



Maltese National Focal Point

**2nd Annual Meeting for the
European Economic Area (EEA) Financial
Mechanism
&
Norwegian Financial Mechanism**

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Annual Meeting Maltese National Focal Point

Progress of Projects co-financed by the
EEA Financial Mechanism and the
Norwegian Financial Mechanism

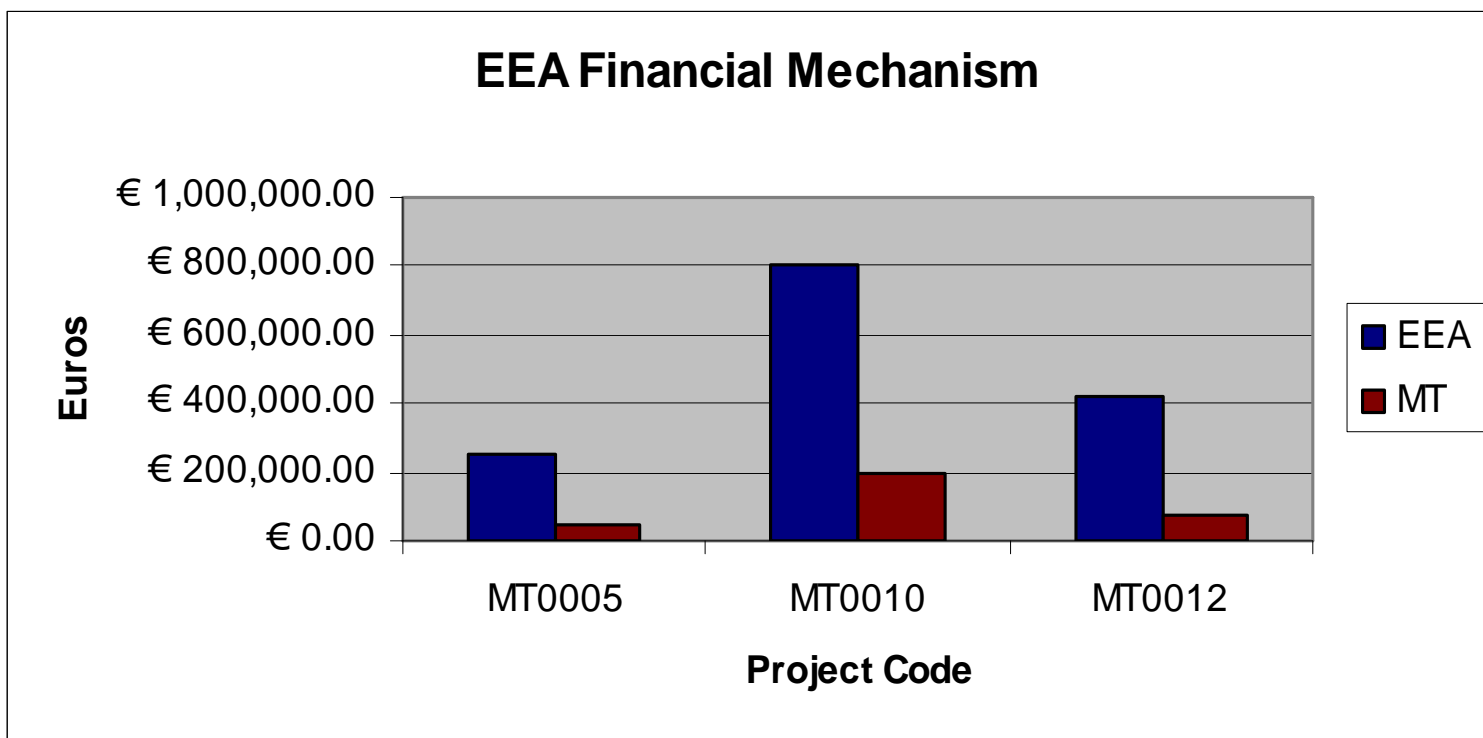


Table of Projects being co-financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism

Code MT	Project Title	EEA/NFM Grant €	PP co- fin. €	Total Value €	FM	Beneficiary
0005	Master Plan for the Cittadella – the old fortified city of the Island of Gozo	256,275	45,225	301,500	EEA	MGOZ
0006	Implementation of Schengen Acquis requirements at MIA by April 2007	517,863	528,959	1,045,822	NFM	Malta int'l Airport PLC
0008	Procurement and Installation of Security/Safety Equipment for Building Sites housing SIS equipment	250,678	44,237	294,915	NFM	Malta Police Force
0010	Setting up an Oil Spill Response Capability for the Protection of our seas	800,000	200,000	1,000,000	EEA	MMA
0011	Xrobb I-Ghagin Nature Park and Sustainable Development Centre	635,725	88,916	724,641	EEA/ NFM	Nature Trust (Malta)
0012	Consolidation of Terrain and Historic Ramparts Underlying Council Square, Mdina	425,000	75,000	500,000	EEA	MRES (Restoration Unit)
0013	Technical Assistance Fund for Malta	86,480	15,260	101,740	EEA/ NFM	OPM (PPCD)
0014	Conservation of Hal Saflieni Hypogeum – World Heritage Site	383,350	67,650	451,000	NFM	Heritage Malta



Projects co-financed under the EEA Financial Mechanism





MT0005 Master Plan for the Cittadella - the old fortified city of the Island of Gozo

EEA Grant: € 256,275 (85%)	PP Co-financing: € 45,225 (15%)	Total Value: € 301,500	Beneficiary: Ministry for Gozo
Priority Area: European Cultural Heritage, including Public Transport and Urban Renewal and Academic Research			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- External appraisal mission 09.06 – report 10.06
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 23.02.07
- Grant Agreement signed 23.07.07
- Working group set up to draw up TOR
- Consultations with Citadel residents, shop owners, Cathedral, Victoria LC & Association of Tourist Guides



MT0005 Master Plan for the Cittadella - the old fortified city of the Island of Gozo / cont.

● Publicity:

- Press conference addressed by Minister for Gozo on 10.05.07
- Radio programme aired on a local station in 07.07

● Next Steps:

- Finalisation of TOR
- Launch of Tender



Tender to be forwarded to DOC imminently



MT0010 Setting up an Oil Spill Response Capability for the Protection of Our Seas

EEA Grant: € 800,000 (80%)	PP Co-financing: € 200,000 (20%)	Total Value: € 1,000,000	Beneficiary: Malta Maritime Authority (MMA)
Priority Area: Protection of the Environment			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- External appraisal mission 08.06 – report 08.06
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 21.12.06
- Grant Agreement signed 23.07.07
- Seminar held on 05.03.07
- Tender for technical consultancy and project management drafted



MT0010 Setting Up an Oil Spill Response Capability for the Protection of Our Seas/ cont.

● Publicity:

- Press coverage during Seminar on 05.03.07 (Project Launch)
- Participants hailed from MMA, AFM, PPCD (OPM), Medoffshore, MCMP, MFA, Civil Protection, AOST, Norwegian Embassy, Norwegian Coastal Administration and Norwegian companies operating in the oil spill industry – Abtek AS, Norlense AS, Frank Mohn AS

● Next Steps:

- Launch of Tender





MT0012 Consolidation of Terrain and Historic Ramparts Underlying Council Square, Mdina

EEA Grant: € 425,000 (85%)	PP Co-financing: € 75,000 (15%)	Total Value: € 500,000	Beneficiary: Ministry for Resources and Infrastructure (Restoration Unit)
Priority Area: European Cultural Heritage, including Public Transport and Urban Renewal and Academic Research			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- External appraisal mission 09.06 – report 10.06
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 21.12.06
- Grant Agreement rec'd by NFP 14.09.07
- MEPA permit issued 03.04.07
- Design and Build tender drawn up
- Tender published 17.07.07



MT0012 Consolidation of Terrain and Historic Ramparts Underlying Council Square, Mdina/cont.

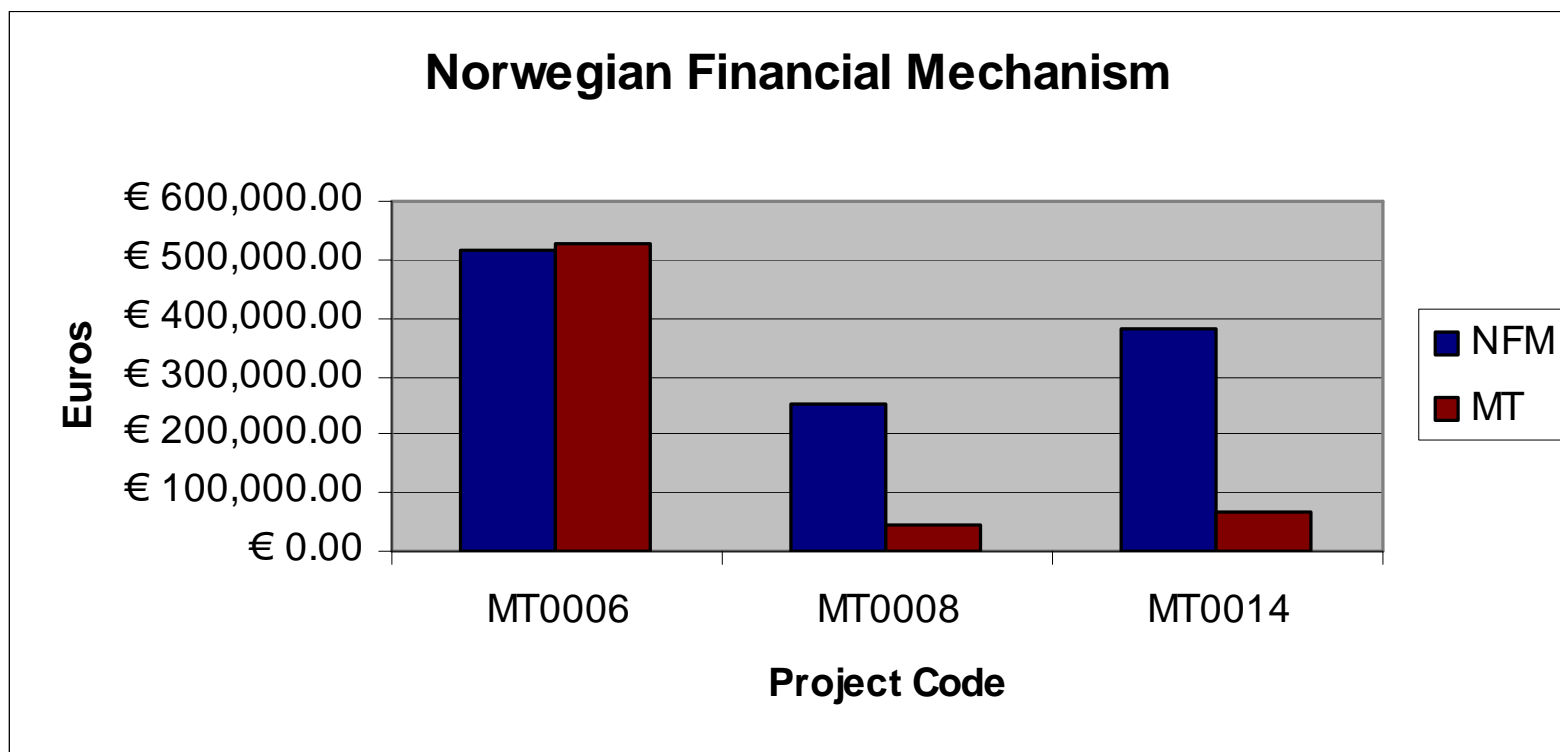
- Publicity:
 - Planned to coincide with tender award and project start-up
- Next Steps:
 - Signature of Grant Agreement
 - Tender adjudication and award
 - Start of implementation



*Design and Build tender adjudicated;
Grant Agreement being signed; Billboard
to publicise project being designed*



Projects co-financed under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism





MT0006 Implementation of Schengen Acquis Requirements at MIA by April 2007

EEA Grant: € 5147,863 (49.47%)	PP Co-financing: € 528,959 (50.53%)	Total Value: € 1,045,822	Beneficiary: Malta International Airport plc
Priority Area: Implementation of the Schengen Acquis			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- External appraisal mission 11.06 – report 11.06
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 23.01.07
- Grant Agreement signed 15.06.07
- First project to be completed – achieved:
 - Conversion of existing arrivals hall into a non-Schengen departures hall
 - Conversion of existing departures into a departures hall for departures to Schengen area
 - Flexible gates for both Schengen and non-Schengen departures to be used in either configuration according to demand



MT0006 Implementation of Schengen Acquis Requirements at Malta International Airport/ cont

● Publicity:

- Billboards during works
- Official launch covered by media; addressed by PM
- Commemorative plaque

● Next Steps:

- Submission and verification of project invoices
- Submission of Project Completion Report





MT0008 Procurement and Installation of Security/Safety Equipment for Building Sites housing the SIS Equipment

EEA Grant: € 250,678 (85%)	PP Co-financing: € 44,237 (15%)	Total Value: € 294,915	Beneficiary: Malta Police Force
Priority Area: Implementation of the Schengen Acquis			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- External appraisal mission 11.06 – report 11.06
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 21.12.06
- Grant Agreement signed 15.06.07
- Tender drawn up – security sensitive



MT0008 Procurement and Installation of Security/Safety Equipment for building sites housing SIS equipment/ cont.

- Publicity:
 - None so far due to security issues
- Next Steps:
 - Actual procurement
 - Installation, testing and certification of equipment



Contract signed in mid-September; Phase 1 (Installation of CCTV & access control) completed in time for the SIS-SIRENE evaluation last week of September; Phase 2 to kick off this week



MT0009 Procurement and Installation of Biometric Equipment re VIS at Border Control Points and G.H.Q

EEA Grant: € 280,932 (85%)	PP Co-financing: € 49,596 (15%)	Total Value: € 330,508	Beneficiary: Malta Police Force
Priority Area: Implementation of the Schengen Acquis			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- Cabinet decision 30.10.06 to withdraw project
 - Project part of larger concept (National Identity Management System)
 - Not feasible or beneficial to project to be contracted and financed separately from rest of larger project
- Replaced by project MT0014 Conservation of Hal Saflieni Hypogeum – World Heritage Site



MT0014 Conservation of Hal Saflieni Hypogeum World Heritage Site

EEA Grant: € 383,350 (85%)	PP Co-financing: € 67,650 (15%)	Total Value: € 451,000	Beneficiary: Heritage Malta
Priority Area: Protection of the Environment, including the Human Environment			

- Application acknowledged by FMO 21.11.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 10.07.06
- External appraisal mission 02.07 – report 03.07
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 08.08.07
- Letter of Acceptance being drafted
- Multidisciplinary task group being set up
- Preparation of tenders for 3D documentation and project management services



MT0014 Conservation of Hal Saflieni Hypogeum – World Heritage Site/ cont.

- **Publicity:**
 - Publicity plan currently being designed to kick off once implementation is under way
- **Next Steps:**
 - Publication of tenders for the 3D Documentation and Project Management and Conservator services
 - Preparations for purchase and installation of equipment

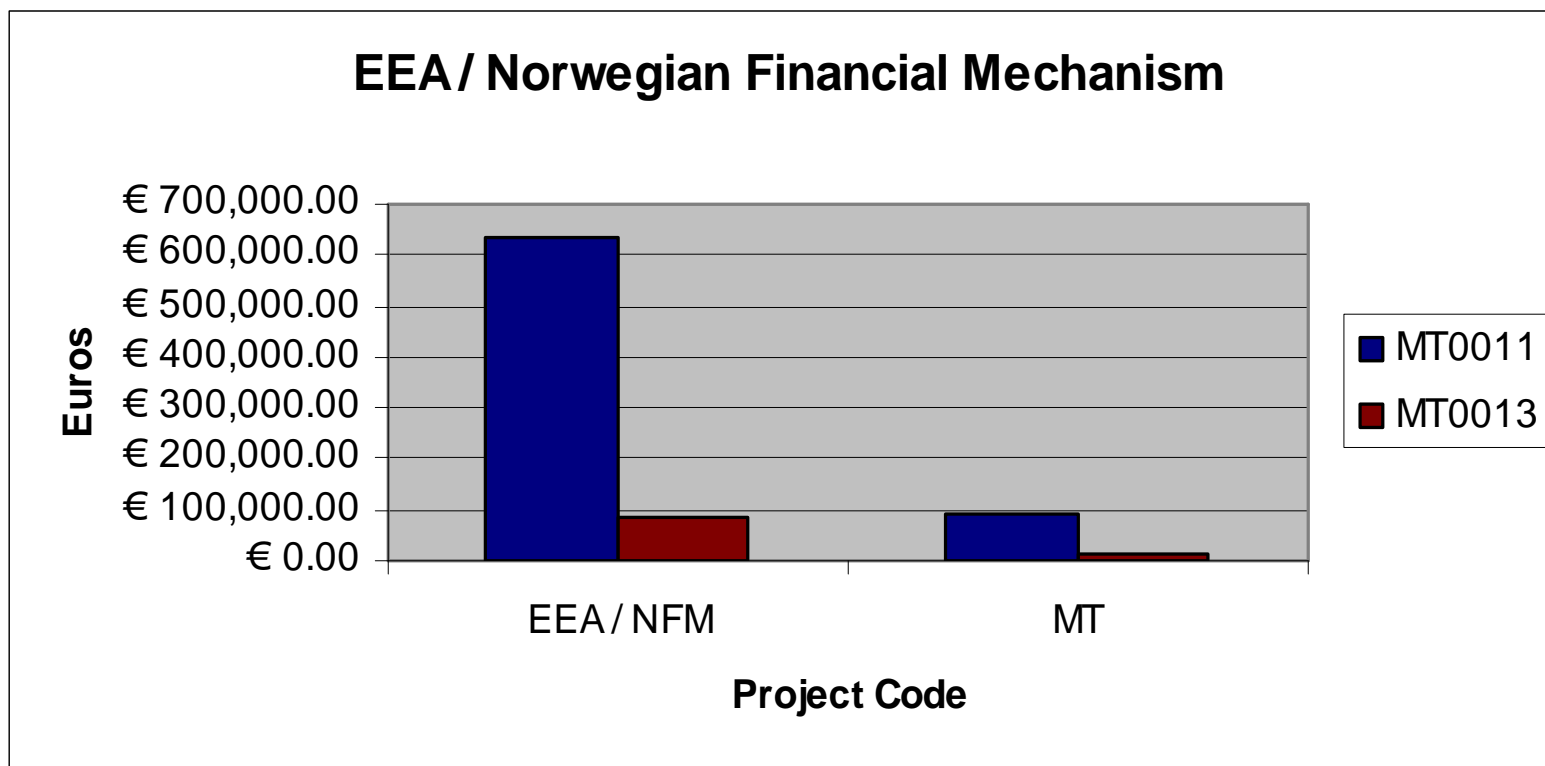


Letter of acceptance sent; Collaboration agreement signed with Malta Standards Authority; request to amend application sent to NFP





Projects co-financed under both the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism





MT0011 Xrobb I-Ghagin Nature Park and Sustainable Development Centre

EEA Grant: € 263,389 (36.35%)	Norway Grant; € 372,336 (51.38%)	PP Co- financing: € 88,916 (12.27%)	Total Value: € 724,641	Beneficiary: Nature Trust (Malta)
Priority Area: Protection of the Environment, including the Human Environment				

- Application acknowledged by FMO 24.04.06/ Interim Notification by NFP 11.07.06
- External appraisal mission 08.06 – report 08.06
- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 10.01.07
- MEPA permit granted 07.09.07
- Management Agreement NTM – MRAE
- Groundwork – costing of restoration of building; electricity to site; etc



MT0011 Xrobb I-Ghagin Nature Park and Sustainable Development Centre/ cont.

● Publicity:

- Project launch on 28.03.07 – press conference by Minister RAE
- Publicity plan currently being prepared

● Next Steps:

- Signature of Grant Agreement
- Continue afforestation project
- 2 engineers work on setting up of renewable energy installations
- Call for tender for restoration and conversion of dilapidated building



Tree planting ongoing; full MEPA permit in the process of being acquired





MT0013 Technical Assistance Fund for Malta

EEA Grant: € 43,240 (42.50%)	Norway Grant; € 43,240 (42.50%)	PP Co- financing: € 15,260 (15%)	Total Value: € 101,740	Beneficiary: Office of the Prime Minister – Planning and Priorities Coordination Division
Governed by Annex C of both Memoranda of Understanding				

- Grant Offer Letter rec'd 17.10.06
- Grant Agreement signed 12.02.07
- Setting up of Electronic Database
- Meetings abroad
- Manual of Procedures
- Training of Stakeholders



MT0013 Technical Assistance Fund for Malta/ cont.

- **Publicity:**
 - TOR for Publicity Tender to cover both Financial Mechanisms currently being prepared
- **Next Steps:**
 - Finalisation of database application
 - Launch and implementation of Publicity Tender
 - Steering Committee Meetings with PPs



Annual Meeting Maltese National Focal Point

Highlights of Horizontal issues relating to
the EEA Financial Mechanism and the
Norwegian Financial Mechanism



Changes to the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU)

- As follow-up to the previous Annual Meeting, changes were made to the MOU mainly to illustrate payment arrangements more clearly
- The amendments of the MoU have been approved and they documents are currently being prepared



Cross-Cutting Issues

- Project Selection Committee gave weight to :
 - Sustainable Development (Environmental, Economic & Social)
 - Gender Equality
 - Good Governance
 - Bilateral Relations



Cross-Cutting Issues (EEA)

Project / Cross-Cutting Issue	Sustainable Development			Gender Equality	Good Governance	Bilateral Relations
	Environment	Economic	Social			
MT0005	Safeguard historical aspect	Further strategic development of this tourist landmark foreseen	Accessibility to historical buildings	Project does not discriminate between gender	Consultation with stakeholders	Publicity measures to acknowledge funding
MT0010	Malta better equipped to prevent and mitigate oil spill pollution	Accidents could negatively effect Malta's economy – heavily dependant on tourism & desalination of water	Promotion of social dialogue between stakeholders	Gender balanced project team; effects of project will give better quality of life to all	MOP followed	Kicked off with seminar involving NO which also addressed the environment
MT0012	Enhance aesthetic environment and ensure conservation or cultural environment	Huge potential fortifications have for tourism purposes	Restoration of bastions could pave way for further education on cultural heritage preservation	Purely technical intervention; outcome will benefit all	MOP followed	Publicity measures to acknowledge funding



Cross-Cutting Issues (Norway)

Project / Cross-Cutting Issue	Sustainable Development			Gender Equality	Good Governance	Bilateral Relations
	Environment	Economic	Social			
MT0006	No impact	Expansion of terminal	Consultation with stakeholders	No impact	Consultation with stakeholders; MOP followed	Inauguration of facilities in presence of NO ambassador
MT0008	Non harmful gas used in fire extinguishing system	No impact	Enhancement of security @ sites incl. protection of personal data	No impact	MOP followed	Not applicable
MT0014	Study of underground environment	Tourism & cultural niche market	World Heritage Site; cultural & educational value	Gender balanced team; appealing to wide audience even across ages	Consultation with stakeholders; MOP followed	Publicity measures to acknowledge funding



Cross-Cutting Issues (EEA & Norway)

Project / Cross-Cutting Issue	Sustainable Development			Gender Equality	Good Governance	Bilateral Relations
	Environment	Economic	Social			
MT0011	Renewable energy, reuse of water	Tourism – demonstration project	Accessible to all; environment education centre; dormitory	Gender balanced team; appealing to wide audience even across ages	Consultation with stakeholders; MOP followed	Publicity measures to acknowledge funding
MT0013	No impact	Smooth implementation of projects	Website for accessibility	Equal employer	Drafting and regular updating of MOP	MOU; Meetings; Programme wide Publicity measures to acknowledge funding



Appraisal Process EEA

Code MT	Project Title (short)	Acknowledgement rec'd from FMO	Interim Notification by NFP	External Appraisal Mission / Report	Grant Offer Letter rec'd	Grant Agreement signed
0005	Master Plan for Cittadella	24.04.06	11.07.06	09.06 / 10.06	23.02.07	23.07.07
0010	Oil Spill Response	24.04.06	11.07.06	08.06 / 08.06	21.12.06	23.07.07
0011	Xrobb I-Ghagin	24.04.06	11.07.06	08.06 / 08.06	10.01.07	N/A
0012	Mdina	24.04.06	11.07.06	09.06 / 10.06	21.12.06	N/A
0013	Technical Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.10.06	12.02.07



Appraisal Process Norway

Code MT	Project Title (short)	Acknowledgement rec'd from FMO	Interim Notification by NFP	External Appraisal Mission / Report	Grant Offer Letter rec'd	Grant Agreement signed
0006	Schengen @ MIA	24.04.06	11.07.06	11.06 / 11.06	23.01.07	15.06.07
0008	Security/Safety Equipment	24.04.06	11.07.06	11.06 / 11.06	21.12.06	15.06.07
0011	Xrobb I-Ghagin	24.04.06	11.07.06	08.06 / 08.06	10.01.07	N/A
0013	Technical Assistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	17.10.06	12.02.07
0014	Hal Saflieni	21.11.06	10.07.06	02.07 / 03.07	08.08.07	N/A



Withdrawal of Project Selected and Promotion of Reserve Project

- Project MT0009 Procurement and installation of Biometric Equipment re VIS at Border Control points and GHQ was originally selected for co-financing under NFM
- Government decision on 30 October 2006 to withdraw project since it was part of a larger project (NIDMS) and separate tendering was deemed not feasible and not beneficial for project
- First reserve project MT0014 Conservation of Hal Saflieni Hypogeum – World Heritage Site submitted to FMO to be co-financed under the NFM in its stead



Management

- Manual of Procedures drawn up and circulated to all stakeholders – currently being revised
- Training to all stakeholders – June 2007
- Implementation Agreement template drawn up – denoting commitment by PP with NFP to deliver results of project
- Electronic Database – works in progress



Audit

- Systems Audit carried out
- Audit Plan envisaging sample checks during 2007/2008
- Audit Trail drafted



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Thank you for your attention