

Additional projects selected for funding under the Italia Malta 2007 – 2013 Programme

The Funds and Programmes Division within the Office of the Prime Minister would like to inform that the four (4) new projects, which were selected for funding under the Italia-Malta 2007 - 2013 Programme in 2012 and which have a budgetary allocation of 2.9 M€, are currently underway. The projects, which address several thematic areas including the protection of our maritime environment, renewable energy and the promotion of cleaner and more efficient transport, are being implemented by a number of Maltese entities namely the University of Malta, Transport Malta, the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs and Galxlokk Foundation.

In addition to these projects, another four (4) projects under the same Programme, which have an ERDF allocation of 3.3 M€, are envisaged to kick off in the coming weeks. Three of these projects shall focus on waste reduction, risk prevention particularly in connection with seismic activity as well as further strengthening of Malta's institutional capacity vis-à-vis renewable energy. The fourth project – called 'Imagenx' – which involves the Ministry for Health, the Elderly and Community Care, the University of Malta and the Malta Council for Science and Technology as Maltese partners and which has a budgetary allocation of 1.2 M€, aims at extending the current breast screening programme to young women who are perceived to be at risk.

These new projects complement another seventeen (17) projects, which were also selected for funding under the Italia-Malta Programme under previous calls for project proposals. These projects, which involve a number of Ministries, Local Councils, Authorities as well as the University of Malta, have a budgetary allocation of 5.2 M€. Combined with the financial allocation for the above-mentioned eight (8) new projects, Malta's total allocation under the Italia-Malta 2007-2013 Programme amounts to 11.4 M€.

The Italia-Malta 2007-2013 Cross Border Programme is one of the Territorial Cooperation Programmes in which Malta is currently participating. The Programme is coordinated by the Territorial Cooperation Unit within the Funds and Programmes Division at the Office of the Prime Minister. Other Programmes include the Med Programme and the Interreg IVC Programme – both of which entail participation with other European countries – as well as the ENPI CBC Med Programme, under which entities from Mediterranean partner countries can also participate. Malta is participating in such Programmes by means of 83 projects focusing on a number of thematic areas such as the environment, renewable energy, improving accessibility, culture, tourism, ICT and the prevention of risks. Malta's budgetary allocation under such Programmes amounts to 20.5 M€ which exceeds Malta's contribution to these Programmes by 6 M€.

Further information on the projects being financed under the above-mentioned Programmes may be obtained from www.fpd.gov.mt or from the Territorial Cooperation Unit on 2200 1142.