

MONITORING COMMITTEE

Operational Programme I

Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life

Implementation Update

29th April 2011

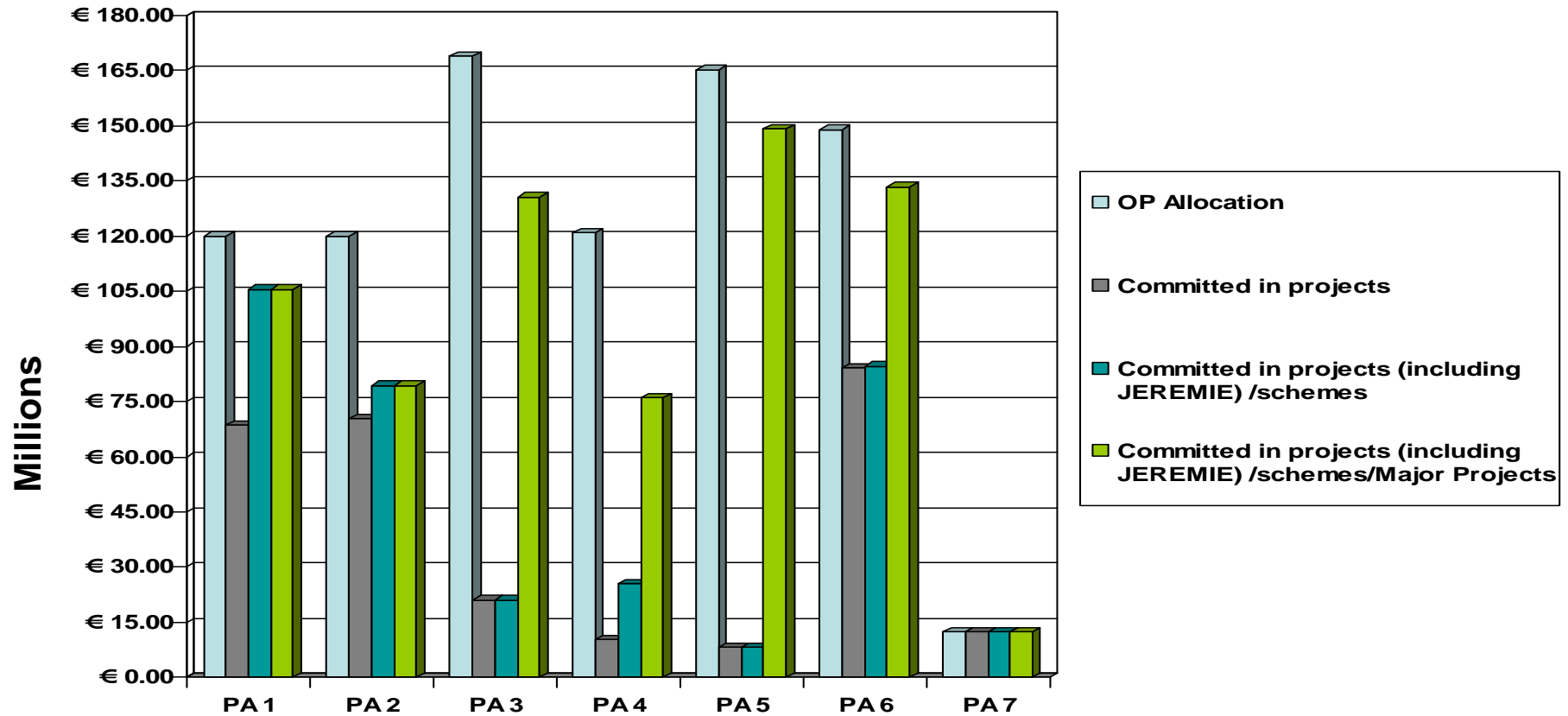
Overview (Part I)



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Funds Status per PA



Outcome of Project Selection Process (1)



Call 8 - 27 Applications Received

Call 8	Approved Project Proposals	Value Committed (€)
Tourism	5	€ 2,173,682

Call 9 - 16 Applications Received

Call 9	Approved Project Proposals	Value Committed (€)
Energy	Undergoing Evaluation	To be determined at a later stage



Outcome of Project Selection Process (2)



Non Major Call 2 - 3 Applications Received

Non Major Call 2	Approved Project Proposals	Value Committed (€)
Cohesion Fund (PA 3 & PA 5)	1 Approved 2 Undergoing Evaluation	Approved € 10,176,874 To be determined at a later stage



New Calls for Project Proposals in 2011

Calls	Priority Axis	Indicative Budget	Status
Call 10	PA 2	€ 42,000,000	Launched: 18 th March 2011 Closing date: 6 th May 2011
Call 11	PA 6	€ 10,000,000	Launched: 18 th March 2011 Closing date: 6 th May 2011
Call 12	PA 4	€ 5,000,000	Pre Announced

Financial Management (1)

<i>Operational Programme I</i>		
Description	ERDF (EUFG + MTF)	CF (EUFG + MTF)
Financial Allocation	€ 522,327,095	€ 334,288,259
Committed Value	€ 406,904,057	€183,040,247
% of Financial Allocation	78%	55%
Contracted Value	€ 169,473,620	€ 118,220,596
% of Committed Value	42%	65%
Paid by Treasury	€ 76,638,451	€ 68,010,633
% of Contracted Value	45%	58%

Financial Management (2)

<i>Operational Programme I</i>		
Description	ERDF (EUFG + MTF)	CF (EUFG + MTF)
Verified Amount	€ 49,798,708	€ 61,652,597
% of Paid by Treasury	65%	91%
Certified Amount	€ 49,798,708	€ 61,652,597
% of Verified Amount	100%	100%

Financial Management (3)

OPI	Financial Allocation (EUF)	Payments made by EC	Value of Payments made by EC as a % of EUF
ERDF	€443,978,031	€69,695,980	16%
CF	€284,145,020	€82,239,934	29%

List of Approved Major Projects

Code	Title	Public Eligible Expenditure
Approved by EC		
CF 116	Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure	€ 69,985,474
CF 117	Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure (Phase I)	€ 57,588,381
CF 118	Rehabilitation & Restoration of Closed Landfills	€ 26,224,382
Endorsed by PSC		
ERDF 120	National Flood Relief Project	€ 50,722,090
ERDF 196	Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre	€ 48,802,722
Totals		€ 253,323,049

Major Projects PA 3 (Cohesion Fund)

(CF 117) Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure – Phase I (TM):



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€57,588,381	€ 32,729,421	€97,763	€97,763

- 4 Works Contracts and Project Management Contract signed in 2011
- 2 Works Tenders currently under evaluation

Major Projects PA 4 (ERDF)

(ERDF 120) National Flood Relief Project (MRRA):



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€50,722,090	€1,650,676	€1,281,575	€598,087

- Expected formal submission to EC in Quarter 2 2011
- B’Kara development application approved on 4 March 2011

Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)

(CF116) Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure (WSC)



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€69,985,474	€68,498,325	€64,410,942	€59,005,439

- Project was operational in March 2011
- Full completion expected by end of May 2011

Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)

*(CF118) Rehabilitation & Restoration of Closed Landfills
(WasteServ Malta Ltd)*



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€26,224,382	€906,534	€542,741	€483,781

- Project Service Management Tender for Magħtab awarded in 2011
- Works Tender for Magħtab is in the final evaluation stage

Major Projects PA 6 (ERDF)

(ERDF 196) Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre (MHEC):



Public Eligible	Contracts	Payments	Certified
€48,802,722	€1,044,260	€710,940	€106,276

- The Application will be sent formally to the EC once JASPERS completion note is received
- Bulk Excavations Works to be completed by 30 April 2011 while Design, Development and Build tender is currently being evaluated



Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure

Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre



Major Projects in the Pipeline

Preparations for two major project

CF 125 : Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure – Phase II (TM)

- Forecasted value - €52,000,000



CF 119 : Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant (WSC)

- Forecasted value - €47,000,000



Overview (Part II)

- Lisbon Agenda (Earmarking)
- JEREMIE
- JASPERS
- Monitoring & Reporting Structures
- Structural Funds Database
- Information & Publicity
- Evaluation Activities
- Outcomes of MTE
- Review of Communication Plan
- Training & Capacity Building
- Assistance in Cost Benefit Analysis

Lisbon Agenda - Earmarking




- Slight decrease in earmarked categories for Lisbon Agenda related projects mainly due to :
 - Savings registered in projects during the contracting process;
 - Withdrawal of two projects within the Energy Focus Area.
- 35 Projects/Schemes (amounting to €181,174,392) under implementation are contributing to the earmarked categories



JEREMIE


- 3 Applications from Financial Intermediaries received in November 2010
- In 2011 a successful bidder was selected – Bank of Valletta
- Agreement between JEREMIE Holding Fund (EIF) and Financial Intermediary (BOV) signed on 6th April 2011
- Extensive advertising by BOV on local media and bank website.



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Action Plan 2011 approved on 18th March 2011 and will assist the following projects:-

Axis 1: Malta Enterprise (Life Sciences Centre)

Axis 2: MTA (PPP-grant blending support for Tourism Zone Upgrade)

Axis 3: TM (Refurbishment and upgrading of existing TEN-T port infrastructure)
TM (Upgrade of TEN T Phase II)
TM (Malta-Gozo under sea-link)

Axis 4: MRRA (National Flood Relief Project)

Axis 5: WasteServ (Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant)

Axis 6: MHEC (Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre)

TM (Promotion of Modal Shift through setting up a ITMS)

3 missions have already taken place with a mobilisation of nine experts

JASPERS

Post 2013 Programme

- **Transport Malta:**
 - TEN-T Roads and Maritime Infrastructure
- **Enemalta:**
 - Energy Strategy
- **MCAST:**
 - New Campus Master-plan
- **MCA:**
 - Broadband Rollout Infrastructure

Monitoring & Reporting Structures

- **Project Progress Reports**
 - Project Progress Reports were received in January for Q4 2010
 - As from 2011 Project Progress Reports will be covering a 6 month period
- **Ministerial Project Steering Committees**
 - 6 Ministerial Project Steering Committees were held in 2011.
 - No Ministerial Project Steering Committees were held by OPM (Tourism); MFEI
- **IB Network Meetings**
 - 1 IB Network Meeting (Meeting on the Implementation of IB Aid Schemes) was held in February 2011

Monitoring & Reporting Structures

- **Intermediate Bodies Steering Committee**
 - 1 Intermediate Bodies Steering Committee was held in April 2011 by DSWS
 - No Intermediate Bodies Steering Committees were held by ME and TSDU
- **Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee**
 - 2 Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee
 - 1 IMCC on EU Infrastructure and Productive Funding Programmes (February 2011)
 - 1 IMCC on EU Human Capital Investment Funding Programmes (February 2011)
- **High Level Meetings**
 - PPS High Level Meetings
 - 36 different Projects were reviewed between January – April 2011
 - Cabinet Update
 - A Cabinet Update was provided in March 2011

Structural Funds Database



New modules and reports released in February 2011:

- Expenditure Reports (for MA reporting purposes)
- Release of Expenditure Type Reporting
- On-the-spot module

Guidance notes provided on Financial planning and funds allocation as well as Closure

Updating of System manuals

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Information & Publicity



Calls:-

- 14 Adverts and 4 Press releases issued to publish Call 10 and Call 11
- 2 Information Sessions held in April

Other:-

- Participation in 1 Radio Programme
- Distribution of Promotional Material
- TORs for Annual Event 2011 and Additional Promotional Items being prepared
- Regular updates to PPCD website



Evaluation Activities



Participation in Evaluation Networks Meetings

Forthcoming Thematic Evaluations:

- TORs for “Evaluation of increased competitiveness through OPI supported initiatives” are currently being drafted

Finalisation of Mid -Term Evaluation:

- Objectives were to assess the relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of OPI
- An Internal factors workshop was held on 14 January 2011
- Final Mid-Term Evaluation Report on OPI was submitted to the MA on 7 April 2011



Outcomes of the MTE



Relevance:

- the OP is still relevant in today's socio-economic context
- there is a balance between policies and the activities being co-financed

Efficiency:

- evidence of 'ramping up' supporting the view that current process leading up to approval of projects does not present major indication of bottlenecks

Effectiveness:

- for most part, planned achievement percentages of output and result indicators show healthy prospects of likely achievement



Review of Communication Plan



- Final Report on the Communication Plan (by the MTE) was submitted to the MA on 13 April 2011
- The MA has taken the findings of the MTE into consideration and is currently concluding the review as proposed at the May 2010 MC
- The revision will provide for:
 - better monitoring structure of information and publicity;
 - as well as a strategy which is more focused on the promotion of tangible results.



Training & Capacity Building



12 January 2011

- 5 officers from the Financial Control Unit within the MA participated in in-house training on the Assurance Model and Modification to Article 55 'Revenue Generating Projects'

8 - 11 March 2011

- 20 officers participated in training on Cost Benefit Analysis of Structural and Cohesion Funds Projects

29 March 2011

- 13 officers from the MA participated in a seminar organised by the European Court of Auditors on 'Sound Financial Management of EU Funds'
- Other participants included the CA, AA, IBs and Beneficiaries



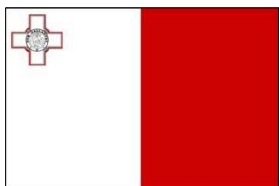
Assistance in Cost Benefit Analysis



- ***In November 2010, the MA signed a contract for the provision of CBA assistance***
- ***Tasks undertaken include:***
 - Inception Report
 - Finalisation of Training Needs Analysis
 - First Training Session held in March
 - 6 CBAs and 4 Financial Feasibilities concluded;
 - Another 6 CBAs and 1 Financial Feasibilities are under review



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