

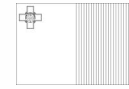
Second Monitoring Committee

The EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM and The NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISM

2009–2014

National Focal Point – Malta

Leonie Aquilina Xuereb, 29 January 2013



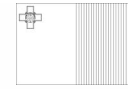
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EEA and Norway Grants 2009-2014

Overall Objectives:

- To **reduce economic and social disparities** within the European Economic Area
- To **strengthen bilateral relations** between Donor States and Beneficiary States (15 in Central and Southern Europe)

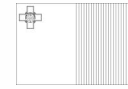


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Grant Allocation for Malta

- **Total net allocation = € 4,162,500**
 - EEA FM (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway): €2,682,500
 - Norway FM: €1,480,000
- **Malta's co-financing: minimum 15%**



Framework for Cooperation

2 MoUs signed:

- Malta + Norway: **27 September 2011**
- Malta + Iceland + Liechtenstein + Norway: **10 October 2011**

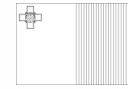
No calls for project proposals – No selection procedure

- Pre-defined projects approved by Cabinet prior to signature of MoUs

Seven programme areas for Malta (4 EEA FM; 3 Norway FM)

Donors States approved both EEA and Norwegian Programmes on 5 December 2012

Next: Programme Agreements to be signed between NFP and Donors

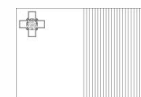


**EEA
Financial Mechanism**

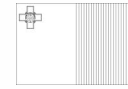
Programme Areas 6, 7 & 16:
PO: NFP
*1 pre-defined project per
Programme Area*

Programme Area 10:
PO: FMO
Fund Operator: SOS (Malta)

Pre-defined projects (EEA)



Programme Areas for Malta	Pre-defined project	Programme Grant (€)	Project Promoter	Project Partner
EEA Financial Mechanism Programme				
Programme Area 6: Renewable Energy	CO ₂ Energy – Development of Algae-derived Bio-Fuel Production Plant for CO ₂ Sequestration from Waste Management Activities in Malta	806,288	WasteServ Malta Ltd	-
Programme Area 7: Adaptation to Climate Change	National Oil Spill Contingency System	442,202	Transport Malta	The Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket)
Programme Area 16: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	A new environment management system for the Hal-Saflieni World Heritage Site	748,425	Heritage Malta	-

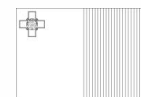


Norwegian Financial Mechanism

Programme Areas 25 & 32:
PO: NFP
*1 pre-defined project per
Programme Area*

Programme Area 22:
Fund Operator:
Innovation Norway

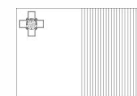
Pre-defined projects (Norway)



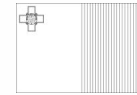
Programme Areas for Malta	Pre-defined project	Programme grant (€)	Project Promoter	Project Partner
Norwegian Financial Mechanism Programme				
PA 25: Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities	Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation with Norwegian Public Institutions and Local and Regional Authorities	273,680	Department for Local Government (DLG)	Local Councils Association; The Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS); Royal Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development; Council of Europe
PA 32: Correctional Services, including Non-custodial Sanctions	Re-organisation of the Young Offenders' Unit of Rehabilitation Services (YOURS), including staff training	1,092,720	Department for Correctional Services	-

Programme Areas 10 and 22

Not operated by the NFP



Programme Areas for Malta	Programme Grant (€)	Fund Operator	Project Promoter
EEA Financial Mechanism			
Programme Area 10: Funds for Non-governmental Organisations	500,000	Solidarity Overseas Services (SOS) Malta	SOS Malta will issue call for project proposals
Norwegian Financial Mechanism			
Programme Area 22: Global Fund for Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue	16,000	Innovation Norway	Proposal by the Department for Industrial and Employment Relations (DIER) selected following a call issued in March 2012

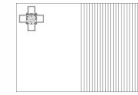


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**Overview of the implementation of
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2009 – 2014**

31 March 2012 – 29 January 2013

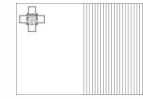


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Key activities from last MC to date

- **April 2012 – to date** -> Preparations for the setting up of the **Computerised Accounting Records System (CARS)**
- **May 2012** -> Submission of the **Programme Proposals** to the FMO
- **July 2012** -> Revision of the **Work plan for the Fund for Bilateral Relations at National Level**
- **July – September 2012** -> Clarifications on Programme Proposals to FMO
- **September 2012** -> **Project Description Forms** submitted to the FMO
- **November 2012** -> **Description of Management and Control Systems** + **Audit Opinion** submitted to the FMO



Key activities to date (*cont'd*)

- **November – December 2012** -> Processed payments on database system
- **January 2013** -> **2nd MC**
 - > Submission of the **1st Strategic Reports + Audit Plan**
 - > Revision of **Monitoring Plan**
- Finalisation of **Manual of Procedures** for the 2009-14 programmes

Submission to CA for certification/onward transmission to FMO:

- Interim Financial Reports (IFRS) 1, 2 and 3 for Technical Assistance
- Forecasts of likely payment applications



Funds for Bilateral Relations

- **At national level** (Art. 3.5 of Regulations)
 - **€22,500** (0.5% of the total allocation)
 - Managed by the **NFP**, no co-financing required
- **At programme level** (Art. 3.6 of Regulations)
 - **€53,685** (1.5% of the eligible expenditure of the programme)
 - Managed by the **PO**, 15% co-financing required



Funds for Bilateral Relations at National Level

Aim: To strengthen bilateral relations between Donor States and Beneficiary States within the programme areas

Total Eligible Value: €22,500

- €6,000: participation in workshops organised by FMO / Donor States
- €11,000: meetings for **project preparation** between Project Promoters (TM, DLG) and Project Partners from Donor entities
- €5,500: One/two-day seminar between NFP, MFA, MEDAC (UoM)
 - organised mid-way through programme implementation
 - participants: diplomats and/or academics from respective countries



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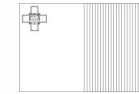
Funds for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level

Aim: To facilitate networking, exchange, sharing and transfer of knowledge, technology, experience and best practices between Project Promoters and Donor State entities

Total Eligible Value: €53,685

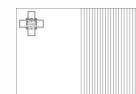
➤ throughout programme implementation

Indicative work plan 2013 (Q1)

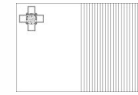


Activities in Q1/2013	Responsibility
Submission of Strategic Reports and Annual Meeting draft Agenda to FMO	NFP
FMO Workshop for NFPs and CAs	NFP + CA
2 nd Annual Meeting and approval of Strategic Reports	NFP + PO > FMC/NMFA
Signing of Programmes' Agreements	NFP + FMC/NMFA
Information activity publicising the launch of the FMs (Info + Publicity)	NFP + PO
Signing of Projects' Contracts	PO + PPs
Signing of Project Partnership Agreements	PPs + DPPs
Kick-off of the implementation of the projects	PPs

Indicative work plan 2013 (Q2 - Q4)



Period	Activity	Responsibility
Q2/2013	Publishing of Strategic Reports and Annual Meeting minutes on FPD website	NFP
	Setting up of the Computerised Accounting Records System (CARS)	
Q3/2013	1 st Interim Financial Report (IFR) for the EEA and Norway FM Programmes	PO > CA
	Submission of Annual TA budget for the following year	NFP > CA > FMC/NMFA
November 2013	2 nd Interim Financial Report (IFR) for the EEA and Norway FM Programmes	PO > CA
Q2 - Q4/2013	Reporting on irregularities (even in no cases)	PO > AA > FMC/NMFA



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