

Training, Communication & Evaluation 2014-2020

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Training Activities

- **Technical training** included programmes to facilitate programme/project management and implementation. MA staff and related stakeholders attended various training seminars in 2016 including:
 - New Public Procurement Regulations Conference [28th March 2016];
 - Project Selection Committee Training [10th June 2016] ;
 - NRN training by ENRD [21-22nd July 2016];
 - Anti-Fraud Policy & Anti-Fraud Strategy for the FPD [27th July 2016];
 - FPD Corporate Risk Register [12th August 2016];
 - Performance Auditing Seminar [26-27th September 2016];
 - ePPS Training [24-26th October 2016];
 - IAID Training seminar Programming Period 2014-2020 [15-16th November];
 - Various CDRT courses;
 - EvaluationWORKS! - Getting prepared for reporting on evaluation in AIR submitted in 2017 [2nd December 2016]

- **Skills development programmes** to provide human resources with the necessary aptitude to grow within the organisation including:
 - the seminar organised by FPD on **Choosing the appropriate Value Set for FPD [9th May 2016]**;
 - **Management toolkit course.**

Field trip organised for MA officers





Communication Activities

The below actions were performed in line with the communication strategy presented to the 1st Monitoring Committee.

- RDP launch on 18th December 2015.
- This event was **widely publicised** on various online news portals, news bulletins of the day and also on the various websites.
- This publicity was also supported with TV adverts which promoted success stories of 2007-2013 Programme

- On **12th November**, the MA participated in the **Farmers' Market** to promote the RDP.
- **Information sheets, as well as promotional material** were distributed.

Communication Activities – Annual Event



Communication Activities – Annual Event (2)



Communication Activities – Annual Event (3)



Information Sessions with farmers

- 8 Information sessions were held with farmers on the following dates:
 - 12th April 2016 – Xewkija, Gozo;
 - 15th April 2016 – Żabbar, Malta;
 - 26th April 2016 – Mgarr, Malta;
 - 29th April 2016 – Ta' Qali, Malta.

Information Sessions with farmers (2)

- 8th November 2016 – Xewkija, Gozo;
- 10th November 2016 – Mgarr, Malta;
- 11th November 2016 – Ta' Qali, Malta;
- 15th November 2016 – Ħal-Far, Malta.





Evaluation Plan

- Regulation No 1303/2013 (Common Provisions Regulation) defines in Article 56 that “...an evaluation plan shall be drawn up by the managing authority...[and]...it shall be submitted in accordance with the Fund-specific rules.”
- Regulation No 1305/2013 defines in Article 75 that “...Annual Implementation Reports shall include ... a summary of the activities undertaken in relation to the evaluation plan”.
- Regulation No 808/2013 defines in Point 2 of Annex VII a uniform presentation of the elements to be included in the evaluation plan.

RDP Evaluation Plan

- The objective of the Evaluation Plan (EP) is to ensure that all evaluation activities detailed in the respective regulations are carried out throughout the life of the RDP. This allows Malta to allocate the financial and human resources required. The EP will ensure that crucial information required for effective evaluation is captured and information required for the reports submitted to the Commission, is available in a timely manner.

Enhancements for next year:

- Social Media;
- Publications, including tentative circulation throughout all villages through Local Councils;
- National Rural Network.

Dissemination of results

- i. Annual Implementation Report is disseminated to MC;
- ii. Information is made available to the general public on MA website;
- iii. NRN newsletter.

National Rural Network newsletter

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**The Rural Development
Programme 2014-2020**

Welcome to the 13th issue of the National Rural Network Newsletter. Malta is now implementing the 'new' Rural Development Program for the 2014-2020 Programming Period. Over the past months, the Managing Authority has issued a number of calls and pre-calls for Measures 4.1, 4.4, 101, 13 and 191. The latter (M191, LEADER) included an expression of interest for the Submission of Applications for Funding under 'Preparatory Support for the Design and Development of a Local Development Strategy (LDS)'. As mentioned above, the Managing Authority also launched the applications for ANC, M13, M13.3 - 'Compensation payment to other areas affected by specific constraints'. The Managing Authority also launched AECMs 1 (control of weeds in orchards and vineyards),


AECMs 6b and 6c supporting the integration and maintenance of autochthonous Maltese species covering the Maltese Ox, carob and mulberry trees.

The Managing Authority for the European Agricultural Funds for Rural Development will also shortly issue a pre-announcement for Measure 4.4 Support for non-productive investments linked to the achievement of agri-environment climate objectives. Besides Measure 4.4 the forthcoming Agro-Environment Climate Measures will also be launched shortly AECM 2 - the removal of alien tree species and the planting and upkeep of trees, AECM 3 - Support for the introduction of beehives on holdings and AECM 4 - Measure for the implementation of an

integrated Pest Management Plan targeting vineyards and orchards and AECMs 6a supporting the Maltese black chicken will be issued shortly.

Networking among stakeholders is very important, and the Managing Authority is currently in the process of re-launching the National Rural Network with proper intermediaries and points of reference. In the meantime should you have any queries or would like to share with us your experiences we invite you get in contact with us and forward any of the above mentioned information so that we can assist you to help spread useful and innovative information and strengthen our rural communities.

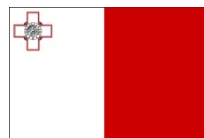
Best Regards,
Network Support Unit



National Rural Network

- On the 21st and 22nd July 2016, a training programme was organised in Malta by the MA where the ENRD were invited to assist in the development of an enhanced NRN and share best practices;
- Going forward, the NRN shall seek to facilitate outreach and better implementation on the ground.

Thank you for your attention



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