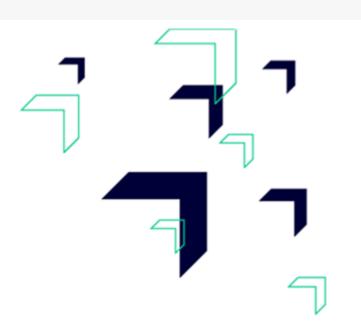




## Update on the Implementation of the 2021-2027 Programmes (ERDF/CF/JTF & ESF+)





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### **Fund-Specific Allocation**



### ERDF:

Total allocation is €766,492,820, with €278,668,166.32 committed to selected operations, representing 36.36% of the allocation. Eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 is €7,600,277.54.

### JTF:

> Total allocation is €33,236,748, showing 100% committed. Eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 is €1,970,044.01.

### CF:

> Total allocation stands at €194,314,443, with €27,551,190 committed to selected operations, representing 14.18% of the allocation. Another project is in the final stages of selection and will potentially bring the amount committed up to €72,551,190, representing 38% of the allocation. An additional circa €20M could potentially be transferred from the roads investment to the already approved maritime investment, bringing the % commitment up to 47%. No eligible expenditure was paid as of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

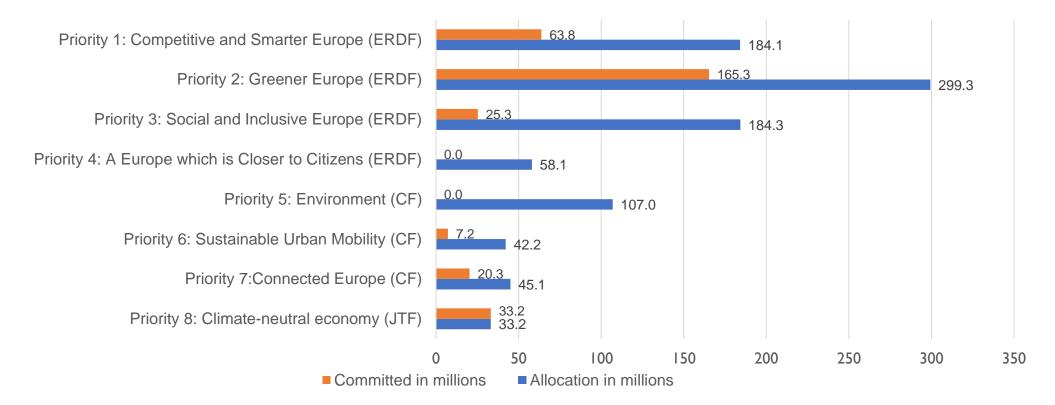
#### ESF+:

Total allocation is €204,869,427, with €132,854,701 committed to selected operations, representing 64.8% of the allocation. Eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries as of 30th November 2024 is €6,631,805.81.



### **ERDF/CF/JTF Programme**

Allocation & Commitment by Priority

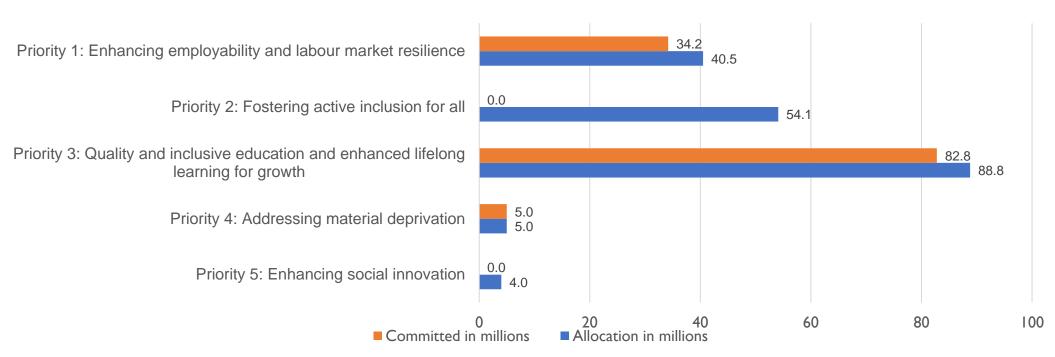


The applicable co-financing rate for the 2021-2027 Programme is:

- > 60% EU share and 40% MT share for ERDF
- > 70% EU share and 30% MT share for JTF
- > 85% EU share and 15% MT share for CF

## **ESF+ Programme**

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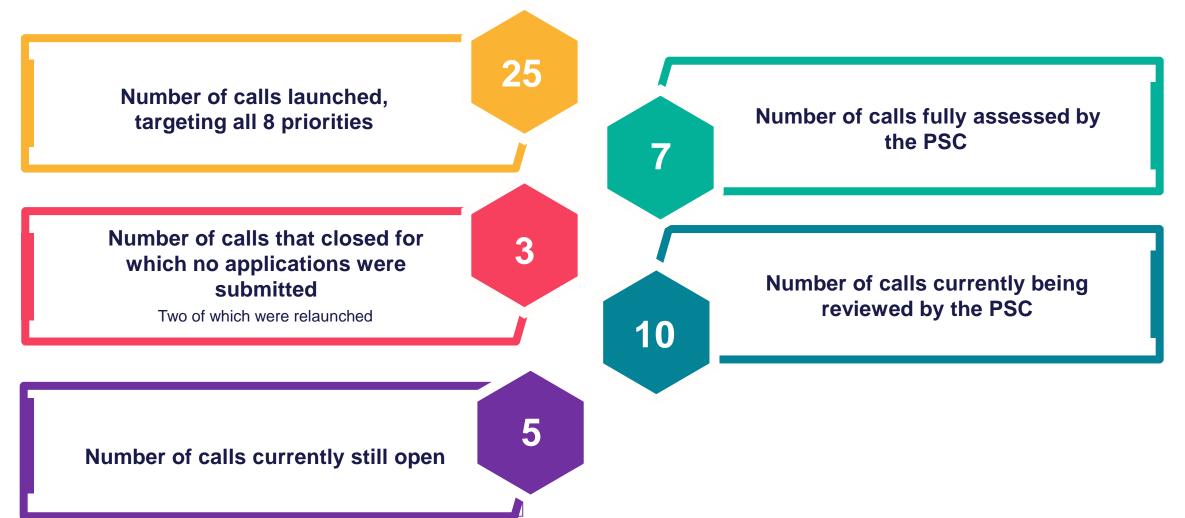
#### Allocation & Commitment by Priority

The applicable co-financing rate for the 2021-2027 Programme is:

- > 60% EU share and 40% MT (P1, 2,3, and 5)
- > 90% EU share and 10% MT (P4)

### ERDF/CF/JTF Programme Status of Calls





### Calls currently still open



Fund	Call	Indicative Total Amount	Closure Date		
ERDF	Call 17: Preventive health measures	€10M	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
ERDF	Call 22: Public Sector investment in R&I	€3M	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024		
ERDF	Call 23: Investing in sustainable multimodal urban mobility (relaunch of Call 14)	€35M	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
ERDF	Call 24: Investment in VET and mainstream educational facilities	€30M	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		
ERDF	Call 25: Youth Rehabilitation Centre (relaunch of Call 7)	€5M	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2025		

No calls are currently open under the ESF+ Programme.

### ESF+ Programme Status of Calls

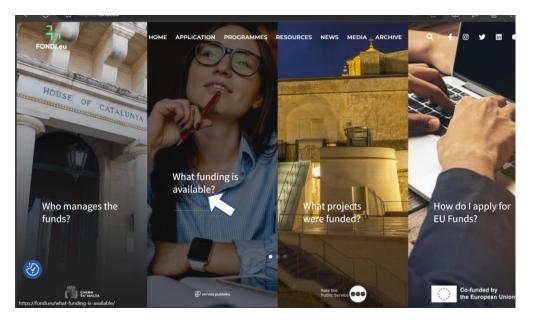


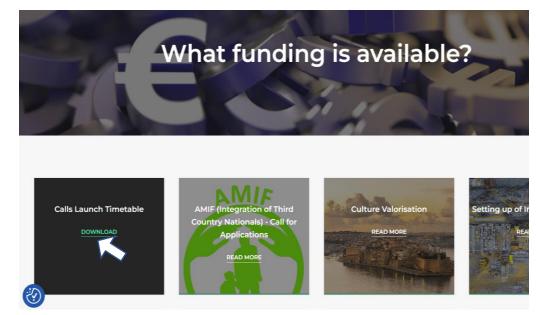


### **Timetable of planned calls for proposals**



- Article 49 of the Common Provisions Regulation requires "a timetable of the planned calls for proposals that is updated at least three times a year".
- The timetable of planned calls can be accessed through the following link: <u>https://fondi.eu/what-funding-is-available/</u>.
- > It is updated regularly.





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### Planned calls up to June 2025 ERDF/CF/JTF and ESF+ Programmes



Beyond the calls identified below, future calls may be linked to changes in the Programme as well as other ad hoc necessities.

Fund	Specific Objective	Indicative Total Amount	Launch of Call	
ERDF	RSO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	€24M	Jan-25	
ERDF	RSO2.2. Promoting renewable energy in accordance with Renewable Energy Directive (EU) 2018/2001[1], including the sustainability criteria set out therein	€10M	Mar-25	
ESF+	ESO.4.8 Active inclusion and employability	€1.5M	Jan-25	
ESF+	ESO.4.11 Equal access to quality social and healthcare services	€1.5M	Jan-25	



## **Approved Projects**

### **Approved Projects - JTF**

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JTF.08.988 - Provision of High voltage shore connections system along North Quay Terminal 1 and North Quay Terminal 2 within Malta Freeport in the TEN-T Core Port of Marsaxlokk

The project is being implemented by Malta Freeport Corporation within the portfolio of the Ministry for the Economy, Enterprise and Strategic Projects with an allocation of €9.9 million.

- The project seeks to invest in the provision of onshore high-frequency power supply along the North Quay of Terminal 1 and the North Quay of Terminal 2, with the scope of providing electrical power to the berthed vessels.
- > All procurement procedures for this project have been concluded with contracts in place.
- Implementation is currently underway; the majority of trenching works have been completed, and cable laying is scheduled to commence shortly.
- The Beneficiary has placed an order for the Onshore Power Supply (OPS) equipment, which is expected to start arriving later this year and continue through 2025.
- ➤ Disbursement to date amounts to €1.9M.



Ongoing works at the Malta Freeport

### **Approved Projects – JTF**



JTF.08.989 - Provision of High and Low Onshore Power Supply System in the South Harbour Region of the Grand Harbour

The project is being undertaken by Infrastructure Malta within the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works with an allocation of **€23.4 million**.

- The proposed investment for the provision of Onshore Power Supply, along the southern region of the Grand Harbour, entails the development of onshore power supply infrastructure along quays within the region to extend the supply of shoreside electricity to ships berthing in this area.
- In terms of public procurement, the sole Contract Agreement being funded through the project has been signed and mobilisation payment of c. €4M will take place in the coming days.



Location of interventions in the South Harbour Region

### **Approved Projects - ERDF**

ERDF.02.986 - Development, Construction, and Commissioning of a Second Electrical Cable Interconnector between Malta and Italy

The project is being undertaken by Interconnect Malta within the Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Public Cleanliness with an allocation of €165.3 million.

The following are the key achievements to date:

- The preliminary marine route survey and the front-end engineering design have been completed.
- The land cable route & installation design has been finalised and the land and offshore cable specifications have been determined.
- ➤ Two Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) contracts with a total value of €54M were awarded.
- ➤ Two other EPC tenders with an estimated total value of €197M, whose publication closed on 29th October and 31st October respectively, are currently under evaluation and expected to be awarded in Q1 2025.
- The EIA Maltese permit was approved in August 2023. On the 12th November, ICM received the Intesa Finale issued by the Regione Sicilia; the next final step is for MASE to issue the Single Authorisation Decree.
- ➢ Disbursement to date amounts to €5.2M.



Route of the Second Interconnector

### **Approved Projects - ERDF**

ERDF.03.204 - A home fit for a Queen – The rehabilitation of Villa Guardamangia

The project is being undertaken by Heritage Malta within the Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government with an allocation of **€10.3 million.** 

- The project entails the restoration of Villa Guardamangia, in Pieta, a typically planned out Maltese residence, featuring spacious interiors and a large garden with a unique elevated walkway.
- It retains an important status in our country's history, as it served as the residence of Princess Elizabeth, and Prince Philip, Duchess, and Duke of Edinburgh between the years 1949 and 1951.
- The villa will be fitted out with appropriate furnishings to re-enact the time when the British monarch lived therein and will thus be another cultural attraction for the Maltese islands.





Façade of Villa Guardamangia



Garden of Villa Guardamangia



### **Approved Projects – ERDF**



ERDF.03.207 - KUL(T)ARTI – The Development of a Culture and Arts Complex in Marsa

The project is being undertaken by Festivals Malta within the Ministry for the National Heritage, the Arts and Local Government with an allocation of €15 million.

- This project seeks to promote, develop and showcase the diverse arts and cultural forms relating to carnival, music and theatre performance through the development of a Culture and Arts Hub in Marsa.
- The hub shall provide added value to Malta's tourism product by enriching the development of Malta's niche cultural sector to continue to sustain its growth and sustainability to be enjoyed by present and future generations.



Artistic impression of the Culture and Arts Hub

### **Approved Projects - ERDF**

### ERDF.01.210 - Hal Far Business Incubation Centre

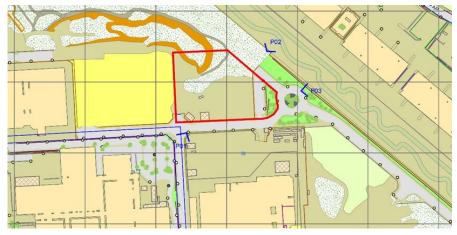
The project is being undertaken by INDIS Malta Ltd. within the Ministry for the Economy, Enterprise and Strategic Projects with an allocation of €25 million.

- The project seeks to develop a Business Incubation Centre in Hal Far.
- The Business Incubation Centre will offer the required space to support the growth and establishment of SMEs and enterprises, with the objective of stimulating enterprises to broaden their product and service offerings in a collaborative environment.
- The centre will be targeting local and foreign enterprises operating in several fields, including those in Additive Manufacturing, Microelectronics and Maritime Technology.





Aerial photo



Site Plan

### **Approved Projects - ERDF**

ERDF.01.265 - Implementation of Electronic Medical Records across the Public National Health System in Malta and Gozo

The project is being undertaken by the Ministry for Health and Active Ageing with an allocation of **€25 million**.

- The project entails the implementation of an Electronic Medical Record System across the Government Health System in Malta.
- Through the project, the current system will be replaced with an off-the-shelf EMR solution to significantly impact and increase the efficiency, access to and quality of healthcare services in Malta and Gozo.
- The implementation of this project, amongst others, will result in increased clinician and nurse productivity, reduced administrative staff costs and reduced patient waiting time.



Stock photo of the Digitalisation in the Health Sector



### **Approved Projects – CF**

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### CF.07.227 - Eliminating Bottlenecks in the TEN-T Core Port of Valletta

The project is being undertaken by Infrastructure Malta within the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works with an allocation of €20.3 million.

- Infrastructure Malta is developing a new cargo facility at the Grand Harbour to alleviate bottlenecks, reduce vessel waiting times, and enhance port efficiency.
- It focuses on the development of a quay extending from Ras Hanzir to Laboratory and Magazine Wharfs, in order to meet increased demand for cargo vessel berthing.
- Key activities, some of which have already been implemented, include removing existing structures, land reclamation using recycled materials, constructing a quay wall, and installing quay deck pavement and underground services over a 22,500m<sup>2</sup> area.
- ➤ Reimbursement of expenditure already incurred of c. €10M is expected to be carried out in the coming weeks.





Ongoing Works on site

### **Approved Projects – CF**

### CF.06.987 - Expansion of the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network Across Malta and Gozo

The project is being undertaken by the Energy and Water Agency within the Ministry for the Environment, Energy and Public Cleanliness with an allocation of **€7.2 million**.

- The project aims to upgrade the current EV charging infrastructure network with the introduction of 1,200 new medium and fast charging points around Malta and Gozo.
- The Beneficiary has initiated the process of recruiting personnel to support the implementation of the project. Several tenders were launched, including that related to the civil, electrical, and preparatory works.
- In recent months, the Beneficiary has conducted assessments to identify various locations that would benefit from the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. This process included consultations with local councils, Enemalta as the Distribution System Operator (DSO), and other key stakeholders.



Current Charging Pillar Infrastructure

➢ Disbursements amounting to circa c. €6.5M are expected in 2025.

### **Approved Projects – ESF +**

### ESF+.03.184 One Device Per Child (ODPC)

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This project is being undertaken by the **Ministry for Education Sport**, **Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR)** with an allocation of **€54.1M**.

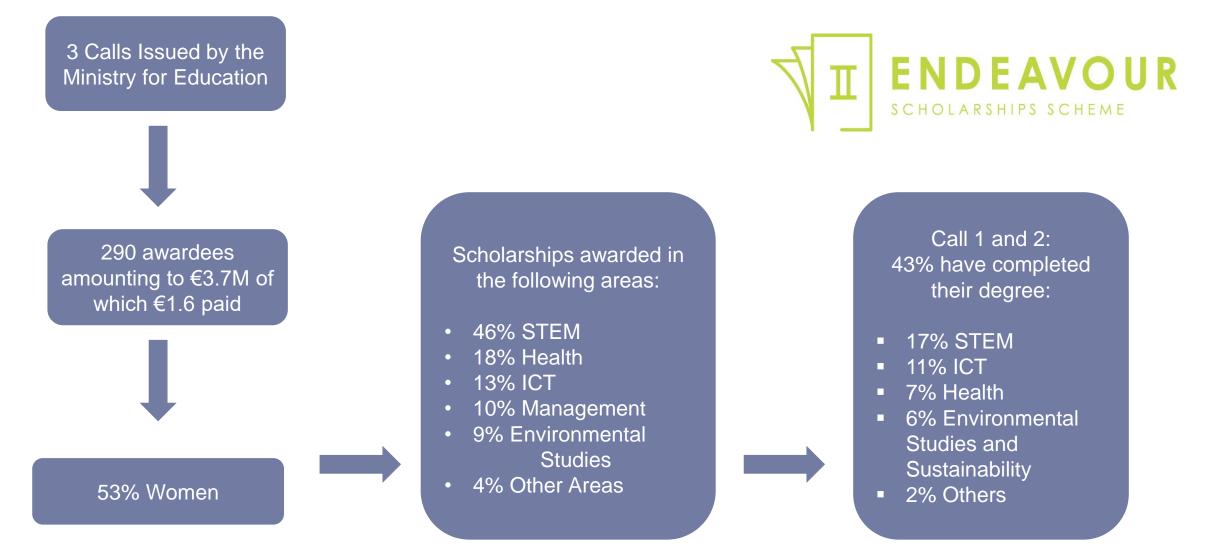
- The project aims to adopt a multi-faceted approach aimed to progressively equip all secondary school students in Malta and educators with training, tools and digital content integrated around a classroom management system which takes pedagogy to a new webenabled level.
- Whilst the project delivery has a baseline provision of a laptop device per child, students will also be granted access to a variety of digital content and resources which is the focus of the project.
- Training is currently being provided to train educators and schools' administrators to use the innovative Classroom Management system being introduced.
- ➤ To date, several contracts have been awarded with a total value of c. €7M.
- ➢ Disbursement to date amounts to €425K whilst c.€2M of expenditure is expected in Q1 2025.



In depth training on classroom management given to the Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills Directorate

### **Approved Projects – ESF+**

ESF+.03.185 - Endeavour II Scholarships Scheme This project is being undertaken by the Ministry for Education with an allocation of €9.7M.





### **Approved Projects – ESF+**

ESF+.03.186 - Reach High II

This project is being undertaken by the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation (MEYR) with an allocation of €4M.

- It focuses on the provision of **post-doctoral grants.**
- Through the first call, 10 research grants were awarded in various areas including Science and Technology, Green Digital Innovation and Education.
- A second call, with an indicative budget of €2M is to be launched by the end of 2024/beginning of 2025.





## **Approved Projects – ESF +**

ESF+.04.188 - Food 4 You Support Project

This project is being implemented by the **Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights** with an investment of €5M (of which €235K have been disbursed).

- > The aim of the project is to help the most vulnerable through food support.
- So far, 1 distribution of food was carried out, with 6,039 food packages distributed reaching a total of 1,823 families. Another distribution is currently underway and is expected to be concluded in December.

The collection per eligible category was as follows:

	Categories	The collection per eligible category	% Per Category	
1	Families who receive non-contributory benefit and pass the Means-Test and have 2 or more children under the age of 18 years;	907	50%	
2	Families who have children under the age of 18 and have an income of less than 80% of the National Minimum Wage	222	12%	
3	Families who have 2 or more children under the age of 18 years and whose income does not exceed the National Minimum Wage and	166	9%	
4	Families (and not single persons) receiving a non- contributory Age Pension.	528	29%	

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Food 4 You Support Project Poster

## **Approved Projects – ESF+**

ESF+.01.194 – Youth Guarantee 3.0 ESF+.01.195 – Training for Employment

These two projects will be undertaken by **Jobsplus** with an investment of **€22M**.

- ➤ The Youth Guarantee 3.0, with an allocated budget of €10M, aims at providing specialized re-skilling and upskilling programs and support to youth between the ages of 15 and 29 who are not currently engaged in education, employment, or training, as well as those who are at risk of falling into this category.
- ➢ Disbursement to date amounts to €160k.
- ➤ The Training for Employment (TFE) project, with an allocation of €12M, aims to facilitate the access to developing the knowledge, skills and competences of the working age population.

Further detail will be provided during the presentation carried out by Jobsplus.





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## **Support to Enterprises**

### **ERDF/CF/JTF:** Business Enhance ERDF Grant Schemes

### ESF+:

Access to Employment (A2E) and Investing in skills (IIS)

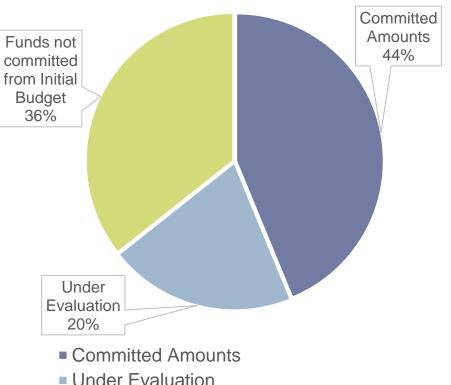
### **ERDF Aid Schemes – Implementation Progress**

ERDF Aid Schemes provide grants to enterprises in Malta and Gozo to support investment, innovation, and productivity. These include:

- SME Enhance Aid Scheme (De minimis & GBER): Supports SMEs with non-repayable grants to co-finance investments in expansion, diversification, innovation, and initial projects to enhance productivity.
- Start-up Enhance Aid Schemes: Supports start-ups with nonrepayable grants to co-finance investments in assets that enhance productivity.
- Business Reports for SMEs: Supports SMEs with non-repayable lumpsum grants to co-finance business reports from independent, registered consultancy service providers.
- Feasibility Studies: supports enterprises in assessing the viability of business ideas by funding research to evaluate feasibility, resource needs, and success potential.

As of November 2024, 44% of the initial budget has been allocated to these schemes, with 20% currently under evaluation.

Implementation Progress November 2024



Funds not committed from Initial Budget

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## **Update on ERDF Aid Schemes**



Fund	Priority & Specific Objective	Description	Date of Issue of 1 <sup>st</sup> Call	Date of Closure of 1 <sup>st</sup> Call	Total Amount Available (Initial Budget)	Applications Received	Applications Under Evaluation	Applications Approved	Committed Amounts for Applications Approved
ERDF	Priority1 RSO1.1	Feasibility Study	June 2024	Open rolling call with cut-off dates falling once a month	€2M	0	0	0	€0
ERDF	Priority1 RSO1.3	Business Reports for SMEs	June 2023	Open rolling call with cut-off dates falling twice a month	€1.5M	141	11	80	€320,000
ERDF	Priority 1 RSO1.3	SME Enhance (de Minimis)	June 2023	Open rolling call with cut-off dates falling once a month	€15M	261	60	153	€9,845,937
ERDF	Priority 1 RSO1.3	SME Enhance (GBER)	June 2023	Open rolling call with cut-off dates falling once a month	€8M	19	4	9	€2,799,507
ERDF	Priority 1 RSO1.3	Start-up Enhance	June 2023	Open rolling call with cut-off dates falling once a month	€5M	17	4	6	€827,359
	Grand Total					438	79	248	€13,792,804

## ESF Aid Schemes A2E Scheme–Implementation Progress

Access to Employment (A2E) provides employment aid to enterprises in Malta and Gozo to promote the recruitment of the more challenged amongst jobseekers and inactive persons.

**To date**, a total of 837 Grant Agreements were awarded, by virtue of which **€2.9M** were paid under this Scheme.

#### Key results:

- 803 persons gaining employment, of which 50% were women and 15% were persons with disabilities.
- > 402 women returning to work, 10% of which were unemployed/inactive for at least two years and 25% of which were unemployed/inactive for one year.
- 591 unique entities benefitted from the scheme, out of which 93% are SMEs.

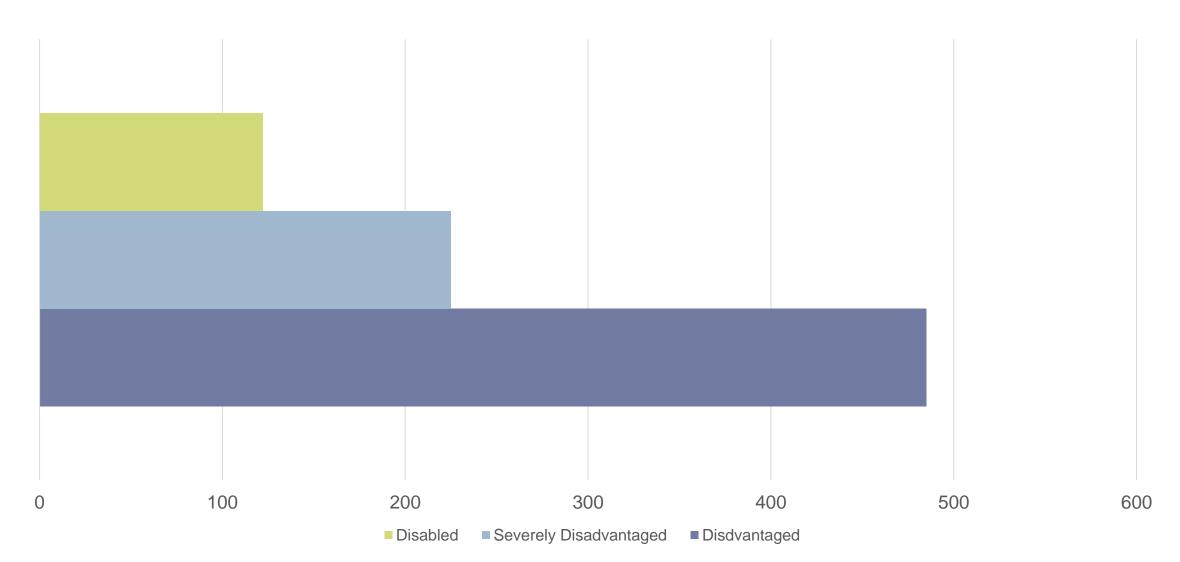
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#### A2E Scheme Poster

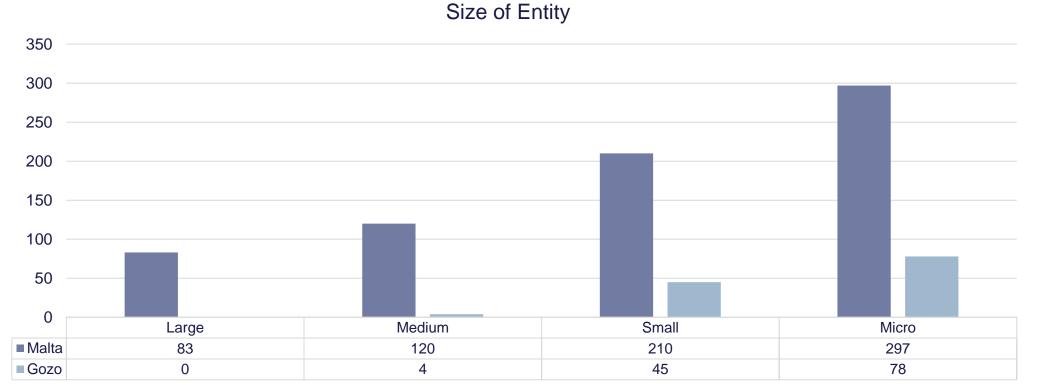
### Implementation Progress - A2E Grants awarded by Target Group





### Implementation Progress - A2E Beneficiaries





■Malta Gozo

As at end November 2024, 710 grants were signed in Malta and another 127 grants in Gozo.

### Implementation Progress Investing in Skills

**Investing in Skills (IIS)** is intended to promote access to the **training of persons actively participating in the Maltese labour market**, with a view to increasing productivity and enhancing adaptability by improving the knowledge and skills of employed persons.

Types of eligible training include classroom style training, one-to-one training or on-the job training, online live training sessions, accredited distance learning or accredited online self-led training.

To date, over €2M have been committed under this scheme, of which more than €682K were paid

#### **Key results:**

- > 562 grants signed
- > **+4,300** participants trained, of which 52% were women
- > 444 unique entities benefitted, out of which 61% are SMEs.

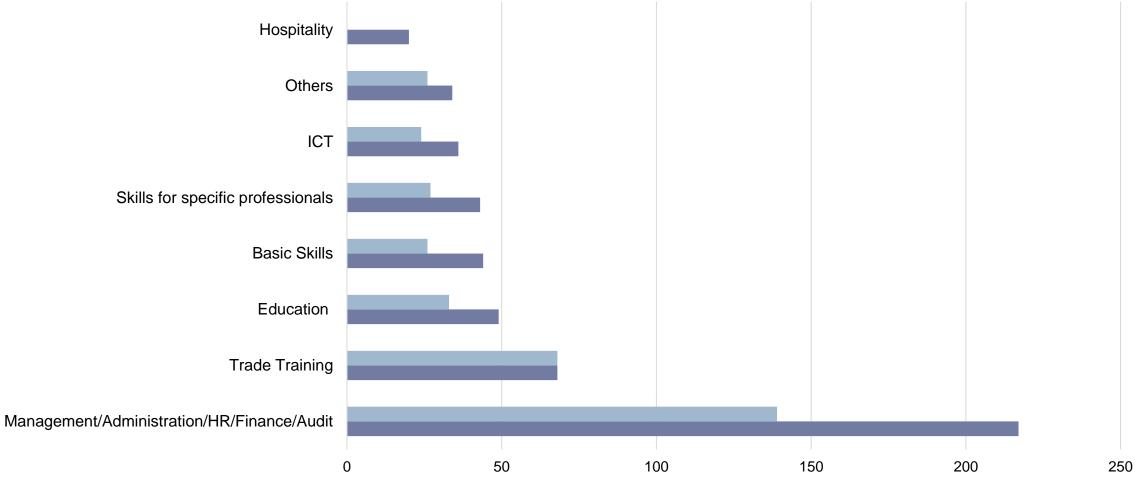


IIS Scheme Poster



## Implementation Progress - IIS Areas of Training in 2024

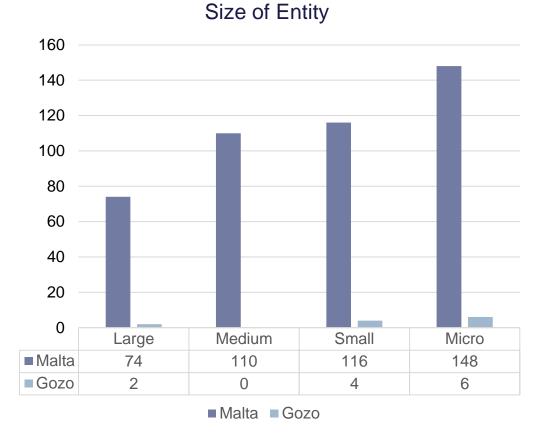




SMEs No of Valid Grant Agreements

### Implementation Progress - IIS Beneficiaries





From the start of the scheme, a total of 2,149 applications were received. These resulted in 258 unique beneficiaries who benefitted from the scheme, out of which 201 are SMEs.



### **Update on ESF Aid Schemes**

Fund	Priority & Specific Objective	Descriptio n	Date of Issue of Call	Date of Closure of Call	Total Amount Available	Applicatio ns Received	Applicatio ns Evaluated	Applicatio ns Approved	Committed Amounts for Applica tions Approved
ESF	Priority 1, ESO4.1	Access to Employment Scheme (A2E)	January 2023	Open rolling call	€12M	1,348	1,163	837	8.6M
ESF	Priority 3, ESO4.7	Investing in Skills Scheme (IIS)	Sept 2023	Open rolling call	€10M	2,149	1,624	1,115	€2.03M
					€22M	€3,497	€2,787	€1,952	€10.63M



## **Financial Instruments**

### ERDF/CF/JTF Programme: Invest\_EU Support to enterprises

ESF+ Programme: FSMA+

## Update on the Financial Instrument under the InvestEU Programme





Photo taken during the signature event

On October 17, 2024, the Government of Malta and EIF launched an initiative under the InvestEU framework.

### ➤ The InvestEU is made up of €9.48M from ERDF resources and €4.25M from National Resources

 As the first step of this facility €10.5 million from Malta's ERDF and national resources have been deployed, together €19.5 million from EIF resources, for a €30 million guarantee instrument, , unlocking €60 million in new financing through the Bank of Valletta (BoV).

#### Update on the Financial Instrument under the InvestEU Programme



SME Grow and SME Grow Green Initiatives to Boost Business Growth



- Bank of Valletta, in partnership with the EIF, has launched two guaranteed products, BoV SME Grow and BoV SME Grow Green, targeting Maltese SMEs to drive growth.
- As part of this initiative, the products offer loans of up to €750,000, repayable over 10 years, with reduced collateral requirements and upfront contributions.
- The BoV SME Grow offers a competitive interest rate of 3.8% to support a wide range of business development needs.
- The BoV SME Grow Green focuses on sustainability, providing a lower interest rate of 2.8% to encourage businesses to adopt green technologies. Eligible investments include renewable energy solutions, energy-efficient systems, and other low-carbon measures.

#### Update on FSMA+ under ESF+



The FSMA+ Financial Instrument is aimed to continue meeting the financing needs of students seeking to pursue a study programme for accredited courses in MQF levels 5, 6, 7 and 8 as well as other internationally recognised certificates. It is to be noted that Malta is the only Member State bridging a Financial Instrument from one programme to another.

> As at end of September 2024, the status of the FSMA+ was as per below:

Data as at September 2024	FSMA+
Portfolio	€22.1M
Committed in loans	€19.2M
Number of loans/students supported	428
% of which women	40%
Interest generated covered by the subsidy	€175k
Disbursed amount by the bank	€8.5M
% of loans disbursed over committed	44%



# **Monitoring and Evaluation**

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#### **Monitoring and Evaluation**









Guidance Calls on Indicators prepared per Call (including indicator definitions, methodology, list of supporting documentation to be presented by BNs). Guidance Calls provide information and ensure a common interpretation of the indicators across operations. Bi-annual **Transmission** of Data – Evaluation Unit validates indicator data to be reported, prior to each transmission in January and July. Verification of data values will be carried out on a sample basis, following MA's verification checks.

Work on the **Mid-Term Review** has progressed well, including liaison with the MAs and other Units / Ministries to source data needed for the review. Work tied to Evaluation Plan consolidation is underway and work to externally contract experts for evaluation activities



# **Update on Evaluation work**



## **Evaluation Plan (ESF+)**

Description	FUND	STATUS
Structured Survey (Material Deprivation)*	ESF+	<b>Ongoing</b> (Q4 2024 – Q2 2028)
Longitudinal and retrospective tracer study tied to opportunities enabled through ESF	ESF+	Planned <b>Q4 2025</b> – Q4 2029
Impact Evaluation on the priorities of ESF+ 2021-2027 Programme	ESF+	Q1 2028 – Q2 2029
Financial Instruments ex-ante assessment (as needed)	ESF+	On needs basis
SCO-related ex-ante assessment (as needed)	ESF+	Q1 2024 – Q1 2025

\*1<sup>st</sup> report to be reported by June 2025

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#### **Evaluation Plan\* (Horizontal)**

Description	FUND	STATUS
Preparatory Data Study	ALL FUNDS	Q2 2025 – Q4 2025
Communication Impact Evaluation	ALL FUNDS	Planned Q3 2026 – Q3 2020
Effectiveness and Efficiency of key processes of EU funds	ALL FUNDS	Planned Q3 2026 – Q4 2027
Summative evaluation EU funding across locations in Malta and Gozo	ALL FUNDS	Q1 2027 – Q2 2028
Mid-term review	ERDF/CF/JTF/ ESF+	Ongoing (Q2 2024 – Q1 2025)

\*Currently in the final stages of the consolidation exercise with other funds

### **Evaluation Plan (ERDF/CF/JTF)**



Description	FUND	STATUS
A socio-economic assessment on the added-value of supporting SMEs	ERDF/CF/JTF	Planned Q1 2027 – Q4 2027
Impact Evaluation in the thematic priorities of the ERDT/JTF/CF 2021-2027 Programme		Planned Q1 2028 – Q2 2029
Thematic study assessing the effectiveness, efficiency and synergies in reaching objectives linked to Health	ERDF/CF/JTF	Planned Q2 2028 – Q4 2029

#### Structured Survey (ESF+) – progress update



**Status:** Currently in progress Timeframes: Carried out during November-December 2024 food distribution under the FOOD 4 YOU Support Programme Representative of 2,496 eligible persons over 18 distribution centres Report expected to be compiled by Q1 2025 and reported before June 2025.

DISTRIBUTION CENTRE	TOTAL ELIGIBLE PERSONS
Birgu	178
Birzebbuga	72
Fgura	145
Gozo	150
Haz-Zebbug	122
Marsa	80
Marsascala	187
Mosta	139
Msida	308
Qawra	200
Qormi	118
Qrendi	169
San Gwann	141
Santa Lucija	84
Santa Venera	140
Rabat - Malta	59
Valletta	87
Zejtun	117



# **Update on the status of the Enabling Conditions**

#### **Enabling Conditions**



- As stipulated in Article 40(1) of the Common Provisions Regulation, the Monitoring Committee shall examine the fulfilment of Enabling Conditions and their application throughout the programming period.
- The Member State shall ensure that Enabling Conditions remain fulfilled and respected throughout the programming period.
- The Strategy & Programming Unit, within the SID, takes on the role of monitoring the fulfilment of the Enabling Conditions.

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## **Enabling Conditions - Fulfilled**

Horizontal Enabling Condition	Fund
G.1 – Effective monitoring mechanisms of the public procurement market	ERDF/CF/JTF & ESF+
G.2 – Tools and capacity for effective application of State aid rules	ERDF/CF/JTF & ESF+
G.3 – Effective application and implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights	ERDF/CF/JTF & ESF+
G.4 – Implementation and application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in accordance with Council Decision 2010/48/EC	ERDF/CF/JTF & ESF+



### **Enabling Conditions - Fulfilled**

Thematic Enabling Condition	Fund
T1.1 – Good governance of national or regional smart specialisation strategy	ERDF
T2.1 – Strategic policy framework to support energy efficiency renovation of residential and non-residential buildings	ERDF
T2.2 – Governance of the energy sector	ERDF
T2.3 – Effective promotion of the use of renewable energy across sectors and across the EU $% \left( {{\rm T}_{\rm T}} \right)$	ERDF
T2.5 – Updated planning for required investments in water and wastewater sectors	ERDF & CF
T2.6 – Updated planning for waste management	CF



### **Enabling Conditions - Fulfilled**

Thematic Enabling Condition	Fund
T2.7 – Prioritised action framework for the necessary conversation measures involving Union co-financing	ERDF
T4.1 – Strategic policy framework for active labour market policies	ESF+
T4.2 – National strategic framework for gender equality	ESF+
T4.3 – Strategic policy framework for the education and training system at all levels	ERDF & ESF+
T4.4 – National strategic policy framework for social inclusion and poverty reduction	ESF+
T4.6 – Strategic policy framework for health and long-term care	ERDF & ESF+

## **Enabling Conditions - Unfulfilled**



Thematic Enabling Condition	Fund	Status of Fulfilment
T3.1 – Comprehensive transport planning at the appropriate level	CF	Pending the finalisation of the revised National Transport Plan

> Malta is currently finalising a first consolidated draft of the revised transport plan.

#### **Enabling Conditions – Updates**



Thematic Enabling Condition	Fund	Follow-Up Action
T2.2 – Governance of the energy sector	ERDF	Revised NECP – no impact on fulfilment
T4.3 – Strategic policy framework for the education and training system at all levels	ERDF & ESF+	National Education Strategy 2024-2030 published – no impact on fulfilment
T4.4 – National strategic policy framework for social inclusion and poverty reduction	ESF+	New Strategy will replace existing strategy – no impact on fulfilment

Programme modifications will reflect updates to the Enabling Conditions.

#### **Enabling Conditions – Monitoring**



- SID will continue to monitor the fulfilment of all Enabling Conditions through engagement and follow up actions, as necessary.
- SID has recently introduced a new online monitoring tool system that will ease communication and facilitate the monitoring of Enabling Conditions.
- The system forms part of the SFD structure that most MC members are familiar with and aims to improve transparency and record-keeping of communication related to all Enabling Conditions.
- Training and guidelines on the use of the tool will be held in the next months.



#### **Enabling Conditions – Monitoring**



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#### **Enabling Conditions – Monitoring**





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#### Conclusions



> The 2021-2027 Programmes are designed to support Malta in achieving its socio-economic goals.

- More progress has been registered on the launch of calls, with the majority of calls under both Programmes now issued. In total, for mainstream projects 25 calls were launched under the ERDF/CF/JTF Programme and 12 calls were launched under the ESF+ Programme.
- The updated timetable for calls, last published in November on the Fondi.eu website, provides a preview of the timing of most pending calls expected in the upcoming weeks and months. Applicants are encouraged to maximise this lead-time to prepare high-quality applications.
- As will be indicated in more detail in the Mid-Term Review, progress on the ground is being registered in different forms via selection, procurement and indicators as applicable. All stakeholders involved in different phases of the project cycle should ensure timely implementation on the ground and the successful delivery of tangible results in line with the Programme commitments.
- ➤ The first N+3 commitment for Malta is due in 2025 amounting to €180M (Public Eligible) for ERDF/CF/JTF and €34.9M (Public Eligible) for ESF+. All stakeholders are to take note of their respective commitments in terms of disbursement.
- The Managing Authority looks forward to continuing collaboration with all stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of the 2021-2027 Programmes in Malta, by maximising the use of EU funding for the benefit of all.