Stakeholder Consultation Committee

Policy Objective 1 - A Smarter Europe: Innovative & Smart Industrial Transformation

RTDi

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RTDi in Malta

Current Situation

Malta's National Research and Innovation Strategy 2014-2020

SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY

PRIORITY AREAS*
Tourism product development
Maritime services
Aviation and aerospace
Health with a focus on healthy living and active ageing, and e-health
Resource-efficient buildings
High value-added manufacturing with a focus on processes and design
Aquaculture

* A new consultation process was initiated in 2019

R&D Investment

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Current Situation

- Malta's R&D 2020 target ➡ 2% R&D expenditure as % of GDP
- Progress as at 2018 ➡ 0.55%

Expenditure	Trend
Total R&D Expenditure	↑
Total R&D expenditure relative to GDP	↓
Business Sector R&D expenditure	↑
Government R&D expenditure	↓
Higher Education R&D Expenditure	–

Innovation performance

Current Situation

- Increasing technological innovation performance
- Increasing proportion of companies in business process improvements
- Increasing number of patent applications, though these are still low when compared to EU-28

R&D Human Resource Capacity

Current Situation

- Increasing number of researchers both in the higher education sector and within business sector
- Significant increases in STEM graduates

Investment needs

- Investment in the provision of open and attractive research structures
- Facilitating networking, linkages and collaborations, to increase entrepreneurship possibilities
- Incentivising RD&I investment in the private sector
- Investing in the right resources to stimulate the adoption of transversal skills throughout the education system

Thank you for your attention.

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