



EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND
MALTA 2007-2013

Projects concluded / to be concluded by end 2011 (1)

| Project Ref. | Project Title | Beneficiary | Total Cost of Project | Project Start Date | Project End Date |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ESF3.71 | Impact Assessment of Mental Health on Employment for Policy Development | Richmond Foundation | €63,481 | March 2009 | September 2011 |
| ESF1.22 | Research Analysis and Training for Enhancing the University Library | UoM | €461,688 | April 2008 | December 2011 |
| ESF1.31 | Wood CPR: Education & Training in Wood Conservation Restoration | Heritage Malta | €422,085 | August 2008 | December 2011 |

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Projects concluded / to be concluded by end 2011 (2)

| Project Ref. | Project Title | Beneficiary | Total Cost of Project | Project Start Date | Project End Date |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ESF3.52 | Care Creates Change in People's Lives and the Environment | WasteServ Malta Ltd. | €1,247,638 | December 2008 | December 2011 |
| ESF3.54 | REACH – Opportunities Close to Home | Kirkop Local Council | €193,894 | December 2008 | December 2011 |
| ESF3.66 | Iċ-Ċavetta: A Maltese Literacy Toolkit for Employment and Education Inclusion | Paolo Freire Institute | €109,546 | March 2009 | December 2011 |



Monitoring and Reporting Structures (1)

- **Project Progress Reports**

- 39 Project Progress Reports were received in July 2011
- Another PPR is expected by the end of 2011

- **Ministerial Project Steering Committees**

- 10 Ministerial Project Steering Committees were held between May and October 2011

- **IB Network Meetings**

- 1 IB Network Meeting was held on 1st September 2011
- In total, 2 IB Network Meetings were held in 2011; 21st February and 1st September

Monitoring and Reporting Structures (2)

- **Intermediate Bodies Steering Committee**
 - The IBSC was held on 1st June 2011
 - The tentative date for the next IBSC is 29th November 2011
- **Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee**
 - 1 Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee on EU Human Capital Investment Funding Programmes was held on 1st September 2011
- **High Level Meetings**
 - PPS High Level Meetings
 - 13 different Projects were reviewed since the last MC in May 2011
 - Cabinet Update
 - A Cabinet Update was provided in March 2011 and in May 2011.

Information and Publicity



- The Annual Event 2011 tender has been awarded and implementation is ongoing.
- New Promotional Material is in the process of being delivered
- PPCD website updated regularly
- Review of Communication Plan is being finalised
- A new call for project proposals is expected to be launched through adverts, press releases and website updates, at the end of this month
- The Local Informal Information and Publicity (LIIP) Network has been set up



Evaluation Activities (1)

Programme Level Evaluations



Cohort Study:

- The contract with NSO is finalized and a number of preliminary meetings were held with NSO.
- First data set of beneficiaries for the latter half of 2010 will be submitted to NSO by end of January 2011.

Thematic Evaluation:

- The tender dossier for the assessment of the contribution of OP II initiatives to education, lifelong learning and supported initiatives to the enhancement of employability and adaptability of the workforce is finalised and was submitted to DoC for vetting and launching.



Evaluation Activities (2)

Evaluations being carried out:

- Evaluation on structural funds simplification measures carried out by Blomeyer & Sanz (European Parliament)
- Measuring the impact of changing regulatory requirements on administrative cost and administrative burden of changing the European Social Fund carried out by GHK Consulting Ltd (DG EMPL)
- Mid-term evaluation on the European Globalization Fund carried out by GHK Consulting Ltd (DG EMPL)
- Evaluation of the Reaction of ESF to the Crises carried out by METIS GmbH (DG EMPL)

Training and Capacity Building (1)



16th & 30th May 2011

- 5 officers from within the MA participated in the Public Procurement Session of the Course for Line Ministries titled: “The Line Ministry’s Role on Monitoring and Public Procurement” which was also attended by 14 participants from the Line Ministry.

14th June/19th July/10 & 25th Aug 2011

- 6 officers from the Voluntary Organisations (Beneficiaries) and from the MA participated in the SFD Train-the-Trainer Course held on the 14th June
- 4 new recruits at the MA attended for SFD Training on the 19th July
- 7 Beneficiaries participated in the SFD Training Course held on the 10th August
- 2 participants from IBs attended SFD Training held on the 25th August.

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Training and Capacity Building (2)



12th, 14th, 16th, 19th & 20th September 2011

- 10 New Beneficiaries attended Induction Training for New Beneficiaries

26 September 2011

- 6 participants attended In-house training on Public Relations organised by the CET Unit within the MA

Other training courses and seminars were attended overseas namely the '*Structural Funds Verification Seminar: Improving Prevention, Detection and Correction of Errors*' which was attended by 1 participant from the MA and held in Paris between the 4th and 6th July; another was a meeting held in Prague titled 'Publicity Platform: Keeping Funds Attractive', and attended by 1 participant from the MA between the 7th and 9th September.

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Concluding Remarks on Implementation in 2011

- Particular attention by the ESF Unit directed at all the SoEs raised during 2011; already working towards the next SoE.
- MA working incessantly and meticulously towards verifying payments to avoid decommitment.
- Significant increase in the commitment towards Gozo mirroring the overall OPII commitment.
- Aid Schemes keep registering a positive reply in terms of committed values. As for the disbursement side of things, the IB has shown progress in this regard. Simplification of the administration of both Aid Schemes is definitely a step in the right direction.
- Finalise the assessment of projects submitted under PA4

Concluding Remarks: Months Ahead

Launch of Call for new project proposals

In Q4 of 2011, the following calls for Project Proposals are being planned:

- Priority Axis 2
- Priority Axis 3
- Priority Axis 4

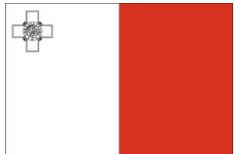
More information on the upcoming calls shall be provided by the Managing Authority in the coming weeks.

Concluding Remarks on Implementation in 2011

- Projects are currently being evaluated and a call for Project Proposals is imminent, full commitment of the OP is expected in Q1/2 of 2012
- Conclude discussions that have started a few weeks back with the approval of new project proposals
- Continue to liaise with Treasury to ensure that there is constant flow of payments



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