

# MONITORING COMMITTEE for Operational Programme I

*Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life*

## Implementation Update 20 November 2009

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## Introduction

- OP was approved on 26 June 2007.
- Amended OP approved on 5 August 2009 by EC.
- Total Advance Payments to date:
  - **ERDF**                    **€39,958,023 (all 9% received)**
  - **CF**                        **€29,835,227 (all 10.5% received)**
- Total Interim Payments received from EC to date:
  - **ERDF**                    **€1,636,873**
- 8 Calls for Proposals have been issued to date.

## Implementation of approved projects

- 52 Projects (50 ERDF + 2 CF non-major) and 9 Aid Schemes approved.
- Most projects are during the tendering (under evaluation) and implementation (procurement of equipment) phases.
- Some work elements have already started.
- Application of a TEN-T project has been sent to the EC for approval.
- Update on Aid Schemes provided separately by IBs.

## Funds allocated in 2009

Call	Priority Axis	Allocated/Committed	Status
<b>CALL 4</b>	<b>Priority Axis 6</b>	EUR 47 million	Call closed  34 projects submitted  Under evaluation
<b>CALL 5</b>	<b>Priority Axis 4</b>	EUR 5 million	Call closed  6 projects submitted  Under evaluation

## Funds allocated in 2009 - Cont.

Call	Priority Axis	Allocated/Committed	Status
<b>CALL 6</b>	<b>Priority Axis 6</b>	EUR 37 million	Call closed 1 project submitted To be evaluated
<b>CALL 7</b>	<b>Priority Axis 4</b>	EUR 24 million	Call closes on 23 November 2009
<b>CALL (CF)</b>	<b>Priority Axes 3 and 5</b>	EUR 22 million	Call closed 2 projects approved

## Main weak points of submissions

- Institutional framework
- National priorities
- Poor background and justification (no quantification)
- No tangible results
- Budgetary issues
- Publicity
- Sustainability issues



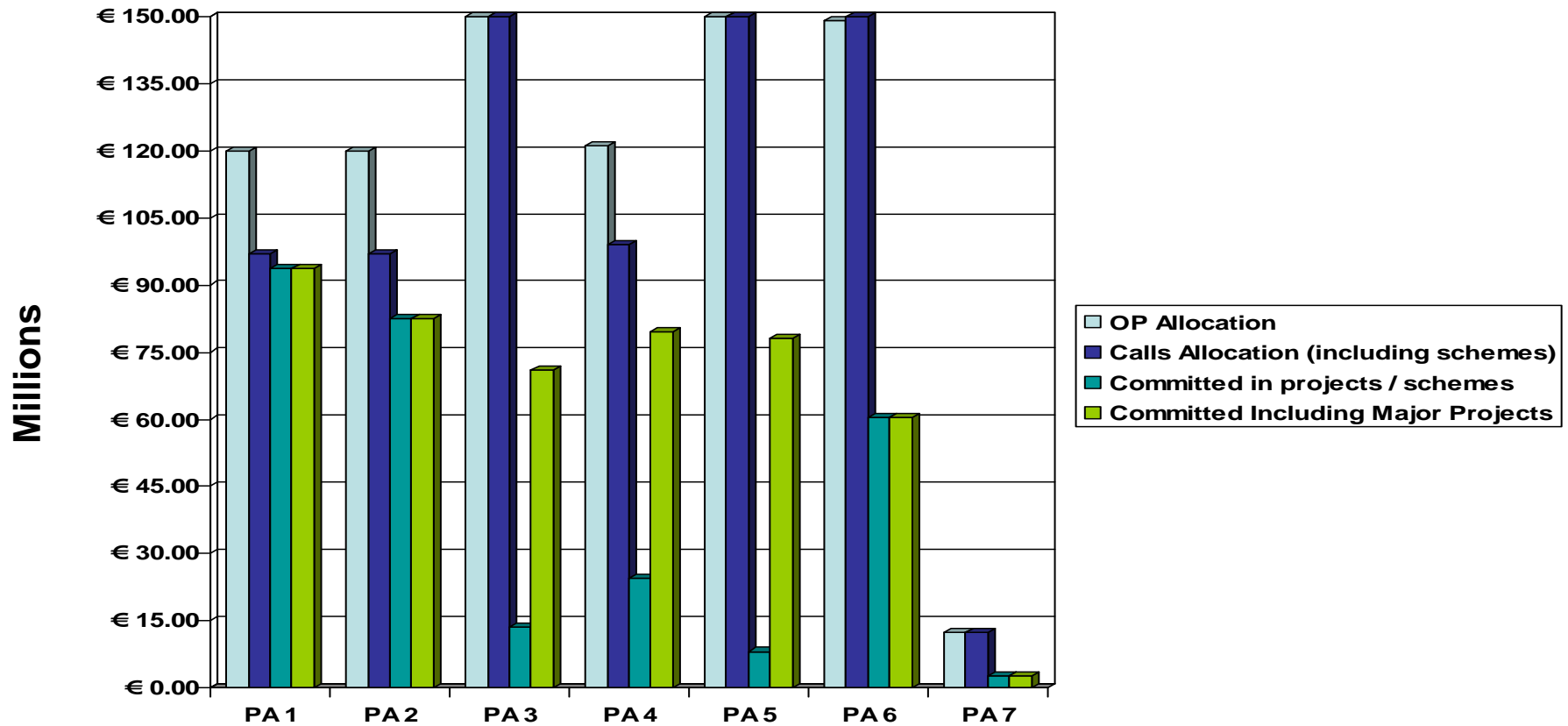
## Financial Updates

- Expenditure Table
- Financial progress:

<b>ERDF:</b>	Committed:	€273,541,003.81
	% of total ERDF:	52.4%
	Contracted:	€42,658,075.72
	Payments:	€6,730,665.64
<b>CF:</b>	Committed:	€149,171,865
	% of total CF:	44.6%
	Contracted:	€61,320,030.50
	Payments:	€15,510,521.03



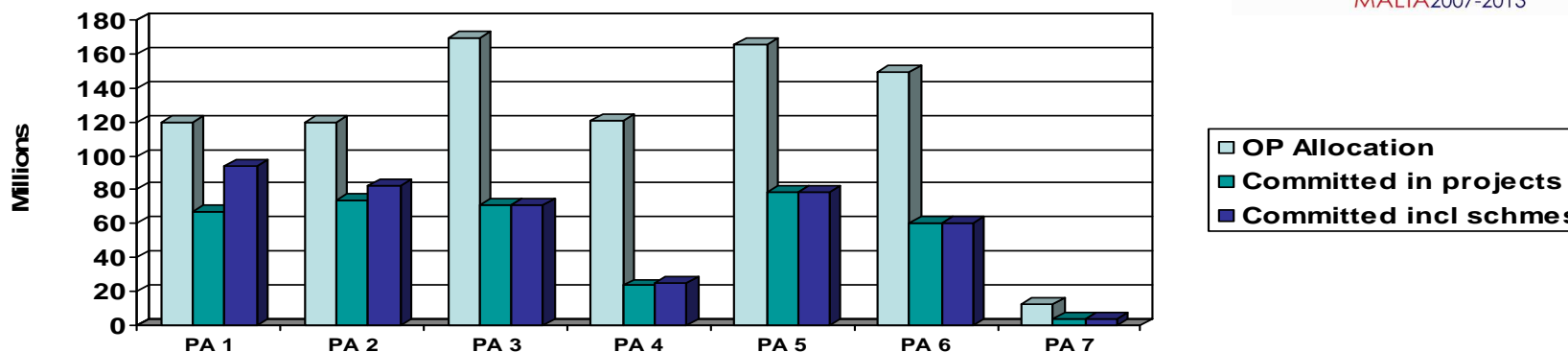
# Funds Status per PA (including Cohesion Fund)



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# Funds Committed in Projects/Schemes



(in millions)	PA 1	PA 2	PA 3	PA 4	PA 5	PA 6	PA 7
OP Allocation	120.00	120.00	169.03	121.00	165.25	149	12.3
Committed in projects	66.800	73.490	71.086	23.457	78.085	60,515	3.859*
% of OP Allocation	55.7	61.2	42.1	19.39	46	40.6	31.37
Committed incl. schemes	93.800	82.440	71.086	24.457	78.085	60,015	3.859*
% of OP Allocation	78.2	68.7	42.1	20.21	46	40.3	31.37

\*Contracts signed as per Expenditure table

# ERDF - Major Projects

## PA 4



### National Flood Relief Project (Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs):

- Service contract for consultancy services for the carrying out of EIA and CBA studies with technical assistance was awarded (value of €1,825,996.90).
- Progress meetings are held monthly.
- Consultants presented technical designs for all project components.
- Full development applications for all of the NFRP components have been submitted to MEPA on 6 November 2009.
- Works: Storm water tunnels at Birkirkara, Msida, Attard, Lija, Balzan, Gzira, Ta' Xbiex (with discharge point at Ta' Xbiex); Zebbug, Wied Qirda (with discharge point at Wied Qirda); Zabbar and Marsascala (with discharge point at Xghajra).

Reconstruction and modifications of channels and bridges at Qormi and Marsa.

- JASPERS are providing technical assistance.



# Cohesion Fund - Major Projects

## PA3



### Road Transport Links (ADT):

- Formal submission to EC through SFC on 26 August 2009 (no formal comments on the application so far).
- Total eligible project cost - €57,588,381.
- A decision is pending from EC.



# Cohesion Fund - Major Projects - Cont.

## PA3



- Contract for the carrying out of Geotechnical Studies was signed in May and implementation is underway.
- Tender for Project Management Services of €3,309,900 (including VAT) closed and evaluation has commenced.
- Tender for the Roads Satisfaction Survey of €83,000 (including VAT) closed and evaluation to start soon.
- Tender for the Reconstruction and Upgrading of four sections of the TEN-T road networks in Malta Council of Europe, Garibaldi Avenue, Sea Pass Term (Phase I A), Marfa Road, Mġarr Road (Gozo) of €32,706,600 (including VAT) closed on 19 November.



# Cohesion Fund - Major Projects

## PA5



### **Rehabilitation and Restoration of Closed Landfills (WasteServ Malta Ltd.):**

- Application form submitted informally to EC on 9 November 2009.
- 2 contracts for consultancy services and designs have been contracted and services are being provided.
- Formal submission of application to EC by end 2009.

### **Mechanical Biological Treatment Plant for the North of Malta (WasteServ Malta Ltd.):**

- Draft application still to be submitted to the MA.
- Project Management tender (2,250,000 exc VAT) has been published and will close in December 2009.
- Works tenders being drafted.





# Cohesion Fund - Major Projects – Cont.

## PA5



### Urban Waste Water Treatment Plant for the South of Malta

(Water Services Corporation):

- Formal submission of application to EC by end 2009 (depending on JASPERS conclusions).
- Implementation is underway.
- €60,555,343 have been contracted.
- €15,285,429 have already been paid.





# Changes to Major Projects Indicative List



## Modification of Boilers at the Delimara Power Station (Enemalta Corporation):

- Previously reported as a Major Project.
- JASPERS conclusion – project **does not** classify as a Major Project.

## Mater Dei Hospital Oncology Centre (MSOC – HECC):

- Estimated total project value € 58,929,087.
- Aims at providing contemporary oncology facility offering advanced cancer treatment modalities in a comprehensive care setting.
- Mainly subdivided into 4 functional areas: (a) inpatients; (b) outpatients; (c) diagnostic and treatment; and (d) spaces for plant and hospital support services.





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## Update on 10% commitment for Gozo projects

- To date, there are 10 Gozo based projects (ERDF + CF non-major totalling to €29,239,201.34).
- As well as 7 projects that have Gozo-specific components (€9,930,740).



## Lisbon Agenda - Earmarking



- €284 million are earmarked for Lisbon Agenda related projects.
- Projects and Schemes Approved falling under the Earmarking categories amount to 40%.
- This percentage will increase to 60% including Major Project under PA 3 which has been formally submitted to EC.



# Horizontal Climate Change effort

OP I	Approved Projects → RES/EE	Some examples
PA 1	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Energy efficient lighting</li> <li>•Industrial energy applications</li> <li>•Collection of rainwater and its reuse</li> <li>•Solar water heaters</li> <li>•Motion/presence sensors</li> <li>•Power factor correcting equipment</li> <li>•Wind turbine</li> <li>•Improved work practices for works activities (excavated material will be re-used)</li> <li>•Photovoltaic energy generation equipment</li> <li>•Energy efficient equipment</li> </ul>
PA 2	9	
PA 3	3	
PA 4	5	
PA 5	2	
PA 6	11	

# JEREMIE, JASPERS, JESSICA



- **JEREMIE:** New agreement/ Investment Strategy re-circulated; feedback being collated; agreement to be signed by end of 2009; Contribution increased to €10 million; Participation in JEREMIE Networking Platform.
- **JASPERS:** Action Plan 2010 transmitted to JASPERS team; awaiting feedback and confirmation on new projects to be assisted; JASPERS completed missions vis-à-vis Enemalta and ADT (Phase I); assistance still ongoing for WSC, WasteServ, MRRA, ADT/Phase II, MA and MMA.
- **JESSICA:** Participation in JESSICA Networking Platform.



## Reporting and Monitoring Structures

- Regular update by Ministers in Cabinet.
- PPS high level meetings held monthly.
- Ministerial Projects Steering Committee (MPSC).
- Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee (IMCC); the second IMCC is planned for December 2009.
- IB network organised by IBs quarterly (ME, TSDU, DSWS, ETC).
- PPRs being requested 3 times per year.



# Annual Publicity Event



- The 2009 Annual Event will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2009 in Malta, and on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December in Gozo.
- National Conference focusing on:
  - The benefits of OP I and OP II for the Maltese and Gozitan citizens;
  - The overall implementation progress of the OPs.
- The Annual Event will be open to the general public. The event will feature:
  - Keynote speakers of both OPs;
  - Discussion panels on the various themes targeted under the OPs.

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## Annual Publicity Event – Cont.



- This information event will be organised in line with Article 7.2 (b) of the Commission Regulation 1828/2006.
- The event will be publicised in the media (newspapers as well as press releases). It will also feature on the PPCD official website.
- Draft Programme distributed to MC members.



## Evaluation Activities

- Terms of Reference of the Mid-term Evaluation covering OPI was launched on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 and will close on 12 January 2010.
- Objectives of the Mid-term Evaluation:
  - to show the likely achievement of the objectives, relevance, efficiency and effectiveness of the OP;
  - make recommendations for the second half of the programme period;
  - to serve as a management tool to identify problems and take corrective actions.
- The Evaluation Steering Group established and provides support to evaluation activities.

# Training



Several sessions of the Structural Funds Database Training “Train the Trainers” Programme for:

- Horizontal Stakeholders;
- Intermediate Bodies;
- Beneficiaries;
- Line Ministries;
- NGOs (Beneficiaries).



## Training – Cont.

Other training activities addressing the training needs of stakeholders were held in line with the training strategy:

- Project Progress Report training – May 2009.
- Capacity Building for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 Stakeholders – (Induction Training – May, June, July, August 2009.
- Capacity Building for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 – (Induction Training for new Beneficiaries, including NGOs) – September 2009.
- Management Verifications for the Managing Authority & the Intermediate Bodies – October 2009.

# Financial Crisis



- No change of OP necessary as OP was found to be flexible enough to accommodate the measures of the crisis.
- Slow down in implementation.
- Pre-financing of projects.
- Doubled JEREMIE allocation.
- Increased budget allocation for Aid Schemes.



# Generic Framework

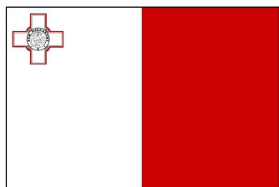


- New OPI uploaded on PPCD (updated in August 2009).
- OPI eligibility rules uploaded on PPCD website (updated in September 2009).
- MoP I (Project Implementation) uploaded on PPCD website (updated in August 2009).
- MoP II (stakeholders) uploaded on PPCD website.
- MA has prepared tender for consultancy services in relation to CBA capacity building and assistance in CBA assessment of project proposals.



Thank you for your attention





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