



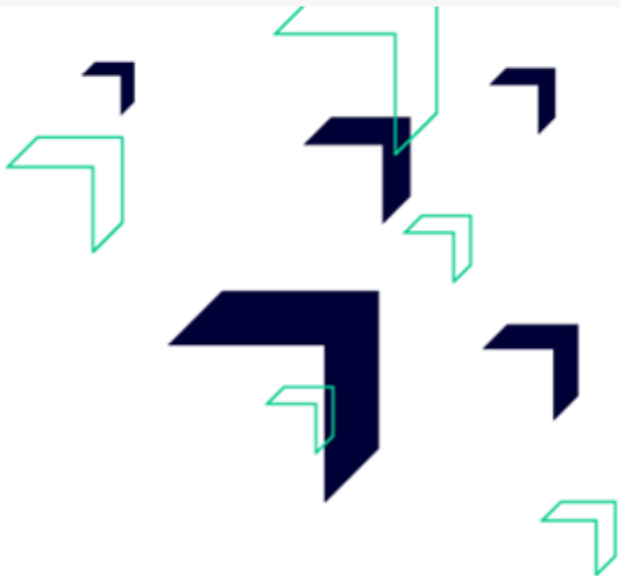
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2021-2027 Programmes

April 2023



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Update on the status of the Enabling Conditions

Enabling Conditions

- All horizontal enabling conditions are fulfilled, and are applicable for both ERDF/CF/JTF and ESF+ Programmes.
- At the time of Programme approval, 10 thematic enabling conditions were deemed fulfilled.
- Since the adoption of the Programmes and since the last Monitoring Committee held on 24th November 2022, an additional 2 enabling conditions have been confirmed as fulfilled:
 - T4.2 – National strategic framework for gender equality (as part of the ESF+ Programme) and
 - T4.6 – Strategic policy framework for health and long-term care (as part of the ERDF/CF/JTF and ESF+ Programmes).
- As at Q1 2023, 12 thematic enabling conditions were deemed fulfilled whilst 3 conditions remain unfulfilled.

Enabling Conditions

Thematic Enabling Condition	Fund	Status of Fulfilment
T2.2 – Governance of the energy sector	ERDF	Not Fulfilled
T2.5 – Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors	ERDF & CF	
T3.1 – Comprehensive transport planning at the appropriate level	CF	

Next Steps



Strengthening the monitoring system on the fulfilment of Enabling Conditions during the programming period



Continued monitoring of the programme implementation and the outcome of relevant evaluations

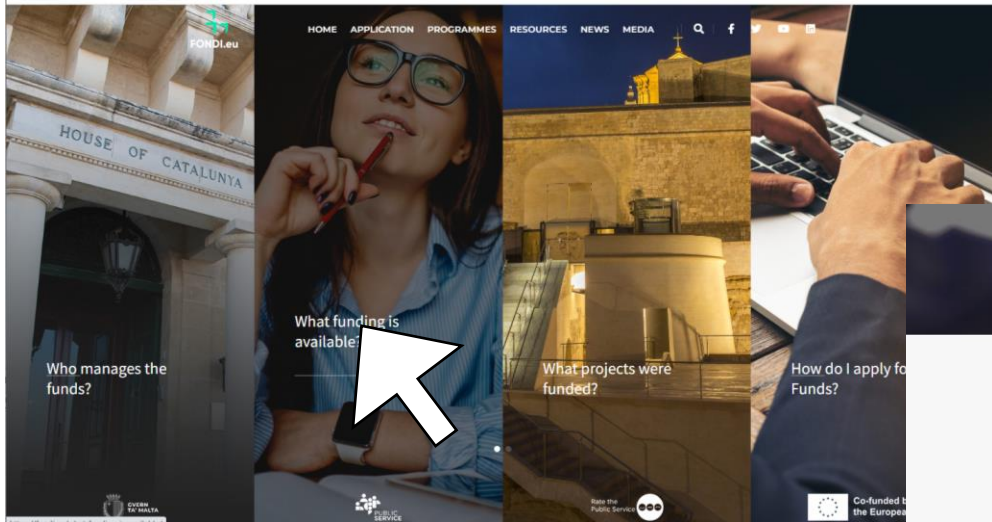


Continued engagement with the Monitoring Committee

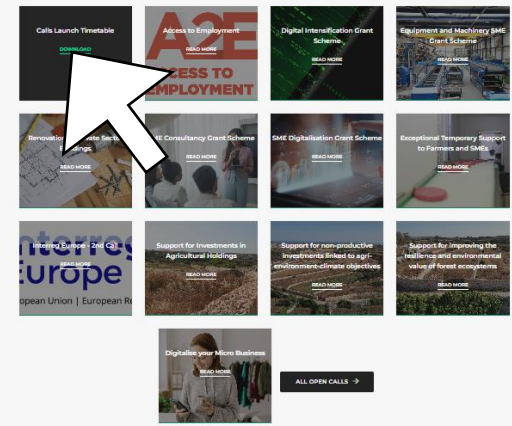
Update on the implementation of the Programmes including Communication & Visibility actions



Responsibility of the Managing Authority on planned calls

- Article 49 CPR requires the MA to ensure online publication on single web portal (Fondi.eu) of a timetable of calls
- List updated at least three times a year
- Indicative data:
 - Geographical area covered by the call for proposal
 - Policy objective or specific objective
 - Type of eligible applicants
 - Total amount of support for the call
 - State and end date of the call
- Currently foreseen in 2023:16 calls (ERDF, CF, JTF, ESF). Total of 35 calls across all funds with a total amount of support of EUR 511.7 million.

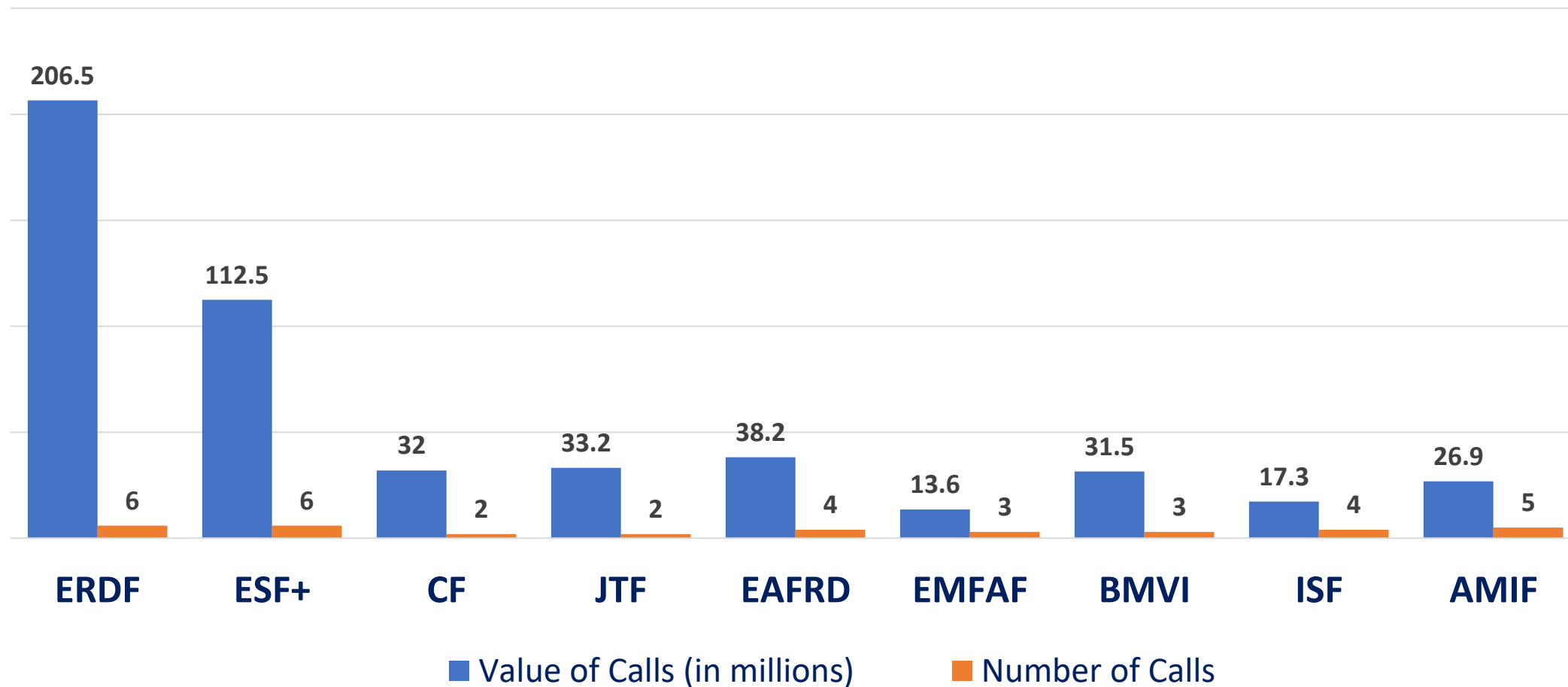


What funding is available?



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2	Timetable of the planned calls for proposals pursuant to Article 49(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021									
3	Updated: 25 April 2023									
4	Planned calls	Geogr. area	Plan	Policy Objective or specific objective	Specific objective or dedicated priority	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
5	Access to Employment (ESF+ Aid Scheme) Incentives for vulnerable groups will be supported by providing employment aid to enterprises to promote recruitment of more challenged jobseekers and inactive persons.	Malta and Gozo	ESF+ (2021-2027) - Fostering the socioeconomic wellbeing of society through the creation of opportunities for all and investment in human resources and skills	4. A more social and inclusive Europe implementing European Pillar of Social Rights	Improving access to employment and activation measures of all jobseekers, in particular youth people, especially through the implementation of the Youth Guarantee, long-term unemployed and disadvantaged groups on the labour market, and of inactive people, as well as through the promotion of self-employment and the social economy	Employers (Eligible applicants cover all employers irrespective of their legal form with the exception of public entities, Government Departments and when the Government has majority (over 50%) shareholding in the applicant entity.	12,000,000	N/A	Feb-23	Open
6	Provision of onshore power supply. Investments will go towards the installation of onshore power supply at the Port of Valletta	Malta	EDRF / CF / JTF 2021-2027 - Towards a smarter, well connected and resilient economy, a greener environment and an integrated society	9. Enabling regions and people to address the social, employment, economic and environmental impacts of the transition towards the Union's 2030 targets for energy and climate and a climate-neutral economy of the Union by 2050, based on the Paris Agreement (JTF)	Specific objective: JSD8.1. Enabling regions and people to address the social, employment, economic and environmental impacts of the transition towards the Union's 2030 targets for energy and climate and a climate-neutral economy of the Union by 2050, based on the Paris Agreement (JTF)	Restricted call (Ministry responsible for Transport)	20,000,000	N/A	08-Mar-23	30-Jun-23

Overview of number of Calls and Total Support per fund for 2023



Calls Issued as of April 2023

Fund	Specific Objective	Indicative Total Amount	Start Date of Call	End Date of Call	Details
ESF+	ESO4.1 – Access to Employment	EUR 12 M	24th January	End of Programming Period	Improving access to employment and activation measures of all jobseekers, in particular youth people, especially through the implementation of the Youth Guarantee, long-term unemployed and disadvantaged groups on the labour market, and of inactive people, as well as through the promotion of self-employment and the social economy.
JTF	JSO8.1 – Transition towards a climate-neutral economy	EUR 33.2 M	8 th March	30 th June	The provision of an onshore power supply, at the Valletta Grand Harbour (MTIP) and at Malta Freeport (MEFL). Both launched under restricted calls.
CF	RSO2.8 – Sustainable Multimodal Urban Mobility	EUR 7.2 M	8 th March	30 th June	Shift towards the use of alternative fuels in road transport through the set up of Electric Vehicles charging points and related infrastructure. Restricted call for MEEE.

Examples of Upcoming Calls in 2023

Fund	Specific Objective	Indicative Total Amount	Launch of Call	Status
ERDF	RSO2.3 – Smart Energy Systems, Grids and Storage	EUR 165.3 M	May	Planned
ESF+	ESO4.7 – Investing in Skills	EUR 10 M	May	Planned
ERDF	RSO1.3 – Consultancy Grant Scheme	EUR 1.5 M	June	Planned
ERDF	RSO1.3 – Small Investment Grant Scheme	EUR 5 M	June	Planned
ERDF	RSO1.1 – Large Investment Grant Scheme	EUR 5 M	June	Planned
ERDF	RSO1.1 – Start-Up Grant Scheme	EUR 5 M	June	Planned

Examples of Upcoming Calls in 2023

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ESF+	ESO4.13 – Addressing Material Deprivation	EUR 5 M	June	Planned
CF	RSO3.1 – TEN-T Roads	EUR 24.8 M	June	Planned
ERDF	RSO4.6 – Culture and Sustainable Tourism	EUR 24.7 M	June	Planned
ESF+	ESO4.7 – Post-Doc Grants	EUR 4 M	July	Planned
ESF+	ESO4.6 – Scholarships and Digital Learning Platform for Schools	EUR 58 M	July	Planned
ESF+	ESO4.1 – Access to Employment and Activation Measures	EUR 23.5 M	July	Planned

Launch of 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy Programmes

- On **23 January** European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, Elisa Ferreira launched **Malta's 2021-2027 EU Funds programmes** and funding with a **package exceeding €2 billion**.
- This is the **largest allocation of EU Funds** that Malta has ever received.



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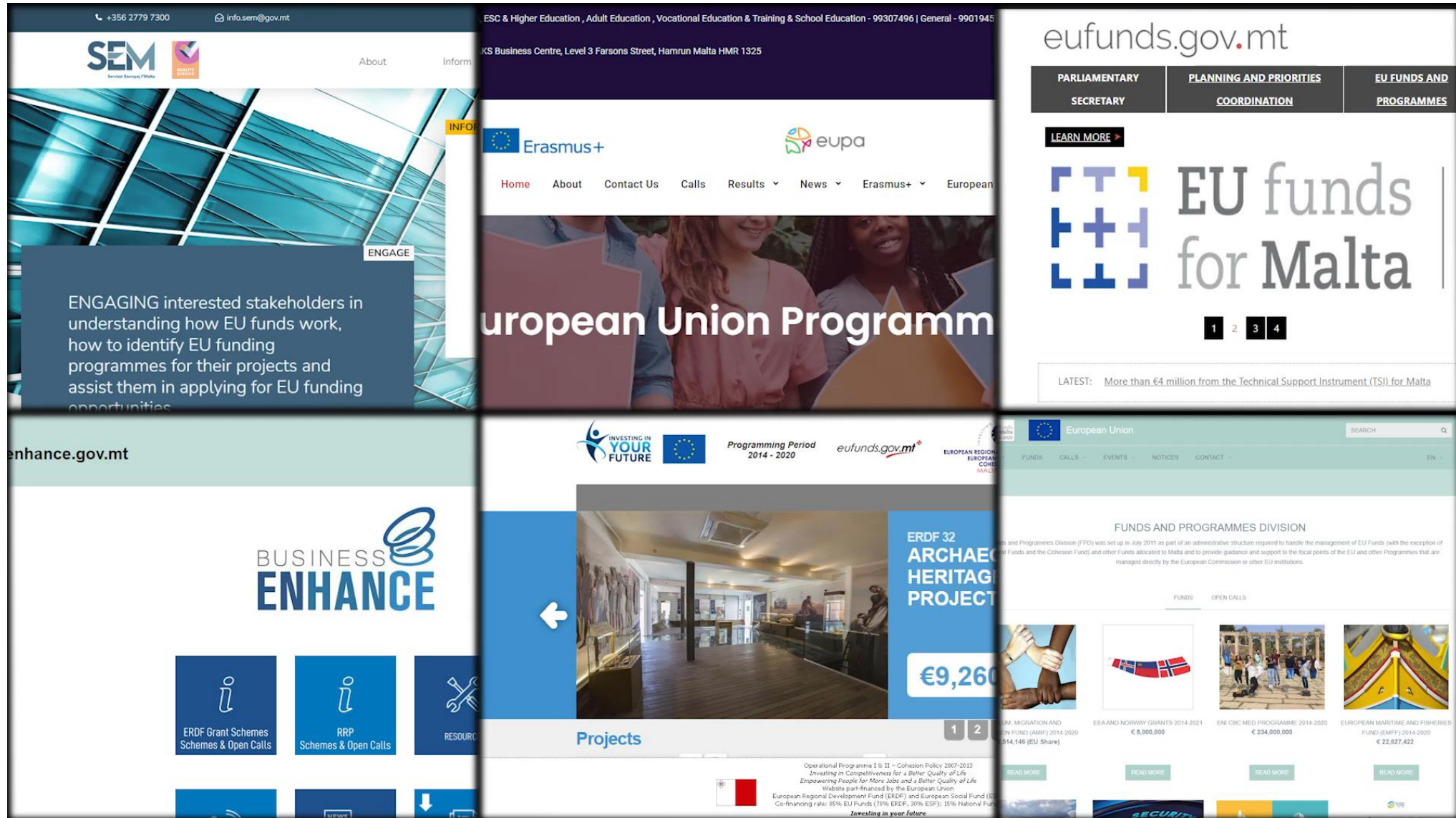


Visit to the
Ta' Qali Crafts Village

Visit to the **tunnel** that runs from the
Pembroke **Reverse Osmosis Plant**
to the **Ta' Qali reservoir**



Launch of Fondi.eu portal



Malta's new EU Funds Logo – A Unique Identifier



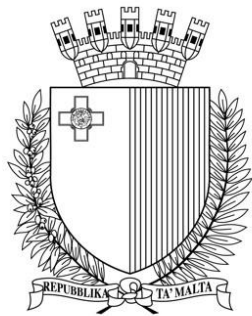
Main Logo



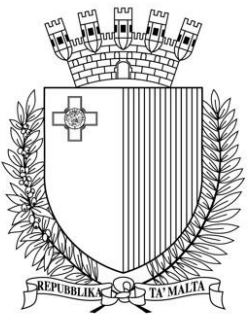
Alternate Logo

The new unique identifier for European Funds is the **FONDI.eu** logo, which is generally placed in the **upper right corner** of any artwork / design.

The 'Government of Malta' Logo



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Following the rebranding and the intention of the Commission to further simplify visibility requirements, the Government of Malta logo has been updated by removing references to Ministries and / or the Parliamentary Secretariat.

Calendar of Events May 2023

- Europe Day Event in Gozo
29 April
- Cycling Event to EU Funded Sites
30 April
- Europe Day in Malta
9 May
- Public Service Expo
10-12 May
- Women and European Fund
5 June



New and Ongoing Communication Initiatives

- **Enhancements to the FONDI.eu portal** in terms of interactivity.
- A **map** of Malta and Gozo showing the **locations of EU Funded Projects** (Works in Progress) which will also feature on our web portal;
- **Calendar** of Events and Open Calls;
- Discussions are ongoing on the intention to setup a **Communications Committee**, the aim being that of bringing together **representatives from all the Funds** to provide feedback and updates with respect to communication and visibility.

Update on Evaluations

Communicating Findings

TO3 Evaluation – Assistance provided to SMEs

Status: **Concluded**

Deliverable: *Ex-ante* Assessment for a **New Financial Instrument**



Consider a more substantial involvement of national stakeholders in the design of financial instrument(s) backed by ESIF to reduce the risk of displacement effects, avoid the risk of fragmentation and ensure appropriate coordination



A guarantee scheme to support SME competitiveness could be renewed by activating the so-called 'Member State compartment' of InvestEU



To the extent that widening bank financing to SMEs is the primary policy goal, it is recommended that **guarantee schemes with broad eligibility criteria are offered**



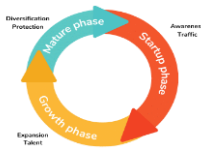
The ESIF funds could be used to **establish pilot SME support schemes**, including new products such as blended instruments (e.g., combination of financial instruments and grants for technical support) and equity schemes

Communicating Findings

TO3 Evaluation – Assistance provided to SMEs

Status: **Concluded**

Deliverable: **Ex-ante Assessment for New State Aid Schemes**



The strategy to provide **generic instruments covering the different lifecycle stages of firms**, regardless of the sector, proved effective and remains especially relevant in the aftermath of a crisis as they play an anticyclical role



More funds should be allocated to schemes that support **diversification and innovation** investments and consultancy services for modernisation and organisation/process re-engineering, also considering the twin green and digital transitions



Adapting and/or re-designing the SME internationalisation scheme, to avoid overlaps with nationally funded schemes



Considering **widening the scope of services covered by the Consultancy Services scheme** to include advisory services to prepare applications for investment support schemes among others



The **synergy between different streams of assistance**, such as financial instruments and grant schemes, should be improved to ease access to EU-funds, especially for micro-enterprises and start-ups



A **centralised information system**, possibly enhanced to further improve procedural efficiency, should be extended to all State Aid schemes

2021-2027 Evaluation Plans



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Fund	European Commission Decision Date	Status	Expected Evaluation Plan Approval by the Monitoring Committee
AMIF	6 TH September 2022	Ongoing	5 th September 2023
ERDF / CF / JTF	21 st October 2022		20 th October 2023
ISF	27 th October 2022		26 th October 2023
ESF+	28 th October 2022		27 th October 2023
BMVI	22 nd November 2022		21 st November 2023
EMFAF	28 th November 2022		27 th November 2023
CAP SP	30 th November 2022		29 th November 2023

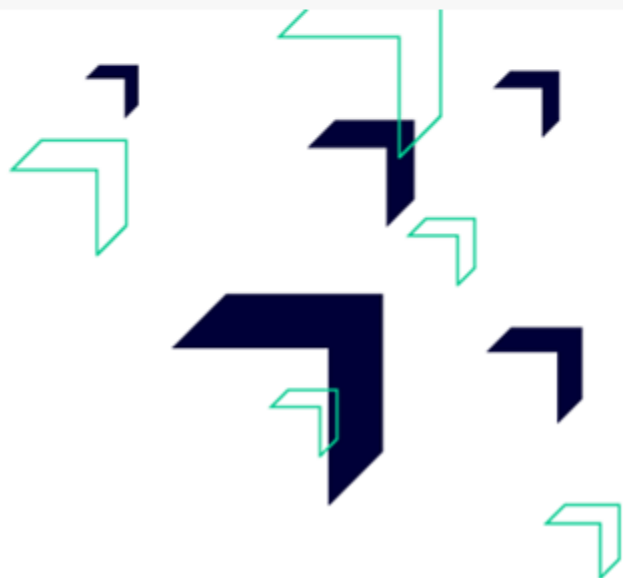


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