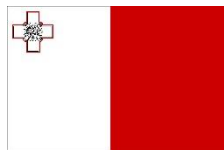


- **Pre-defined Project: Training of Local Staff in Principles of Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability**
- **Small Grant Scheme for Urban Local Councils**



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Lead Partner:

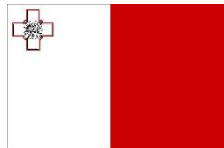
Local Government Division

Project Partners:

**The Norwegian Association of Local and
Regional Authorities (KS)**

**The Local Councils' Association of Malta
(LCA)**

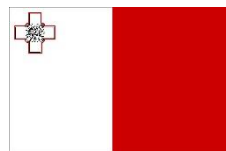
**The National Association for Local Council
and Regional Executive Secretaries - MALTA
(ANSEK)**



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To address the inequalities and socio economic challenges encountered particularly by localities considered as Urban areas, the Local Government Division (LGD) is proposing to elaborate on a sustainable development strategy for urban localities (as a result of a pre-defined project on good governance) by adopting a bottom-up approach, thus involving all the different stakeholders.

In line with the guiding principle of the Strategic Plan for the Environment and Development, the objective of the strategy will be the continuing enhancement of urban areas to improve the quality of life and sustainable living standards of deprived communities.



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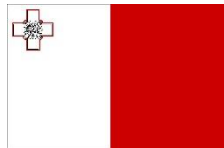
Project will be composed of 2 separate yet interrelated initiatives being:

Pre-defined project: **Training of Local Staff in Principles of Good Governance, Transparency and Accountability**

Budget: **€200,000**

Small Grant Scheme: **Local Development and Poverty Reduction**

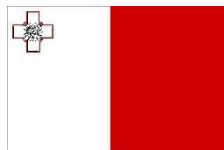
Budget: **€1,123,764.41**



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- ❑ Pre-defined project initiatives:
 - mapping out and identifying current community realities (that are hindering community well-being) of eligible urban local councils;
 - information sessions with the eligible urban localities' Executive Secretaries in preparation to the launch of the small grant scheme. These information sessions can take the form of contact meetings, training initiatives etc...;

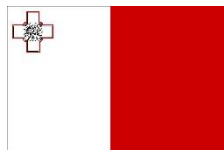
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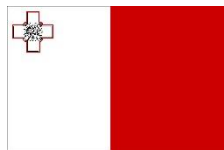
- thematic networking initiatives in order to share experience and best practices for eligible urban localities;
- fostering of dialogue between the political and administrative arms of Local Councils, between the Local Government Division and Local Councils, between the Local Government Division, the Local Councils, the Local Councils Association and the Association of Executive Secretaries for Local and Regional Councils. This may be open to all Local and Regional Authorities in Malta;

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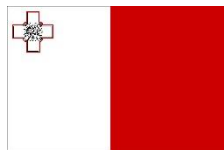
- internships and/or study visits and or stages and/or experience exchanges networks both on a national and international level (Norway) for Local Council staff;
- training of newly elected councillors following the local elections to be held in 2019. Training shall be open to all of the 68 local councils elected members.



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Pre-Defined Project Indicators:

- 20 local councils covered by the training on good governance
- 20 public administration staff trained in good governance principles

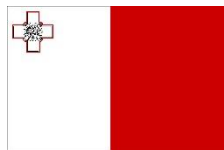


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Small Grant Scheme Objectives:

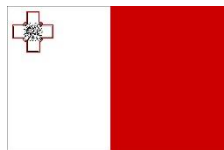
- development, and thereafter implementation of a sustainable development strategy for urban localities
- support physical, economic and social regeneration of deprived communities in these urban areas

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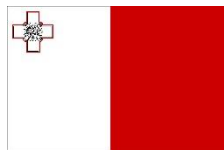
- the regeneration of public open spaces and public social housing within deprived neighbourhoods
- revitalise urban towns and cities ensuring better infrastructure to address the social and educational needs of the citizens
- enhance the environmental aspects of these localities



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Eligible Local Councils – Localities considered as Urban areas:

Birkirkara, Cospicua, Fgura, Floriana, Gżira, Ħal Lija, Ħamrun, Marsa, Msida, Paola, Pembroke, San Ġiljan, Santa Venera, Senglea, Tal-Pieta', Tarxien, Tas-Sliema, Ta' Xbiex, Valletta, Vittoriosa and Xgħajra



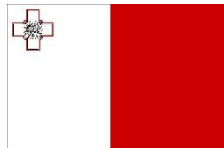
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SGS Indicators:

1,000 vulnerable individuals benefitting from services provided through the Small Grant Scheme

+11% of residents 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their local council's performance in targeted localities

6 pilot initiatives implemented by Urban local councils



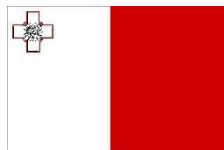
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Maximum grant amount per project: €100,000

Minimum grant amount per project: €25,000

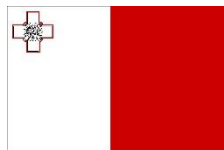


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Method for selection of projects:

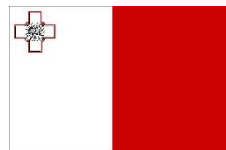
- ✓ Project applications will be assessed in accordance with Article 7.4 of the Regulation
- ✓ The Local Government Division has been designated to be the small grant scheme operator (SGS Operator)
- ✓ The SGS Operator will ensure that the project management service provider, engaged following a selection by public procurement, assists in the administrative and eligibility assessment as well as the evaluation of the project proposals

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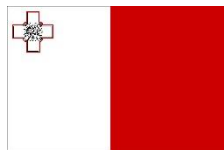
- ✓ Ensure that all project applications are assessed by at least two experts
- ✓ Experts will independently and separately score the project application
- ✓ Ranking of projects will be based on the experts' scores
- ✓ If the difference between the two scores by the experts is more than 30%, the application will be scored by a third expert
- ✓ A Project Selection Committee inclusive of a broad number of stakeholders will review the ranked list and forward its recommendations to the SGS Operator
- ✓ SGS shall make a decision on which projects will be supported on the basis of the ranking list approved by the PSC



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Payment method:

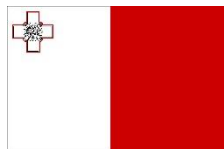
- ✓ Will take the form of advance payment, interim payments and final payment
- ✓ Project contract will determine level of advance payment
- ✓ Maximum level of advance payment shall be as follows:
 - Advance Payment: 20 – 50%
 - Interim Payments: 30 – 60%
 - Final Payments (retention): Up to 20%



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