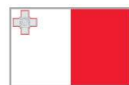


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***Ex-Ante* Conditionalities (Article 19 CPR)**

- There are two types: **thematic** *ex-ante* conditionalities, related to a sector or policy (e.g. R&D, active inclusion) and **general** *ex-ante* conditionalities, which can apply to all sectors and policies (e.g. public procurement, anti-discrimination rules);
- The *ex-ante* conditionalities are set out in the Fund-specific rules and reflect existing commitments or obligations that should be fulfilled as a general rule by programme adoption at the latest;

***Ex-Ante* Conditionalities (Article 19 CPR)**

- In case applicable *ex-ante* conditionalities are not fulfilled (either completely or partially), Member States need to indicate in their Programmes and Partnership Agreement, **the actions to be taken**, the responsible bodies and a timetable to ensure that they will be fulfilled at the latest by the end of 2016. Member States thus have to prepare an action plan;
- If the Commission concludes that the applicable *ex-ante* conditionalities have not been fulfilled, then interim payments may be suspended in accordance with Art. 142 (1) (e) of the CPR by Commission Decision.

(Thematic) *Ex-Ante* Conditionalities - status as reported in OP

29 thematic *ex-ante* conditionalities of which the following 8 are applicable to the OP

<i>Ex-ante</i> conditionality	Priority axes to which conditionality applies	<i>Ex-ante</i> Conditionality Fulfilled (Yes/No/Partially)
08.1 – Access to Employment	PA 1	Yes
09.1 – Active Inclusion	PA 2	Partially
09.3 – Health	PA 2	Partially
10.1 – Early School Leaving	PA 3	Partially
10.2 – Higher Education	PA 3	Partially
10.3 – Lifelong Learning	PA 3	Partially
10.4 – Vocational Education and Training	PA 3	Partially
11.1 – Institutional capacity and efficient public administration	PA 4	Yes

(Thematic) *Ex-Ante* Conditionalities - status as at May 2015)

No.	Subject	Completed	By who
9.1	<u>Active Inclusion:</u> The existence and the implementation of a national strategic policy framework for poverty reduction aiming at the active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market in the light of the Employment guidelines	National Strategic Policy for Poverty Reduction & Social Inclusion (Malta 2014-2024)	Ministry for the Family and Social Solidarity (MFSS)
9.3	<u>Health:</u> The existence of a national or regional strategic policy framework for health within the limits of Article 168 TFEU ensuring economic sustainability	National Health Systems Strategy for Malta 2014-2020, supplemented by a Health System Performance Assessment and a Budgetary Framework for the National Health Systems	Ministry for Energy and Health (MEH)

(Thematic) *Ex-Ante* Conditionalities - status as at May 2015)

No.	Subject	Completed	By who
10.1	<u>Early school leaving:</u> The existence of a strategic policy framework to reduce early school leaving (ESL) within the limits of Article 165 TFEU	A Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Early School Leaving in Malta 2014	Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE)
10.2	<u>Higher Education:</u> The existence of a national or regional strategic policy framework for increasing tertiary education attainment, quality and efficiency within the limits of Article 165 TFEU	A Higher Education Strategy for Malta 2014	Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE)

(Thematic) *Ex-Ante* Conditionalities - status as at May 2015)

No.	Subject	Completed	By who
10.3	<u>Lifelong learning:</u> The existence of a national and/or regional strategic policy framework for lifelong learning within the limits of Article 165 TFEU .	Malta National Lifelong Learning Strategy 2020	Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE)
10.4	<u>Vocational training and dual learning systems:</u> The existence of a national or regional strategic policy framework for increasing the quality and efficiency of VET systems within the limits of Article 165 TFEU.	National Vocational Education and Training Policy for Malta	Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE)

(General) *Ex-Ante* Conditionalities - status as reported in OP)

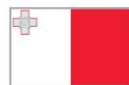
7 general *ex-ante* conditionalities of which the following 6 are applicable to the OP:

<i>Ex-ante</i> conditionality	Priority axes to which conditionality applies	<i>Ex-ante</i> Conditionality Fulfilled (Yes/No/Partially)
G1 – Anti Discrimination	All: PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4 and PA5 (i.e. TA)	Yes
G2 – Gender Equality	All: PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4 and PA5 (i.e. TA)	Yes
G3 – Disability	All: PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4 and PA5 (i.e. TA)	Yes
G4 – Public Procurement	All: PA1, PA2, PA3, PA4 and PA5 (i.e. TA)	Yes
G5 – State Aid	PA1, PA2 and PA3	Yes
G7 – Statistical systems and result indicators	PA1, PA2, PA3 and PA4	Partially*

*The baselines/targets in relation to four (4) Result Indicators will be established during 2015.



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