

PRE- ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE FIRST CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS UNDER THE INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020 PROGRAMME

The Territorial Cooperation Unit as the National Contact Point within the Funds and Programmes Division (FPD), under the Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds, MEAIM would like to inform interested parties that the first call for project proposals under the Interreg Europe 2014-2020 Programme is expected to open upon the endorsement of the Operational Programme by the European Commission (approximately mid-June 2015).

The Interreg Europe Programme is financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and is designed to support policy-learning among the relevant policy organisations with a view to improving the performance of regional development policies and programmes. The total available budget for this Programme is €359 million covering the whole 2014-2020 programming period. The budget allocated for this first call amounts to €107.5 million.

The first call for proposals, which shall remain formally open for one month only, focuses on interregional cooperation projects i.e. 'classic' interregional cooperation projects comparable to those funded under the Interreg IVC programme. The Programme is organised around four priority axes namely:- Strengthening research, technological development and innovation; Enhancing the competitiveness of SMEs; Supporting the shift towards a low carbon economy in all sectors and Protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency.

The eligible Interreg Europe cooperation area covers the entire territory of the European Union, together with Norway and Switzerland. Applications may be received from public authorities, bodies governed by public law and private non profit bodies operating in the programme's eligible area. Public bodies and bodies governed by public law from all 28 European Member States are eligible for a co-financing rate of 85% whereas private non-profit bodies may receive 75% co-financing.

Prospective applicants are being encouraged to go through the documents so as to obtain further information about the Interreg Europe Programme as well as find out what is expected from project proposals and hence be in a position to draft the necessary ground-work in preparation for this call. The respective documentation may be downloaded either from the Programme's website www.interregeurope.eu or from the FPD's website www.eufunds.gov.mt .

At national level, all Maltese applicants have to provide FPD, at least within two weeks from the closing date of the application, with certified true copies of the following documentation:

- i. Project remit within the mandate of the beneficiary;
- ii. Letter of support;
- iii. State Aid declaration;
- iv. Vat declaration;
- v. Copy of the application form;
- vi. Confirmation of the legal status;
- vii. Proof of financing (100%).

All above documentation are to be presented in the time stipulated to the Territorial Cooperation Unit at FPD in Triq il-Kukkanja, Santa Venera.

It is important to note that any project proposals, including all relevant documentation, have to be submitted online (www.iOLF.eu) once the call is opened. In addition, an original unbound hard copy of the project summary, dated, stamped and carrying the original wet ink signature has also to be sent to the Programme's Joint Secretariat within the deadline at the following address: *Interreg Europe Programme, Les Arcuriales, Entre D-5e etage, 45 rue de Tournai, 59000 Lille, France.*

For further information on the above mentioned call or on the INTERREG EUROPE 2014-2020 Programme in general, kindly contact the Territorial Cooperation Unit within FPD either by phone 2200 1142 or by email fpd.meaim@gov.mt.



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