

European Cooperation Day 2013: Sharing Borders, Growing Closer

On 21 September 2013 and the surrounding weeks, European Cooperation Day 2013 will be celebrated all over Europe with the aim of showcasing the results and benefits achieved by means of cooperation between regions across borders. In this regard, various activities are envisaged to be held in a number of European countries, including Malta, to commemorate their participation in European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) Programmes as well as Programmes financed under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

Under the 2007 – 2013 programming period, Malta participated actively in three ETC Programmes (namely the Italia – Malta Programme, the Med Programme and the IVC Programme) and also in the ENPI CBC Med Programme by means of 90 projects, with a total budgetary allocation of 25M€. Throughout September, particularly during the week preceding and the one following the 21st of September 2013, several events are being held locally in connection with some of such projects. The aim of such events, which include screening of documentaries, talks, tree planting events and dissemination of seeds, site visits, inaugurations, seminars and exhibitions, is to increase the awareness of the benefits reaped by Malta's participation in such Programmes and hence encourage the involvement of Maltese entities in similar projects under the 2014 – 2020 programming period.

Further information about the events may be obtained from the website of the Funds and Programmes Division (FPD), which falls under the Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds within the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto, as the national coordinator of such Programmes: <https://secure2.gov.mt/fpd/home?l=1> or from the Territorial Cooperation Unit within the FPD on 2200 1108.

