



# INTRODUCTION to INTERREG V-A ITALIA MALTA 2014-2020

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# Programme specificities



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- The INTERREG V-A Italy-Malta 2014-2020 Programme, approved by the European Commission Implementing Decision C (2015) 7046 final of 12 October 2015, is part of the "European Territorial Cooperation" objective of the European Union's Cohesion Policy.
- The Programme has a total budget of 51,708,438 euros and covers the entire Sicilian territory and the entire Maltese territory, involving a total population of about 5.4 million inhabitants.
- The main objective of the PC is to promote the integrated development of Sicily and Malta, acting on three main areas of intervention:
  - sustainable and intelligent growth through research and innovation;
  - the competitiveness of the cross-border area,
  - the protection of the environment and the efficient use of resources.





Managing Authority (MA)  
Regione Sicilia, Palermo

Joint Secretariat (JS)  
Palermo

Maltese National Co-ordination Authority (MNCA)



Certifying Authority (Sicily)

Audit Authority, in collaboration with IAID for MT partners



**DECISION-MAKING BODIES**

**MONITORING COMMITTEE**  
4 MT voting members  
4 IT voting members  
EU, MA, JS, MNCA as observers

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
4 MT voting members  
4 IT voting members  
MA, JS, MNCA as observers  
EU informed of proceedings

# Management structures



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## ■ MANAGING AUTHORITY (AUTORITA' DI GESTIONE)

- il Dipartimento della Programmazione della Regione Siciliana (the Department of Programming of the Sicilian Region) in Palermo;
- Provides support to the MC;
- Draw up Annual and Final Implementation reports;
- Make information available to beneficiaries;
- Draw up, and once approved, apply appropriate selection procedures and criteria for the selection of operation;
- Inform the selected candidates of award and conditions of project implementation.



# Management structures (cont'd)



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## ■ **JOINT SECRETARIAT (SEGRETARIO CONGIUNTO)**

- **Offices in same building as that of the MA;**
- **Assists the MA in carrying out its functions;**
- **Collects financial, physical and statistical data needed for programme monitoring ;**
- **Evaluates each major or minor modification at project level for presenting a Technical Report to the Executive Committee for approval or otherwise;**
- **Is in charge of implementing the Information System which is open and accessible to the partners.**



# Management structures (cont'd)



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## ■ MALTESE NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION AUTHORITY (MNCA)

- Represented by the Funds and Programmes Division within OPM;
- Offices in Sta Venera, Cannon Road;
- National Contact Point: Ms M.Elena Muscat, Programme Manager;
- With a regulatory function related to monitoring and controlling of activities, verification of procedures and, at times expenses, of Maltese partners only;
- And a function of coordination of the implementation of the Operational Programme on Maltese territory;
- Contribute to the general animation of the programme in collaboration with the MA and JS, to which the main management function is entrusted.



# Management structures (cont'd)



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## ■ CERTIFYING AUTHORITY (CA) – AUTORITA' DI CERTIFICAZIONE

- Responsible for drawing up and submitting to the Commission payment applications and certifying that:-
  - these result from reliable accounting systems;
  - Are based on verifiable supporting documents; and
  - Have been subject to verifications by the MA.
- Responsible for drawing up the accounts in line with the Art 59 (5.a) of the financial Regulation, by:-
  - Certifying the completeness, accuracy and veracity of the accounts; and
  - Certifying that the expenditure entered in the accounts complies with the EU and national rules; and
  - has been incurred in respect of operations selected for funding in accordance with the criteria applicable to the CP and complying with Union and National rules.



# Management structures (cont'd)



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## ■ **AUDIT AUTHORITY (AA) – AUTORITA' DI AUDIT**

- **Prepare an audit strategy within 8 months from adoption of CP, setting out**
  - The audit methodology;
  - The sampling method for audit on operations; and
  - The planning of audits in relation to the current accounting year and the two subsequent accounting years.
- **Based on this strategy, it then ensures that audits are carried out:-**
  - On the management and control systems;
  - On an appropriate sample of operations; and
  - On the annual accounts.
- **Draws up an Audit Opinion on the annual accounts for the preceding accounting year**
- **Draws up an Annual Control Report setting out the findings of the audits carried out during the preceding accounting year.**





# Management structures (cont'd)



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- **INTERNAL AUDIT & INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT (IAID) (OPM)**
  - Represents Malta on what is called the 'group of auditors' for the eligible territorial area;
  - Responsible for providing the factual elements relating to expenditure on its territory, as required by the AA in order to perform its assessment;

The Audit Strategy describes the modalities and the procedure on how the results of the audits on the CP area performed by the Group of Auditors will be submitted to the AA.

# Management structures (cont'd)



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- **MONITORING COMMITTEE (MC) – COMITATO DI SORVEGLIANZA**
  - Set up between Sicily and Malta, in agreement with the MA, in order to monitor the implementation of the whole programme.
  - Meets at least once a year and is chaired alternatively between IT and MT on a yearly basis;
  - Reviews the implementation of the programme and progress towards achieving its objectives;
  - Examines in detail all issues that affect the performance of the programme; and
  - Makes a decision on any amendment of the programme proposed by the MA;
  - Can set up specific working and task groups.
  - Decisions are taken on a consensus basis expressed by each voting member (4 from IT and 4 from MT). A majority vote follows if absolutely no consensus is reached.



# Management structures (cont'd)

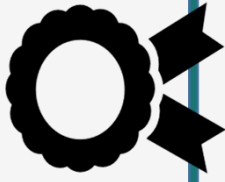


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## ■ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXC) – COMITATO DIRETTIVO

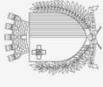
- One of the main working committees established by, and acting under the responsibility of, the MC;
- Main responsibility is the selection of operations/projects and to contribute to their appropriate follow-up;
- Once again it is composed of voting representatives from both countries;
- Main tasks:
  - Proposes to the MC, with the support of the JS, the criteria to be adopted for project selection in order to obtain the MC's final approval;
  - Elaborates the Guide for Implementation, with the support of the JS, which defines the modalities of presentation, instruction and monitoring;
  - Is responsible for the selection of projects, with the operational support of the JS;
  - Is informed about the activities of the MA, CA and AA.





- **Public Notice 1/2016**
- **First Call for Proposals**
- **15 awarded projects**

- **Public Notice 2/2018**
- **Second Call for Proposals**
- **9 projects awarded funds**
- **2 projects will be awarded once budget shifts are approved by the Commission**





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