

# Monitoring Committee for Operational Programme I

*Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life  
(2007-2013)*

## ERDF Technical Assistance

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# TA Indicative Financial Plan



During the Monitoring Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 an indicative financial plan was presented and approved. The indicative financial plan highlights the total allocation per component.

A. Furniture and Equipment	€1,500,000
B. Implementation of the Cohesion Policy	€5,027,095
C. Information and Publicity	€2,500,000
D. Evaluation	€2,000,000
E. Capacity Building	€1,300,000



# Changes proposed to Indicative Financial Plan



It is being proposed that the TA Indicative Financial Plan is amended to reflect shifts between components.

This is mainly due to the following:

- Costs related to Intermediate Bodies to be charged to Technical Assistance
- Increase under Implementation Component
- Decrease in allocation under Furniture and Equipment
- Changes in the Communication Plan



## (1) Costs related to Intermediate Bodies



- Towards the end of 2009, the MA sought guidance from DG Regio regarding expenditure incurred by Intermediate Bodies in relation to the management of the Aid Schemes under Article 107 of the Treaty.
- Expenditure related to Intermediate Bodies will be charged to Technical Assistance. This may include salaries of personnel involved in the management and control of the scheme/s; information and publicity costs; and other ad hoc costs relating to managing the schemes.
- This decision will have an impact on the level of contracted amounts under TA in the first quarter 2010.
- While most of the components were able to accommodate the new commitments, more funds need to be made available under the Implementation component.



## (2) Increase under the Implementation Component



- 2009 - Increase in the staff employed within a number of organisations involved in the management and implementation of the Programme.
- This has brought about an increase under the TA Component 'Implementation of Cohesion Policy'.
- This increase in expenditure is normal given that the Programme is reaching its peak (more operations are being approved, payments started to accelerate, considerable increase in demand in first level of control function, strengthening of the monitoring process).



### (3) Decrease in allocation under Furniture and Equipment Component



- Expenditure under this component in 2009 was small compared to the amount which was allocated originally.
- It is not expected that there will be another surge in expenditure within this component and it is being proposed that the funds allocated should be decreased and transferred to the Implementation Component.



## (4) Changes in the Communication Plan



- Updated market research and experience during 2007-2009 has shown that there is room for decreasing the amount allocated to the Information and Publicity Component.
- This is possible by making use of free and more “environmentally friendly” solutions (e.g. press releases through DOI – picked up by local media; electronic promotion via email banners, website etc).
- The Annual Event plans for 2008 and 2009 were scaled down due to delays in implementation on the ground. However, key years have been identified to have large-scale information events marking interim and closure periods when tangible results would be available.
- In the context of a number of changes effected to the Communication Plan, the Information and Publicity Component needs to be revised. Funds released will be allocated to the Implementation Component.

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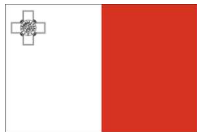


## Proposed TA Budget Breakdown

	Approved (Total)	Proposed (Total)
	€	€
A. Furniture and Equipment	1,500,000	120,000
B. Implementation of the Cohesion Policy	5,027,095	7,707,095
C. Information and Publicity	2,500,000	1,200,000
D. Evaluation	2,000,000	2,000,000
E. Capacity Building	1,300,000	1,300,000



# Thank you



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