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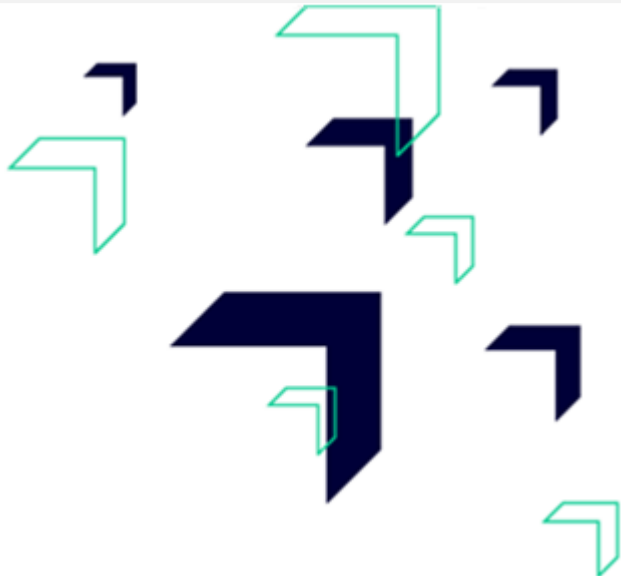
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Closure of Operational Programmes 2014-2020

Operational Programme I - *Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges*

SME Initiative Operational Programme – *Stimulating private sector for economic growth*

Operational Programme II – *Investing in human capital to create more opportunities and promote the wellbeing of society*



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Update on the Financial Progress ERDF/CF/REACT-EU

ERDF Financial Progress

Priority Axis (A)	Fund (B)	Allocation (€) EU Share (C)	Certification to date (€) EU Share (D)	Certification to date (€) EU Share Up to 15% flexibility (E)	Additional expenditure for certification (€) (F)	Overbooking (€) (E-C)
PA 1	ERDF	49,653,100	51,052,372	51,052,372	-	1,399,272
PA 2	ERDF	37,948,320	43,187,601	43,187,601	-	5,239,281
PA 3	ERDF	35,653,100	35,205,293	35,205,293	-	(447,807)
PA 4	ERDF	26,122,480	30,114,203	30,040,852	-	3,918,372
PA 5	ERDF	50,653,098	61,793,546	58,251,063	-	7,597,965
PA 6	ERDF	19,217,700	20,898,775	20,898,775	-	1,681,075
PA 7	ERDF	28,403,760	38,660,288	32,664,324	-	4,260,564
PA 8	ERDF	51,998,670	32,366,458	32,366,458	-	(19,632,212)
PA 9	ERDF	26,904,780	29,574,825	29,574,825	-	2,670,045
PA 12	ERDF	12,798,989	16,335,190	14,718,838	1,091,085	1,919,848
Total	ERDF	339,353,997	359,188,551	347,960,401	1,091,085	8,606,402

CF Financial Progress

Priority Axis (A)	Fund (B)	Allocation (€) EU Share (C)	Certification to date (€) EU Share (D)	Overbooking (€) (D-C)
PA 10	CF	120,282,371	122,636,494	2,354,123
PA 11	CF	60,709,738	67,437,358	6,727,620
PA 14	CF	24,000,000	24,000,000	-
Total	CF	204,992,109	213,770,221	9,081,743

REACT-EU Financial Progress



Priority Axis	Fund	Allocation (€)	Certification to date (€)	Overbooking (€)
PA 13	ERDF REACT-EU	11,162,285	11,296,568	134,283
Total	ERDF REACT-EU	11,162,285	11,296,568	134,283

ESF Financial Progress

Priority Axis (A)	Fund (B)	Allocation (€) EU Share (C)	Certification to date (€) EU Share (D)	Certification to date (€) EU Share Up to 15% flexibility (E)	Additional expenditure for certification (€) (F)	Overbooking (€) (E-C)
PA 1	ESF	24,000,000	29,885,049	27,600,000	-	3,600,000
PA 2	ESF	30,400,000	31,806,739	31,806,739	-	1,406,739
PA 3	ESF	31,539,848	32,500,418	32,500,418	-	960,570
PA 4	ESF	9,600,000	9,559,561	9,559,561	-	(40,439)
PA 5	ESF	7,503,600	8,169,131	8,169,131	-	665,531
PA 6	ESF	31,600,000	35,960,148	35,960,148	-	4,360,148
PA 7	ESF	111,196,276	111,483,442	-	-	-
Total	ESF	245,839,724	259,364,488	145,595,997	-	10,952,549

Update on the Implementation of the 2014 - 2020 Programmes (ERDF and CF)

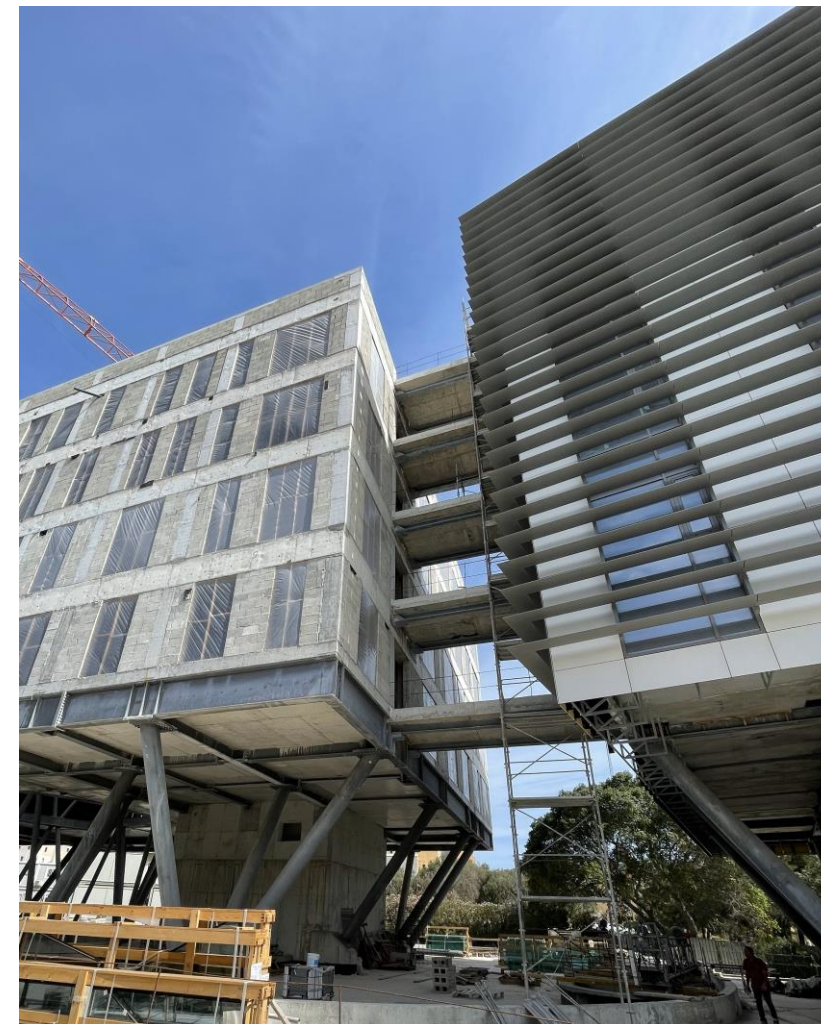
ERDF and CF Ongoing Projects

- The Managing Authority is closely monitoring the following ongoing projects under the 2014-2020 Programme:
 - ERDF.01.122 - Sustainable Living Complex (SLC)
 - ERDF.07.091 - SMITHS: Introduction of Sustainable Multi Modal Intelligent Transport Hubs across Malta and Gozo
 - CF.10.998 - Major Project “Towards a Net Zero Impact Utility - Ensuring an Integrated Water Resource Management”
 - CF.11.995 - Enhancement of the infrastructure within the TEN-T Port of the Grand Harbour
- The Managing Authority is carrying out regular meetings to oversee their implementation progress.

ERDF.01.122

Sustainable Living Complex

- For Blocks B, C & D and levels –1, the installation of services systems and finishes are well advanced and are envisaged to be completed by Q3 2025.
- This will eventually facilitate the start of the commissioning and staff migration process to the above-mentioned blocks in September 2025.
- Block A is expected to be operational in Q2 2026.



ERDF.07.091 SMITHS



Bugibba ferry landing site

- The Bugibba ferry landing site is the sole component that is still pending under the SMITHS.
- Works and construction-related activities are nearing completion, whereas progress continues on the mechanical and electrical (M&E) installations.
- Works are over 97% complete and remain on track to be completed in time for closure of the programme.
- The inauguration event of the ferry landing site will take place on 2nd July.

Gozo Park and Ride Facility

- Started to operate in December 2024; commuters are using the facility to park their cars and use the electric buses to reach the Port of Mgarr to cross to the mainland. Finishing works are currently ongoing and expected to be concluded by end September 2025.

CF.10.998

Towards a Net Zero Impact Utility

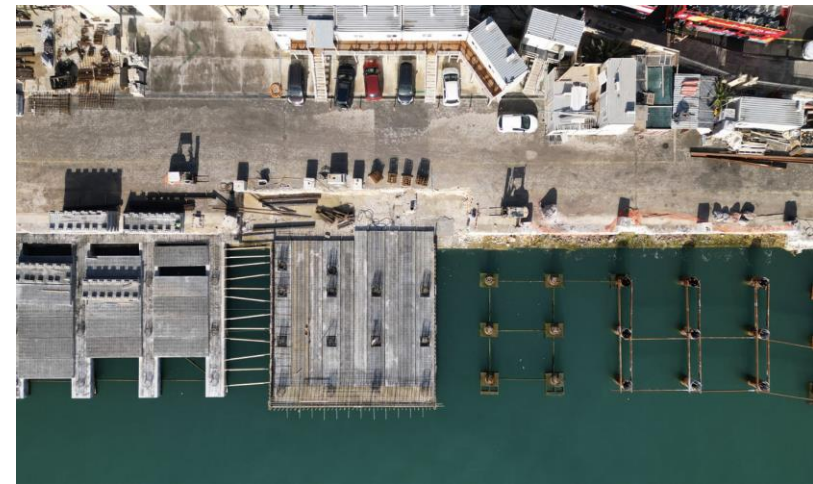
- One of the main activities implemented under this project was the drilling of a tunnel connecting the Reverse Osmosis Plant in Pembroke to the group of reservoirs at Ta' Qali.
- While the tunnel's excavation works proceeded relatively smoothly, the Beneficiary encountered issues with the pipes installed during testing.
- The pipes were made from glass-reinforced plastic, and upon pressure testing, this resulted in some failures. Following the test results, mediation is ongoing between WSC and the contractor to reach an agreement for pipe replacement to address the prevailing shortcomings. The MA is closely monitoring the developments.



CF.11.995

TEN-T Port of the Grand Harbour

- This project underwent suspension of works in August 2024, and works on site resumed in January 2025.
- The Beneficiary completed the dredging of both Pinto 4/5 and Lascaris wharfs, whereas the dredging of the rock to enable the formation of the flat surface has commenced on site. This latter action is expected to be completed by July 2025.
- The completion date of this project is envisaged for October 2026.



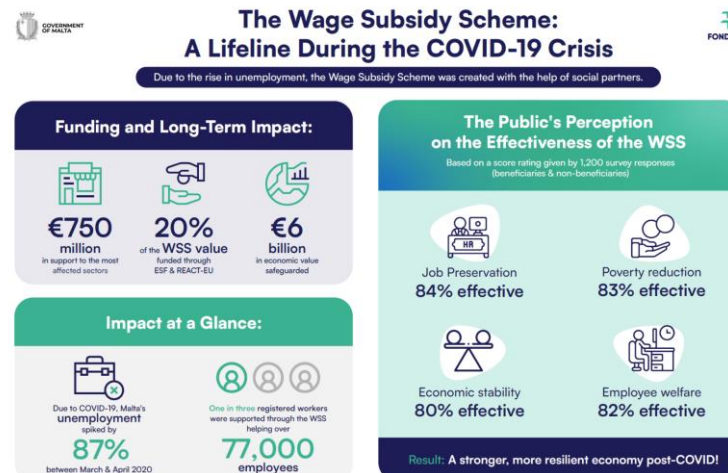
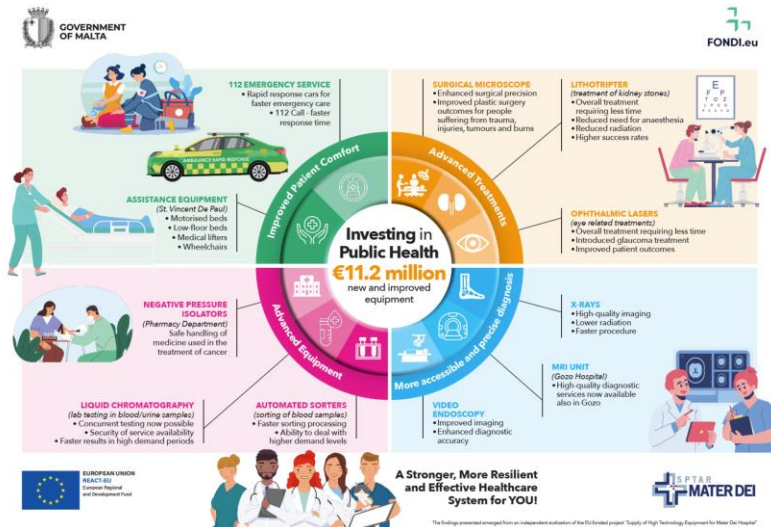
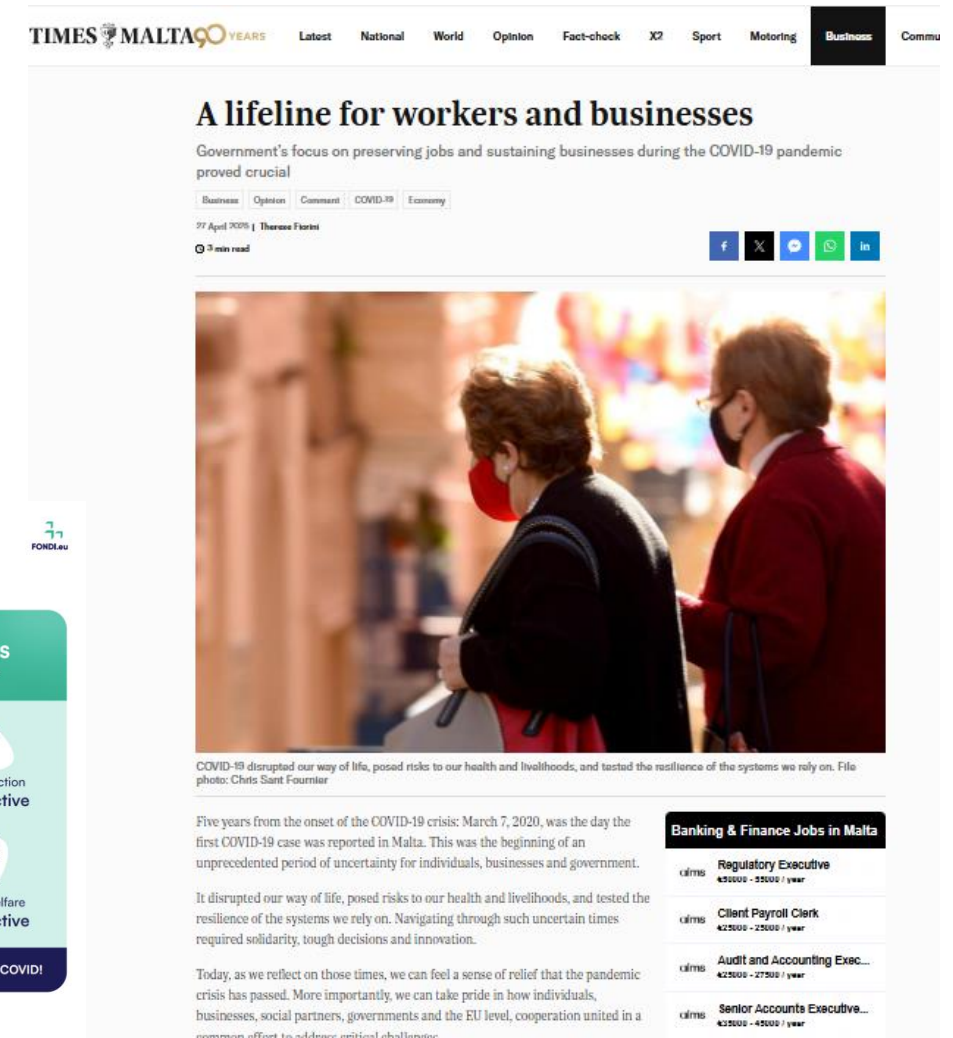
Monitoring & Evaluation

Monitoring: Output and Result Indicators

- **Regular monitoring** of the achievement of the output and result indicators is carried out by the MA and reviewed by the Evaluation Unit.
- For **ERDF/CF operations**, 100% indicator checks are carried out bi-annually by the Evaluation Unit, confirming the methodology used and validating the supporting documentation substantiating the indicator values reported by beneficiaries.
- For **ESF operations**, indicator checks by the Evaluation Unit are carried out on a sample basis.
- This process promotes the **four-eyed principle** which ensures more accurate and reliable indicator reporting.
- The MA and Evaluation Unit closely monitored the progress towards the achievement of the Performance Framework Indicators. As already reported in previous MC, **all Performance Framework Indicators are achieved**.

Communicating Evaluation Findings

- ✓ In December 2024, REACT-EU evaluations (WSS and Health) were concluded
- ✓ Infographics were developed to highlight key findings
- ✓ A public article was published to reach a wider audience

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A lifeline for workers and businesses

Government's focus on preserving jobs and sustaining businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic proved crucial

Business Opinion Comment COVID-19 Economy

27 April 2020 | Theresa Floriani

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COVID-19 disrupted our way of life, posed risks to our health and livelihoods, and tested the resilience of the systems we rely on. File photo: Chris Sant Fournier

Five years from the onset of the COVID-19 crisis: March 7, 2020, was the day the first COVID-19 case was reported in Malta. This was the beginning of an unprecedented period of uncertainty for individuals, businesses and government.

It disrupted our way of life, posed risks to our health and livelihoods, and tested the resilience of the systems we rely on. Navigating through such uncertain times required solidarity, tough decisions and innovation.

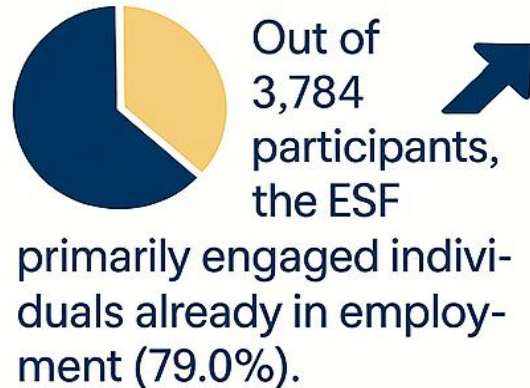
Today, as we reflect on those times, we can feel a sense of relief that the pandemic crisis has passed. More importantly, we can take pride in how individuals, businesses, social partners, governments and the EU level, cooperation united in a common effort to address critical challenges.

Banking & Finance Jobs in Malta

clims	Regulatory Executive €5000 - 5500 / year
clims	Client Payroll Clerk €2500 - 2500 / year
clims	Audit and Accounting Exec... €2500 - 2750 / year
clims	Senior Accounts Executive... €3500 - 4500 / year

ESF's Impact on Employment

Employment Status



Improved Labour Situation for Employed

- Nearly 38% of employed participants saw an improvement in their job situation, with 59% attributing this directly to the ESF. This positive impact was particularly noted among those aged 25-54. For participants aged 55+, 62.1% linked their improved situation to ESF.

High Success Rate for Unemployed / Inactive

- A substantial 80.6% of participants who were unemployed or inactive at entry found employment within six months, with 66.3% crediting the ESF project for this success.
 - Inactive Cohort's Progress: Among the inactive participants (15.3% of total), 39.3% secured employment within six months
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Cohort Study Wave 5 Findings continued

Broadening Skills & Educational Attainment



- 63.9% joined to enhance their skills
- 91.7% reported actual improvement in skills or knowledge
- 28.7% achieved higher educational levels
- 87.6% linked educational gains directly to ESF



Supporting Disadvantaged Groups



49.2% of disadvantaged/
disabled, unemployed/ inactive
participants gained
employment within 6 months



High Participant Satisfaction

94.4% of all participants stated ESF
met their expectations



Accessibility for Disabled Participants



3.1% of participants registered
as disabled
87.1% of them found programme
well-adapted to their needs

Article 56(3): Plan

- **Current status:** Fiches ready drafted for the different planned evaluations; To start drafting TORs
- **Contracting timeframes:** Foreseen end Q4 2025 – with implementation period of 8 months. Target completion by Q3/4 2026.
- **Number of evaluations:** 7 evaluations - ERDF/CF and 2 evaluation ESF – (thematically focused)

Timing of Evaluations:

- Evaluations under ERDF/CF were tied to the progress of the projects.
- STEP Regulation impacted closure of projects / programme
- Earlier evaluations would not have generated adequate impact results, and certain larger infrastructural projects require more time for evidence of impact to be generated and measured.

Example: PA 5 projects – Most projects opened to the public at the end of 2024 (indicator requires 12 months post opening). This impacted timeframes for evaluating impact

PA 7 (SMITHS) and PA 10 (major project – water) remain ongoing, limiting potential for impact evaluations.

Next Steps towards Closure

- Verification and review on indicators reported across operations and respective funds
- Drafting of Final Implementation Report (FIR) for the main Programmes
- FIR of the SMEi Operational Programme in advanced draft form to be submitted shortly
- Closure of audits and accounts following addressing of contradictory procedures
 - For ERDF and CF, 6 mainstream projects, 1 FI and 3 aid schemes are currently being audited
 - For ESF+, 3 mainstream projects, 1 FI and 2 aid schemes are currently being audited
- Management Declaration and Annual Summary

Thank you