22 all codes
ESF 2.11, Developing Leaders for Change and Innovation in Tourism (MTA)	14 – Hotels and Restaurants 22 – Other activities
ESF 2.12, Second Step (MITC)	18 - Education

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- A new PSC for the evaluation of the projects submitted during the 3rd and 4th calls has been set and is currently in the evaluation stage.
 - A new call for projects is planned to be issued in the beginning of the third quarter of 2008.
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- ### Aid Schemes
- 2 Aid Schemes: Employment Aid Framework
Training Aid Framework
 - Specific Application Forms and Guidance Notes were designed.
 - ETC was appointed as IB for these aid schemes.
 - The covenants for these Aid Schemes have been drafted.
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- ### Actions related to Implementation
- Drafting of detailed Eligibility Rules (MA);
 - Internal discussion and drafting of the Implementation System Description (MA);
 - Drafting of the Manual of Procedures (MA);
 - Drafting of the Evaluation Plan (MA);
 - Finalisation of the Audit Strategy (AA);
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Actions related to Implementation (COP)

- Preparation of the Annual Implementation Report (MA);
- Approval of the Communication Plan by the EC (MA);
- Rolling out of the SFD (MA/CIO-OPM);
- Organisation of training courses for new recruits and Beneficiaries;
- Processing of first payments (MA/Treasury Division).


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Operational Programmes I and II – Cohesion Policy 2007-2013
Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life
Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life
Meeting part-financed by the European Union
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF)
Co-financing rate: 85% EU Funds (70% ERDF, 30% ESF) ; 15% National Funds.



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