

# Update on Implementation

Operational Programme II

*Investing in human capital to create more opportunities  
and promote the wellbeing of society*

**Monitoring Committee Meeting**

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## Overview

Progress registered under the 2014-2020 OP, since its launch in March 2015, will be provided as per Article 110 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013.

The following are the main updates to be provided:

- Launch of Calls under the OP
- Implementation of the Horizontal Obligations
- Ex-Ante Evaluation: Financial Instruments

## Pre-announcement - Call for proposals

- **PA 1 – Investing in the employability and adaptability of human capital.**
  - **IP 8i:** Supporting Job seekers and inactive people, including the long term unemployed and people far from the labour market.
  - **IP 8ii:** Supporting young people in particular those not in employment, education or training, including young people at risk of social exclusion and young people from marginalized communities.

## Pre-announcement - Call for proposals (2)

- **PA 3 - Investing in people through Education, Training and Lifelong Learning**
  - **IP 10ii:** Supporting the quality and efficiency of, and access to, tertiary and equivalent education with a view to increasing participation and attainment levels especially for disadvantaged groups.
  - **IP 10iii:** enhancing equal access to lifelong learning for all age groups in formal, non formal, and informal settings, upgrading the knowledge, skills and competencies of the workforce, and promoting flexible learning pathways including through career guidance and validation of acquired competences.

## Publication of Call for proposals

- Call for Proposals published on the **10<sup>th</sup> May** on Sunday newspapers, PPCD website and DoI press release
- The deadline for submitting proposals is **11th September 2015, at noon**
- Guidance is available online on <http://eufunds.gov.mt/opencalls> (PPCD section) to determine the eligibility of the proposed projects

## Information Sessions

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June (general overview);
- 16<sup>th</sup> June (how to apply online);
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June (how to plan a project proposal);
- 30<sup>th</sup> June (how to implement a project proposal).

Applicants are invited to register online on  
<http://eufunds.gov.mt/opencalls>

Deadline for registration: **27<sup>th</sup> May 2015, at noon**

## Implementation of the Horizontal Priorities (Article 96(7))

The approach taken by the MA is to take this into account at project level, with an obligation placed on all applications and [eventual] Grant Agreements to contribute to:

- **Equal opportunities**
- **Sustainable development**

Additional marks will be awarded for concrete and effective measures proposed to address these priorities

## **ESF Ex Ante Evaluation: Financial Instrument (i)**

- In accordance with Article 37 of Regulation (EC) 1303/2013, in Q1 2015 the Managing Authority launched a call for tenders for the provision of services for the ex ante assessment of Financial Instrument in Operational Programme II 2014-2020
  
- The main objective of this assessment is to:
  - Analyse market failures or suboptimal investment situations and the estimated level and scope of public investment needs
  - Assess the value added of the Financial Instrument, consistency with other forms of public intervention in the same market and possible State Aid implications



## **ESF Ex Ante Evaluation: Financial Instrument (ii)**

- Estimate additional public and private resources to be potentially raised by the Financial Instrument
- Identification of lessons learnt from similar instruments and ex ante assessment carried out in the past
- Propose investment strategy, including assessment of its possible combination with grant support, options for implementation arrangements, financial products and target groups
- Specification of expected results including measurement of indicators
- Provisions allowing the ex ante assessment to be reviewed and updated

## Evaluation Plan 2014-2020

- In line with Article 56(1) a common Evaluation Plan for ERDF, CF and ESF is currently being drafted by the Managing Authority
- The main aim is to improve the quality of evaluations through proper planning, including the identification and collection of the necessary data in accordance with Article 54(2)
- In accordance with Article 54(2) it will also ensure that the necessary resources are available
- It will also provide a framework to plan impact evaluations, as well as evaluations to assess effectiveness and efficiency in line with Article 56(3)

## Conclusion

- The MA will continue to set-up the necessary structure for the Implementation of the Operational Programme in line with EC Reg. No. 1303/2013
- During the year under review, the MA will continue to issue Calls for proposals under OP II under all PAs
- Evaluation plan expected will be submitted to the MC in October 2015, whilst the Communication Strategy is being presented to MC for approval during this meeting
- Update on progress re: ex-ante Conditionalities to be provided separately.

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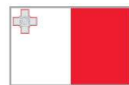
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