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Stakeholder Consultation Committees

Policy Objective 2 - Greener, low-carbon and resilient Europe by promoting clean and fair energy transition, green and blue investment, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk prevention and management.

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Circular Economy

Current situation:

- Very low waste separation rates
- EU Recycling targets for 2020 difficult to be reached
- Excessive reliance on landfilling
- Large quantities of construction & demolition waste

Investment Needs:

- Reduced generation of all waste streams e.g. waste awareness campaigns
- Enhanced waste separation at source and waste-management infrastructure
- Enhanced recycling measures with the aim to achieve long term EU recycling rates to reduce waste sent to landfill
- Support of initiatives towards moving to a circular economy

Water

Current situation:

- Water scarcity & climate change impacts on water
- Pollution of groundwater through coastal waters as well as over abstraction
- Old sewer network in certain localities

Investment Needs:

- Promotion of sustainable water management through:
  - Development of a complete water cycle where feasible e.g. utilization of treated waste water
  - Storm-water management including separate collection systems and natural water retention
  - Investment in water networks, including sewer networks
  - Efficient drinking water supply following the water hierarchy

Climate Change

Current situation:

- Vulnerability to climate change in sectors such as infrastructure and land use, natural ecosystems, accessibility, agriculture and fisheries, health and tourism
- Energy and transport sectors largest contributors to GHG emissions
- Sea level change and Flooding
- Degradation of cultural assets

Investment Needs:

- Promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience, through adequate infrastructure
- Preservation of cultural assets
- Energy efficiency measures
- Increased use of renewable energy sources

Natural Heritage

Current situation:

- Limited space and natural resources
- Overdevelopment and loss of biodiversity
- Invasive alien species

Investment Needs:

- Reducing pressures & threats on protected habitats and species in the natural and marine environment
- Understanding further the species and habitats & improving the overall favorable condition status of species and habitats
- Investing in conservation management
- Encourage the reuse/redevelopment of existing buildings to reduce urban sprawl
- Enhancing biodiversity in urban spaces through green infrastructure initiatives
- Mitigating measures to address IAS

Energy

Main Challenges:

- Energy intensive economy & reliance on imported fossil fuels
- Increasing energy consumption including in the transport sector
- Ambitious achievement of EU 2020 target on renewable energy through indigenous sources
- Contributing towards the European Green Deal and Paris Agreement

Investment Needs:

- Increasing the share of Malta's energy generation through renewable energy sources across the different sectors of the economy
- Energy efficiency measures in the industrial sector as well as in public and residential buildings
- Targeted investment contributing towards the shift of a more sustainable and resource-efficient economy, including through the adoption of energy efficient solutions
- Transition to renewable energies in heating and cooling, development of smart energy systems & deployment of small scale renewable electricity capacities

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