

Monitoring Committee for Operational Programme I

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

ERDF Technical Assistance

12 May 2009



Priority Axis 7: Technical Assistance



Overall Objective

 To facilitate the overall implementation of the 2007- 2013 Programme and to reinforce the administrative capacity of the public administrations

Main Operational Objectives

- To support implementation optimising Programme quality and efficiency
- To ensure effective application of Regulations and applications
- To support the Programme's Communication Plan, Evaluation Plan and Training Strategy

Financial allocation

 The total funding for this PA amounts to €12,327,095.29 - 85 % financed by ERDF; 15 % financed by National Funding



Criteria for approvals



The criteria, together with what is stated in PA 7 are necessary in order to assess whether requests for TA can be considered eligible

Criteria for approving operations under TA were presented and approved during the Monitoring Committee of 22 May 2008



Justification for changes



- To maximise the utilisation of TA funds, amendments to the criteria are being proposed
- The amendments will:
 - Ensure the inclusion of all the foreseen activities necessary to guarantee the efficient and effective implementation of Cohesion Policy in Malta
 - Add clarity and remove redundant wording from existing text



Proposed Amended Criteria EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND COMESION FUND



Current Criteria

Each request must fulfill ALL of the following criteria in order to be considered eligible and subject to further assessment:

- · A completed request for approval form must be presented and should be filled in with all relevant details and documentation (including estimated quotations, full details of items/ services requested).
- The request must be in line with one of the components outlined in the TA action

Proposed Criteria

Each request must fulfill the following criteria in order to be considered eligible for Technical Assistance Funding:

- · A completed request for approval form must be presented and should be filled in with all relevant details (including estimates, full details of items/ services requested).
- The request must be in line with one of the components outlined in the TA indicative plan.

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Current Criteria

•The request must address the implementation of one or more aspects of the relevant Operational Programme

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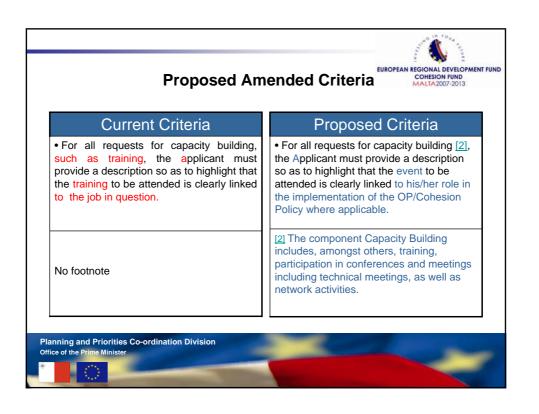
Proposed Criteria

- •The request must address the implementation of one or more aspects of Cohesion Policy[1].
- [1] The term Cohesion Policy includes, amongst others, additional activities re 2004-2006 (in the case of OPI where eligible), Regulatory Activities including those related to simplification exercises and relating to policy including Future of Cohesion Policy, Territorial Cohesion as well as the implementation of Territorial Agenda (in the case of the latter as relevant to Cohesion Policy).

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Current Criteria

- The request should be in compliance with the horizontal priorities of equal opportunities and environmental sustainability.
- Requests should contribute to the achievement of the concerned priority objectives [in terms of capacity, timely implementation and regularity of operations].

Proposed Criteria

- The request should be in compliance with the horizontal priorities of equal opportunities and/or environmental sustainability where applicable.
- Requests should contribute to the achievement of the concerned priority objectives of Cohesion Policy [in terms of capacity, regulatory issues, timely implementation and/or regularity of operations].

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TA Indicative Financial Plan

During the Monitoring Committee of 5 December 2007 an indicative *financial* plan, highlighting the total allocation per component, was presented and approved

It is being proposed that only the text of the indicative *financial* plan is amended to maximise the use of TA funds

The budget of each component and overall financial allocation remains unchanged

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