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Evaluation Plan for Malta's Operational Programmes 2007 - 2013

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Council Reg Art 47[1] defines the overall purpose of evaluating Cohesion Policy:

“Improve the quality, effectiveness and consistency of the assistance from the Funds and the strategy and implementation of operational programmes with respect to the specific structural problems affecting the Member States and regions concerned....”


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...while taking account of the objective of sustainable development and of the relevant Community legislation concerning environmental impact and strategic environmental assessment" Art 47[1].

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Evaluation responsibilities of the MS:

1. Provide the necessary resources [Art 48 (1)]
2. Carry out ex-ante evaluation [Art 48 (2)]
3. Carry out evaluations linked to monitoring...in particular where that monitoring reveals a significant departure or where proposals are made for OP revisions [Art 48(3)]

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Overall Evaluation Framework:



- Top down and bottom up perspectives;
- Key evaluation issues and horizontal themes;
- Mid-term evaluation exercise for each OP;
- Enhancement of monitoring system;
- Tracking system;
- If necessary, ad hoc evaluations.

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Monitoring and Evaluation Exercises over the Programming Period 2007-2013



- On going monitoring, and if necessary, ad hoc evaluations and/or research
 - Tracking System
 - Parallel mid-term evaluations
- Thematic evaluations OP11:
- Assessment of the contribution of OP11 initiatives to education and lifelong learning;
 - Assessment of the contribution of OP11 initiatives to the enhancement of employability and adaptability of the workforce.

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Ongoing Monitoring



- Day-to-day Monitoring [incl. SFD]
- Project Progress Report
 - Monitoring of performance indicators
- Project Steering Committee
 - In-Depth Internal Review
- Annual Implementation Report
- Monitoring Committee

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Setting up of a tracking system [2009]



- Systematically tracking the destination of those benefiting from ESF;
- Possible destinations: employment, self employment, further education & training or inactive;
- Challenges: establishing contact after they have left training courses and persuading them to provide information;
- Longitudinal dimension [one year];
- Data feeds into evaluation and complements ongoing monitoring;
- In line with requirements of Annex XXIII [1828/2006]

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Mid Term Evaluation [2009-2010]



MTE makes allowance for a review of appropriateness and continued relevance of the Programme strategy and also for an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of its implementation, including delays in implementation and/or lack of expected absorption rates.

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Thematic Evaluations OPII



- Assessment of the contribution of OPII initiatives to education and lifelong learning [2010; update in 2013]
- Assessment of the contribution of OPII initiatives to the enhancement of employability and adaptability of the workforce [2011; update in 2014]

Both evaluations will also look at the contribution of OPII interventions contributions to the horizontal priorities: Equal Opportunities and Environmental Sustainability

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Assessment of the contribution of OPII initiatives to education and lifelong learning



- Studies could research the 'supply-side' to assess the effectiveness of training; the 'demand-side' to look at employers who have recruited trainees; and a comprehensive evaluation of both perspectives to identify strengths/weakness, social, economic and other benefits.

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Assessment of the contribution of OPII initiatives to the enhancement of employability and adaptability of the workforce



This evaluation will focus on identifying the added value of training to the target groups in enhancing their employability and adaptability.

Will also map the OPII interventions vis-à-vis the two EES pillars

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Evaluation Capacity Development



- Demand Side: encourage networking; raise awareness; enhance technical know-how and ensure the use of evaluation results.
- Supply Side: support networking; encourage market development and promote information and skills development opportunities.

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Management of the Evaluation Plan



Main bodies involved with evaluation:

- Managing Authority
- Evaluation Steering Group
- Monitoring Committee
- European Commission

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Indicative Financial Allocations



Total € 550,000

[EU F €467,500; MTF €82,500]

equivalent to 0.49% of total EU F & MTF OPII

Evaluation Activities – 90% of allocation

Dissemination Activities – 5% of allocation

Capacity Building Activities – 5% of allocation

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