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Public Notice 01/2023	1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies in the cross-border area	C1-1.1-20	Virtual Environment for Rehabilitation and Assessment	**VERA**	Ministry for Health and Active Aging	The overall objective is to establish a network between institutions and companies to develop collaborative, non-invasive and low-cost systems for the early and reliable diagnosis of ND and the monitoring of therapeutic or rehabilitation treatments. The expected changes concern the optimisation of diagnosis and treatment through artificial intelligence (AI) applied in virtual reality (VR) environments using data from wearable and non-invasive sensors of different types appropriately combined. The expected output is a pilot solution that can be integrated into the processes of healthcare institutions and companies.	Jan-25	Jul-27	€111,995.26	€27,998.82	€139,994.08
					University of Malta - Faculty of Health Sciences		Jan-25	Jul-27	€219,974.78	€54,993.70	€274,968.48
Public Notice 01/2023	1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies in the cross-border area	C1-1.1-29	Obtaining biochar for biomedical applications with an ecofriendly solution to exploit the unlocked potential of agricultural waste	**BIOBIOWA**	University of Malta - Metamaterials Unit, Faculty of Science	Waste represents a potential source of unused substances and ultimately can become biomass for animal feed or fertilization of soil. In a vision of circular and sustainable agriculture, this project aims to identify an alternative use for these biomasses by transforming them, through a green and low-energy impact process, into so-called biochar. Biochar is a carbonaceous material, and its chemical structure makes it unique both as a sorbent and as a material for environmental remediation. The use of biochar as an additive has been studied by many to mitigate anthropogenic pollution through carbon sequestration while simultaneously providing enhanced soil fertility. An innovative use of biochar is to exploit it for the delivery of pharmacologically active substances, from vitamins to drugs. The compounds obtained are therefore of nanoscale dimensions, showing layers of carbon organized with few hydrogen and oxygen-based functional groups that confer a high capacity to form chemical bonds as well as excellent membrane permeability. These biochars could find application not only in the agricultural sector (which is highly developed in both Italy and Malta) but also in the bioremediation of soils contaminated with pollutants such as pesticides and fertilizers (to promote the development of organic agriculture in both countries) and lastly in the pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries.	Jan-25	Jul-27	€423,702.96	€105,925.74	€529,628.70
Public Notice 01/2023	1.2 skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship in the cross-border area	C1-1.2-58	Movement of human capital in the cross-border area Italia-Malta	**MOVE ON 27**	Hermes Cooperation Limited	Building on the success achieved by the recent "MOVE ON" experience (Code: C2-2.2-112), "MOVE ON 2027" aims to involve not only young people transitioning from education to the workforce in cross-border mobility experiences but also employed individuals (e.g., entrepreneurs, managers, professionals, etc.). The new initiative also places specific attention on the qualification of human capital. Therefore, MOVE ON 2027 capitalizes on the lessons learned from MOVE ON and introduces significant elements of innovation to strengthen the impact of an already successfully tested intervention model. MOVE ON 2027 also aims to more actively involve policymakers and to consolidate and expand a result achieved by MOVE ON - the "cross-border network" - making it a dynamic platform for cross-border cooperation not only in education, employment, and mobility but also in entrepreneurship and innovation, particularly in the RIS3 areas of Sicily and Malta and, more generally, in sectors of common interest.	Jan-25	Jan-27	€232,320.00	€58,080.00	€290,400.00
Public Notice 01/2023	1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies in the cross-border area	C1-1.1-68	Smart Food	**SMART FOOD**	Malta Food Agency	The objective is to provide businesses in Sicily and Malta with innovative services related to the use of Artificial Intelligence to reduce production costs by improving production processes on one hand and providing a marketing tool on the other to communicate the quality linked to the production chain and product sustainability thanks to Blockchain technology. Main outputs: a protocol that will allow identifying the most efficient production destination of the analyzed areas; a protocol that will allow inserting a QR code on the label that will communicate to the consumer the traceability of production and the sustainability of the product as well as its specific qualities; a digital platform capable of transforming the protocols resulting from the above research into services that can be freely used by agri-food businesses in Malta and Sicily.	Jan-25	Jan-27	€288,000.00	€72,000.00	€360,000.00
Public Notice 01/2023	3.1 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in the cross-border area in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	C1-3.1-10	Cultural Heritage fOR AlL	**CHORAL**	University of Malta - Institute for Climate Change and Sustainable Development	The project CHORAL- Cultural Heritage fOR AlL aims to mobilise green and digital accessibility to cultural heritage sites in Malta and Palermo. The project has the overall objectives of investingating accessibility in the programme areas and develop a joint strategy that enhances the current accessibility for increased tourism access and local visitors alike. The project will implement wayfinding totems to nudge greener travel. It also extends the accessibility concept to the digital world by using technology to create a framework to digitize less accessible cultural sites. CHORAL will pilot the digitalisation tools on two sites, one in Palermo and one in Malta.	Jan-25	Jan-27	€79,586.00	€19,896.50	€99,482.50
					Heritage Malta		Jan-25	Jan-27	€144,000.00	€36,000.00	€180,000.00
Public Notice 01/2023	3.1 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in the cross-border area in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	C1-3.1-37	Routes to the fortified coastal heritage in the Mediterranean.	**FORTEMARE**	DLH - Din l-Art Ħelwa, National Trust of Malta	To identify an alternative territorial narrative to that used for mass tourism, shifting attention from already inflated places to marginal and less valued areas with a potential landscape/naturalistic richness and cultural heritage, through practices based on respect and care for territories and communities. Inclusiveness is central, achievable with solutions to improve both the cultural, cognitive and physical accessibility of coastal fortified heritage and collective sharing (citizens, third sector entities).	Jan-25	Jan-27	€105,523.20	€26,380.80	€131,904.00

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Public Notice 01/2023	3.1 Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in the cross-border area in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	C1-3.1-79	Walking And Yachting Together	**WAYTogether**	Yachting Malta Ltd Malta -	This project will see the creation of two pilot actions, single-site and cross-border, jointly developed in the Sicilian and Maltese territories, aiming at sustainable and responsible tourism, oriented to a new market niche, such as people with mild-medium mental disabilities, i.e individuals with limitations in cognitive, emotional and/or behavioural functioning. WAY Together aims above all at the creation of a model (or solution) that takes into account the development opportunities that people with disabilities create for the tourism industry, developing measures to improve knowledge and skills in this sector, training service personnel on the specific needs of people with disabilities.	Jan-25	Jan-27	€151,904.39	€37,976.10	€189,880.49
					The Eden and Razzett Foundation (Inspire)		Jan-25	Jan-27	€91,318.14	€22,829.54	€114,147.68
Public Notice 01/2023	2.1 Promoting climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention and resilience of the cross-border area (RSO2.4)	C1-2.3-28	Enhanced monitoring and disaster response to mitigate impacts of extreme weather and marine events	**WAVEGUARD**	University of Malta - Department of Geosciences	Project outputs require innovative and integrated approaches, combating observations from multiparametric networks capable of acquiring measurements across the entire cross-border area, hydrodynamic models, data science algorithms and artificial intelligence (in particular machine learning) suitable for Analysing large amounts of Heterheterogeneous data. Furthermore, giving the spatial extent of such events, risk mitigation requirements joint development of exertions and emergency plans. The partnership reflects this complexity in terms of multidisciplinarity and geographic extent.	May-25	Nov-27	€162,489.63	€40,622.41	€203,112.04
					Protezzjoni Civili		May-25	Nov-27	€320,000.00	€80,000.00	€400,000.00
Public Notice 01/2023	2.1 Promoting climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention and resilience of the cross-border area (RSO2.4)	C1-2.3-62	Cross-border strategy for the resilient management of coastal erosion processes and for the sustainable sourcing of chairs for nourishment	**SANDLAND**	University of Malta - Department of Geography	SANDLAND is proposed to identify Marini Relitti sedimentary sites (DSMR), in selected offshore coastal sections of Sicily, selected on the basis of geomorphological and sedimentary characteristics, to be used as potential sediment reservoirs for environmentally sustainable reforestation of Sicilian and Maltese beaches with similar geological conditions.	May-25	Nov-27	€219,262.68	€54,815.67	€274,078.35
Public Notice 01/2023	2.2 Promoting the transition to a circular economy in the cross-border area (RSO2.6)	C1-2.3-16	Circular Economy in agri-food & textiles in cross-border area	**GO4CIRCULAR**	Malta Chamber of SMEs	The GO4CIRCULAR project aims to stimulate the transition towards the circular economy in SMEs in the agri-food and textile sector in Sicily and Malta, addressing environmental challenges and promoting sustainable practices. The importance of this step is highlighted by the environmental issues linked to the linear production and consumption models prevailing in these sectors, which contribute significantly to the global environmental impact.	May-25	May-27	€113,081.28	€28,270.32	€141,351.60
					IDEA Academy Ltd		May-25	May-27	€81,240.20	€20,310.05	€101,550.25
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-118	Forecast models of microplastic accumulation in coastal marine areas, effects on biodiversity and strategies to reduce pollution	**MAESTRI**	University of Malta - Department of Chemistry/Department of Geosciences	Microplastics (MP) are plastic fragments with a size of less than 5 mm. MPs can cause damage to the functioning mechanisms of marine organisms and act as vectors of pathogens, toxins, persistent pollutants or environmental hormones. The Central Mediterranean is highly susceptible to MP contamination, concentrating 7% of the global MP load and retaining only 1% of the fresh water received. Although many bodies in the Mediterranean basin are working on this issue, there is little data and protocols for the analysis of MP in coastal areas. Moreover, the control factors of MP transport and distribution have been poorly studied, preventing predictions about their concentrations in ecosystems and their effects. MAESTRI aims to identify MP in selected coastal areas of Italy and Malta, characterise them, understand their origin, monitor their distribution, assess their influence on coastal marine biodiversity and assess their potential for biodegradation by bacteria and fungi. It also aims to develop tools, with a technology readiness level of not less than TRL 4, for on-site identification of MP and geological characterisation of the site.	May-25	Nov-27	€292,490.24	€73,122.56	€365,612.80
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-108	High-resolution technologies to monitor marine litter and detect effects on protected marine ecosystems towards a cross-border early detection system	**TecMAReco**	University of Malta - Department of Geosciences, Faculty of Science	Marine litter, specifically plastics at sea, represents one of the most studied emerging marine pollutants. The existing scientific literature has already listed effects that plastics at sea (belonging to the 3 size categories of mega-, macro- and micro- plastics – hereafter referred as MP) can have a global scale on a variety of marine ecosystems and the inhabiting species. The promotion of harmonised/standardised monitoring and the development of validated high resolution dispersion models have been recognised as the more effective tool to inform management measures (i.e. mitigation), two salient management cornerstones when dealing with marine systems on transitional areas (e.g. Italy and Malta). The project take advantage by knowledge and tools already acquired and tested through previously developed cooperation projects.	May-25	Nov-27	€179,585.28	€44,896.32	€224,481.60
					Zibel		May-25	Nov-27	€64,000.00	€16,000.00	€80,000.00
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-106	Restoration and Conservation through the Limitation of Alien and Invasive Menace	**RECLAIM**	University of Malta - Institute of Earth Systems	The project aims to address the common challenge related to invasive or potentially invasive alien species (IAS) that the two islands have in common and that represent a threat to natural ecosystems (with repercussions on areas such as tourism and the preservation of natural capital and biodiversity) and agroecosystems (with repercussions on agricultural and related productions). The general objectives of the project are: carry out targeted actions in selected natural areas where it is most necessary to intervene, carry out monitoring actions for the development of further actions, provide guidelines on sustainable methods of control and localized eradication of invasive or potentially invasive alien species present both in Sicily and in Malta, consolidate the results already obtained in previous projects (eg, the Interreg FAST project just ended). Particular importance will be given to environmental restoration activities with native species in the areas where actions to contain alien species will be carried out.	May-25	Nov-27	€250,053.75	€62,513.44	€312,567.19
					Environment and Resources Authority		May-25	Nov-27	€192,000.00	€48,000.00	€240,000.00

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Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-7	REVIVing marine Ecosystems through habitat restoration measures.	**REVIVE**	University of Malta - Department of Geosciences, Faculty of Science	The REVIVE project proposes some attempts to revitalize and improve priority habitats in line with the Habitats Directive, with the aim of obtaining effective intervention measures in transboundary areas. Specifically, we offer solutions based on: 1) specific actions to reduce the spread of invasive species, allowing ecosystems to develop their natural dynamics; 2) the use of artificial substrates or structures to revive the return of marine life in different habitats (e.g. reefs of vermethids Habitat 1170) and to promote, in specific closed coastal areas (e.g. ports, marinas), the improvement of their state.	May-25	Nov-27	€225,363.20	€56,340.81	€281,704.01
					Ambjent Malta		May-25	Nov-27	€164,062.91	€41,015.73	€205,078.64
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-26	A bridge between Italy and Malta to preserve the richness and stability of the Mediterranean Maquis	**MEDMAQUIS**	Nature Trust - FEE Malta	MEDMAQUIS intends to recover and increase the diversity of the natural habitats characteristic of the Mediterranean scrub through the implementation of joint pilot actions in Sicily in the Natura 2000 site Bosco di Santo Pietro, in the Vallone Piano della Corte Reserve, in the Immacolatelle Micio Conti Complex, in the RNO Isola delle Femmine and in Malta in Buskett, Pembroke and Xrobb l-Għaġin.	May-25	Nov-27	€55,366.00	€13,841.50	€69,207.50
					Ambjent Malta		May-25	Nov-27	€144,769.65	€36,192.42	€180,962.07
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-69	WETland ecosystem restoration through WISE strategic adaptation across borders	**WETWISE**	University of Malta - Department of Biology	WETWISE wants to demonstrate with data and concrete actions the effectiveness of coastal wetlands restoration in three pilot sites in Sicily and Malta. Thanks to the cooperation between site managers and an interdisciplinary team of researchers, an integrated approach will be developed, which will combine constant and real-time monitoring with a series of digital twins of the sites, to carry out the co-design and implementation of sustainable and effective restoration actions	May-25	Nov-27	€156,254.54	€39,063.64	€195,318.18
					WES TRADE Ltd. - R&D Department		May-25	Nov-27	€51,205.76	€12,801.44	€64,007.20
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-39	Use of beached Posidonia oceanica as a resource for sustainable animal husbandry.	**MAREA**	University of Malta - Institute of Earth Systems	The MAREA project aims to address the joint challenge of sustainable management of marine resources between Italy and Malta. Its main objective is to promote the circular economy by exploiting stranded ocean grasslands to develop new livestock products. This is expected to lead to significant changes by reducing the environmental impact and generating new economic opportunities for both countries involved. The main results of the project include practical guides for the production of seagrass products and zootechnical performance assessments. Farmers, the livestock industry, the feed industry and the marine environment will benefit from the initiative.	May-25	Nov-27	€143,999.08	€35,999.77	€179,998.85
Public Notice 01/2023	2.3 Strengthening nature protection and conservation, biodiversity, green infrastructure and reducing pollution in the transboundary area (RSO2.7)	C1-2.3-47	Habitat REstoration and GARdens for bioDiversity enhancement in cross-border area	**REGARD**	Ministry for Gozo and Planning	The overall objective of the project is to promote sustainable development, foster a culture of protection and enhancement of environmental heritage, and raise awareness among citizens and stakeholders of the benefits of investing in natural capital. The expected benefits are an increase in ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration and climate regulation, tourism attractiveness and economic spillovers to local communities.	May-25	Nov-27	€281,937.92	€70,484.48	€352,422.40
					University of Malta - Department of Biology		May-25	Nov-27	€254,462.43	€63,615.61	€318,078.04

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Public Notice 02/2025	1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	C2-1.1-151	Adaptive Multimodal Integrated Cognitive Assessment	**AMICA**	Ministry of Health and Active Ageing	AMICA addresses the growing challenge of ageing and neurodegenerative diseases in the Italy–Malta cross-border area by developing and validating an AI-based multimodal platform for early cognitive and motor health assessment. Through three interoperable solutions (NeuroVoice, NeuroWrite, and NeuroMove), the project strengthens cross-border research and innovation, supports healthcare providers and SMEs, and improves early detection and monitoring of conditions such as Parkinson's disease and mild cognitive impairment.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€243,353.40	€59,644.00	€302,997.40
					AcrossLimits				€99,492.00	€ 24,873.00	€124,365.00
Public Notice 02/2025	1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	C2-1.1-140	Advanced OPhThalmic medIcal devices from PLATelet-enriched umbilical cord plasma	**OPTILAT**	L-Università ta' Malta	OPTIPLAT tackles the underuse of cord blood-derived biomaterials in Italy and Malta by creating a cross-border innovation pipeline for ophthalmic treatments targeting dry eye disease. The project develops and validates three innovative formulations based on platelet-rich plasma and extracellular vesicles, integrating research, clinical validation, and regulatory pathways to support future CE-marked medical devices and industrial upscaling within the cooperation area.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€123,294.04	€30,823.52	€154,117.56
Public Notice 02/2025	1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	C2-1.1-31	Quick Innovation	**QU.INN.**	MALTACCELERATE	This project strengthens the innovation capacity and sustainability of MSMEs in the Sicily–Malta area through a structured support framework combining diagnostics, consulting, rapid experimentation, and start-up collaboration. By supporting 60 enterprises in adopting digital, green, circular, and blue economy solutions, it fosters cross-border innovation, improves business resilience and competitiveness, and delivers a scalable model for sustainable MSME growth.	Sep-26	Mar-27	€56,064.00	€14,016.00	€70,080.00
					MALTA CHAMBER				€307,200.00	€76,800.00	€384,000.00
Public Notice 02/2025	1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	C2-1.1-147	Functionalized biobased and biodegradable mulching films for sustainable horticulture	**EcoBioMulch**	Malta Chamber of Commerce	EcoBioMulch addresses the shared Italy–Malta challenge of reducing the environmental impact of plastic mulching in agriculture. The project develops and validates innovative biodegradable, bio-based mulch films and a microbial solution to accelerate their degradation, improving soil health and sustainability. Through cross-border research, co-creation, and real-world greenhouse testing, EcoBioMulch promotes sustainable agricultural practices, innovation, and environmental resilience in the programme area.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€76,800.00	€19,200.00	€96,000.00
					Ecostack Innovations Environmental Consultants				€115,200.00	€28,800.00	€144,000.00
Public Notice 02/2025	2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	C2-2.1-72	TOGETHER – TOwards Geophysical, Environmental and anThropogenic Hazards Enhanced Resilience.	**TOGETHER**	L-Università ta' Malta	TOGETHER addresses the shared Italy–Malta need to protect vital maritime routes, ports, and submarine communication infrastructures from natural and human-induced risks. The project develops an integrated cross-border underwater acoustic monitoring network using Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS), advanced sensors, and AI-based analytics to enable real-time surveillance, rapid alerts, and enhanced resilience of strategic marine environments and critical infrastructure in the Sicily Channel.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€99,078.74	€24,769.69	€123,848.43
					Transport Malta – Ports & Yachting Directorate				€378,495.60	€94,623.90	€473,119.50
Public Notice 02/2025	2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	C2-2.1-101	Management of coastal wetlands within an integrated catchment based approach for climate adaptation	**WET_ADAPT**	BirdLife Malta	WET-ADAPT addresses the shared Italy–Malta challenge of increasing climate and human pressures on coastal wetlands. Through cross-border monitoring, pilot adaptation technologies, and integrated catchment-based management planning, the project aims to improve wetland resilience, support sustainable water management, and strengthen cooperation among policymakers, wetland managers, farmers, researchers, and local communities for long-term climate adaptation.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€357,217.00	€89,304.26	€446,521.26
					L-Università ta' Malta				€154,496.96	€38,624.24	€193,121.20
Public Notice 02/2025	2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	C2-2.1-61	SEISmic energy for STORM tracking and observing rainfall	**SEIS-STORM**	L-Università ta' Malta	SEIS-STORM addresses the growing risk of extreme rainfall and storms in the Italy–Malta area by developing an integrated cross-border monitoring and nowcasting system. Combining seismic, meteorological, and infrasound sensors with machine learning, the project will enhance real-time detection, forecasting, and early warning capabilities, supporting civil protection authorities, improving climate resilience, and strengthening cross-border cooperation in hydrometeorological risk management.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€238,449.34	€59,612.34	€298,061.68
Public Notice 02/2025	2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	C2-2.1-39	STOA – Shared Trans-border Protocol for Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Vulnerability Assessment	**STOA**	L-Università ta' Malta	STOA addresses the growing vulnerability of Mediterranean cultural heritage to seismic, climatic, environmental, and microclimatic hazards. The project develops and validates a shared Italy–Malta multi-hazard risk assessment protocol, including a STOA Vulnerability Index, GeoViewer, and operational guidelines. Through cross-border collaboration, pilot testing, and capacity building, STOA strengthens the resilience, monitoring, and long-term protection of archaeological and historic sites across the Mediterranean region.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€332,823.84	€83,205.96	€416,029.80
Public Notice 02/2025	2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	C2-2.1-162	Climate Risk Prevention and Territorial Resilience through the Management of Invasive Alien Species in the Italy–Malta Cross-Border Area	**CRISP**	L-Università ta' Malta	This project strengthens climate resilience in the Italy–Malta area by addressing the growing threat of invasive alien species, particularly the red imported fire ant (Solenopsis invicta). Through cross-border monitoring, predictive modelling, early-warning systems, quarantine research facilities, and public awareness campaigns, it enhances preparedness, supports biodiversity protection, and improves climate adaptation and risk prevention in agricultural and semi-urban environments.	Sep-26	Mar-29	€392,000.00	€98,000.00	€490,000.00

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Public Notice 02/2025	2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	C2-2.2-77	alternative CROSS-border FEED for dairy beef in Sicily and Malta: a way to reduce the impact of feedstuff transport, recycle agricultural wastes, valorize products, and improve farmer profitability	**CROSSFEED**	L-Università ta' Malta	CROSSFEED strengthens the resilience and sustainability of dairy-beef systems in Sicily and Malta by replacing imported feeds with local feed resources and agro-industrial by-products, while valorising dairy male calves as a high-quality meat product. Through a shared cross-border database, innovative feed formulations, animal trials, and stakeholder collaboration, the project promotes circular livestock systems, reduces environmental impacts, lowers feed dependency, and enhances profitability and market opportunities for farmers.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€156,955.92	€39,238.98	€196,194.90
Public Notice 02/2025	2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	C2-2.2-71	Circular and Green Economy for Sustainable Hospital Management and Accountability in the Mediterranean Area	**GREEN-CARE MED**	L-Università ta' Malta	GREEN-CARE MED addresses the environmental impact of hospitals in Sicily and Malta by integrating circular and green economy principles into healthcare management. The project will develop and test a Green Health Management Framework, pilot it in hospitals on both sides of the border, and provide training tools for decision-makers. Through joint research and cross-border cooperation, it promotes sustainable, accountable, and resource-efficient healthcare systems across the Italy–Malta area.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€321,866.36	€80,466.60	€402,332.96
Public Notice 02/2025	2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	C2-2.2-78	CIRCular FOOD PACKaging Solutions for Sustainable Cross-Border Dairy Chains	**CIRCFOOD PACK**	L-Università ta' Malta	CIRCFOODPACK aims to foster a circular and resource-efficient economy in the Sicily-Malta cross-border area by co-developing, validating, and promoting integrated circular packaging solutions for different cheese types, combining bioactive primary and circular secondary packaging with agro-industrial by-products, tested in operational environments, to promote waste prevention, transformation, circularity, innovation, and stakeholder engagement across industry, retailers, and society.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€191.468,64	€47.867,16	€239,335.80
					Malta Chamber of Commerce				€137.946,24	€34.486,56	€172,402.80
					Malta Dairy Products				€115.200,00	€28.800,00	€144,000.00
Public Notice 02/2025	2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	C2-2.2-164	Circular Valorisation of Native Mediterranean Plants in Gozo and the Madonie	**SABUK**	L-Università ta' Malta	To strengthen the circular and resource-efficient economy in Gozo and the Madonie by jointly developing and piloting SME-scale valorisation pathways for rosemary, carob and Artemisia arborescens: delivering 3 circular solutions, implementing 2 cross-border Living Lab pilots (RCO84), providing structured support to ≥20 SMEs/producers (RCO04), enabling ≥1 adoption/upscaling (RCR104), and engaging ≥200 citizens and ≈160–200 students through pilots, narrative/education labs and ≥3 public events.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€207,218.55	€51,804.64	€259,023.19
					Friends of the Earth Malta				€158,700.00	€39,675.00	€198,375.00
					Ecostack Innovations Limited				€120,000.00	€30,000.00	€150,000.00
Public Notice 02/2025	4.6 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	C2-3.1-210	MEMory GUARD – Immersive Heritage Access through Memory Twins	**MEMGUARD**	Heritage Malta	MEMGUARD enhances cultural heritage accessibility and sustainable tourism in Malta and Sicily through immersive digital experiences. Using the innovative Memory Twin Framework, the project will create pilot solutions at Valletta's Main Guard and Palermo's Norman Royal Palace, overcoming cognitive and physical access barriers. Through joint digitisation, training, and knowledge sharing, MEMGUARD promotes inclusive cultural participation, strengthens institutional capacity, and supports a more resilient cross-border cultural tourism ecosystem.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€571,960.00	€142,990.00	€714,950.00
Public Notice 02/2025	4.6 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	C2-3.1-47	Cross-Border Heritage Valorisation for Sustainable Tourism	**Cross-Heritage**	Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation	CROSS-HERITAGE promotes sustainable and regenerative tourism in under-experienced heritage areas of Sicily and Malta, specifically Capo Peloro and Comino. Through heritage hubs, nature trails, immersive digital experiences, and a shared cross-border tourism strategy, the project enhances access to natural, cultural, and food-related heritage while reducing pressure on overcrowded destinations. By combining conservation, community involvement, and social economy principles, CROSS-HERITAGE creates a replicable model for sustainable heritage management and tourism development.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€125,378.40	€31,344.60	€156,723.00
					Friends of the Earth Malta				€308,959.20	€77,239.80	€386,199.00
Public Notice 02/2025	4.6 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation	C2-3.1-58	Phoenician Bridge - Heritage Enhancement through Regenerative and Inclusive Cultural Tourism	**PHOEN BRIDGE**	Sovrintendenza tal-Patrimonju Kulturali	PHOEN BRIDGE aims to transform the shared Phoenician-Punic heritage of Sicily and Malta into a single, accessible cross-border cultural destination. The project will connect lesser-known archaeological sites through a unified cultural route, shared branding, digital tools, and harmonized accessibility standards for vulnerable groups. Through Community Heritage Hubs and cross-border cooperation, PHOEN BRIDGE promotes sustainable tourism, strengthens local capacities, increases the visibility of heritage assets, and supports balanced socio-economic development across the programme area.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€209,072.00	€52,268.00	€261,340.00
Public Notice 02/2025	6.4 - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies	C2-4.1-142	REHAbilitation Governance Model for Cross-border Implementation	**REHAMED**	Karin Grech Rebabilitation Hospital	REHAMED (Rehabilitation Governance Model for Cross-border Implementation) strengthens institutional capacity in Sicily and Malta by developing a joint, sustainable model for high-tech telerehabilitation. The project addresses common challenges such as limited access to specialist rehabilitation services, geographical barriers, workforce constraints, and gaps in continuity of care after hospital discharge. Through a shared operational toolkit, common procedures, staff training, and pilot implementation, REHAMED aims to transform tele-rehabilitation from isolated initiatives into a stable and integrated service model. The project will improve accessibility, continuity of care, and organisational resilience while providing a transferable framework for wider adoption across the Italy–Malta programme area.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€678,222.08	€169,555.52	€847,777.60

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Public Notice	**Specific Objective**	**Reference No.**	**Project title**	**Project Acronym**	**Maltese Partner**	**Project Summary Description**	**Start**	**End**	**ERDF 80%**	**Partner contribution 20%**	**Total**
Public Notice 02/2025	6.4 - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies	C2-4.1-86	Cross-Border AMR & Infection Control Governance for Malta and Sicily	**AMR-GOVMED**	Ministry for Health & Active Aging	AMR-GOVMED strengthens cross-border cooperation between Malta and Sicily to address antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and healthcare-associated infections caused by multidrug-resistant organisms. The project will develop a joint governance and early-warning framework for infection prevention, control, and antimicrobial stewardship, supported by shared procedures, indicators, genomic surveillance tools, digital dashboards, an IPC chatbot, and staff training. Through harmonised practices, data sharing, and cross-border collaboration, AMR-GOVMED aims to improve hospital resilience, enhance patient safety, and create a transferable model for managing AMR across Mediterranean healthcare systems.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€547,134.40	€136,783.60	€683,918.00
Public Notice 02/2025	6.4 - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies	C2-4.1-224	HERITOUR – Cross-Border Governance and Digital Framework for Niche Cultural Heritage between Malta and Sicily Creating Heritage Routes for Inclusive and Sustainable Cultural Tourism	**HERITOUR**	Heritage Malta	HERITOUR strengthens institutional capacity and cross-border cooperation between Malta and Sicily for the sustainable management and activation of niche cultural heritage sites. The project develops a shared governance framework, common methodologies, and digital tools to support coordinated heritage planning, accessibility, and interpretation. Through a public digital platform, training programmes, and cultural activation initiatives, HERITOUR enhances collaboration among cultural institutions and public authorities, promotes under-visited heritage assets, and creates a transferable model for inclusive and sustainable cultural tourism across the Malta–Sicily area.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€588,000.00	€147,000.00	€735,000.00
Public Notice 02/2025	6.4 - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies	C2-4.1-190	Valutazione e gestione transfrontaliera delle reti abbandonate per la tutela della biodiversità e la conservazione degli habitat marini	**SeaGhost**	Ministeru għal Għawdex u l-Ippjanar	SeaGhost develops a cross-border approach between Sicily and Malta to tackle the environmental impacts of ghost nets. The project will create a scientific protocol and a hazard index to assess whether abandoned fishing gear should be removed or left in place based on ecological risks and benefits. Through biodiversity, eDNA and microplastic analyses, SeaGhost will improve decision-making for marine habitat protection, while promoting circular economy solutions for recovered nets and raising awareness among fishers, divers, and local communities.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€365,526.40	€91,381.60	€456,908.00
Public Notice 02/2025	6.4 - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies	C2-4.1-062	Joint Malta–Sicily Integrated Oncology Case Review and Governance Platform for Precision Medicine	**OncoGovMed**	L-Università ta' Malta	OncoGovMed addresses common Malta-Sicily challenges in precision oncology where fragmented governance, differing diagnostic practices and limited cross-border cooperation hinder consistent use of molecular diagnostics. The project establishes a Cross-Border Integrated Oncology Case Review and Governance Platform, enabling shared governance, harmonised procedures, interoperable tools and joint training. By supporting coordinated case review and evidence interpretation, it strengthens institutional capacity and promotes more coherent, patient-centred cancer care across the programme area.	Sep-26	Sep-28	€393,440.52	€98,360.13	€491,800.65
					Cancer Research and Innovation Hub Malta				€105,155.14	€26,288.79	€131,443.93