

SECTION 6: ATTACHMENT TO THE STRATEGIC REPORT

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NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISM PROGRAMME 2009-14

INFORMATION ON THE DONOR PARTNERSHIP PROJECT	
Project Reference and Title	MT04/1 - A Partnership for Creative Governance
Programme Area 25	Capacity Building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities
Project Promoter	Department for Local Government (DLG)
Donor Project Partner	Norwegian Association of Local Municipalities (KS)
Other Project Partners	1. Local Councils Association (LCA), Malta 2. Centre of Expertise for Local Democracy Reform, Council of Europe (CoE)
Number of partnership projects	1
Signature of Partnership Agreements	Between DLG and CoE - 27 November 2013 Between DLG and LCA - 6 December 2013 Between DLG and KS - 6 December 2013
Proportion of partnership projects	50% of the entire Norway Financial Mechanism Programme

SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT
<p>The partnership between Malta and Norway in the area of local government will create a set of initiatives that will research, examine, focus on and create a range of measures to strengthen institutional capacity; strengthen people development within the department responsible for local government, the elected and the executive arms of local and regional government; improve the quality and accessibility of services provided and create a professional programme for exchange of personnel.</p> <p>The project consists of a comprehensive training needs analysis (TNA) which kicks off with the setting up of a national Steering Group composed of key stakeholders. This shall be followed by the preparation and launch of a National Training Strategy (NTS) as well as a number of other activities including the development of a Leadership Academy Programme (LAP), a strategy on innovation and good governance and a European Label of Excellence. This label is to be awarded nationally to local authorities that have achieved a high overall level of governance, as measured against the twelve European principles of Good Democratic Governance.</p>