



NGO support in Malta

Call for expressions of interest for NGO Fund Operator EEA Grants 2009-2014

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Malta and the three donor states of the EEA Grants (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) for the 2009-2014 period was signed on 10 October 2011. Through the EEA Grants, these donor states will support a EUR 500,000 NGO Programme in Malta which will be implemented within the next four years. The aim of this Programme is to strengthen civil society development and is exclusively earmarked for NGOs. In line with the MoU, it will also address the specific needs of migrants, gender related issues and combating domestic violence.

The Fund Operator for the NGO Programme shall be contracted directly by the Financial Mechanism Office (FMO) in Brussels. The FMO is launching a call for expressions of interest to organisations wishing to apply for the role of Fund Operator to manage the Programme. Expressions of interest may also be submitted by a consortium. The organisations shall be autonomous of government, with strong ties to the NGO sector in the country and with re-granting experience and financial capacity. Based on these criteria a final list, tentatively of around 3 organisations shall be established. The selected short-listed organisations shall be invited to submit a full application and shall receive the specific Terms of Reference relating to the set-up and implementation of the NGO Programme in Malta.

Please fill in the attached expression of interest form should you be interested. The deadline for submission of completed forms is **22 April 2012**.

- General information on the overall NGO Programme objective and outcomes can be found in the paper on *Programme Area Funds for Non-Governmental Organisations* (http://www.eeagrants.org/asset/3481/1/3481_1.pdf)
- Information relating to general principles of the NGO Programmes can be found in the *NGO Programme Guideline* (<http://www.eeagrants.org/id/2511>)
- Further information on the EEA Grants can be accessed at www.eeagrants.org
- For questions please contact the FMO at gvo@efta.int.