

# European Territorial Cooperation INTERREG IVC/EUROPE Programme

**Funds and Programme Division  
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# Malta's participation in European Territorial Cooperation 2007-2013

- Italy-Malta 2007-2013 Programme
- MED Programme
- INTERREG IVC Programme
- ENPI CBC MED Programme
- Interact II



# Malta's participation in European Territorial Cooperation 2014-2020

- Italy-Malta 2014-2020 Programme
- INTERREG MED Programme
- INTERREG EUROPE Programme
- ENI CBC MED Programme
- Interact III Programme



## FPD's role in the Programmes

- Represents Malta in the MCs, TFs, PCs etc...
- Puts forward Malta's position with regard to issues pertaining to the Programme
- National Contact Point
- National Approbation body...



## **SUPPORT provided by the NCP**

1. Point of contact for potential applicants;
2. Wide dissemination of programme information;
3. Organise national events;
4. Eligibility check of partner status;
5. Check relevance of signatory to the Letter of Support;
6. Provide national specific information.



# 1. Point of contact for potential applicants

FPD will be :

- Providing programme information either by contacting us directly or by accessing the national website ([www.eufunds.gov.mt](http://www.eufunds.gov.mt));
- Assisting in partner search and project idea tools offered by the programme;
- Assist in partner search through contact with NCPs in other Partner States;
- Providing support on platforms.



## 2. Wide dissemination of programme information

- Dissemination of programme related material, invitations, newsletters, press releases, studies etc.. to relevant stakeholders locally.
- As the contact point, it would be appreciated to receive regular news about the partners' work and activities.



## 3. Organise national events

- Organise information-sessions / meetings linked to programme calls;
- Organise training events (for example the First Level Control (FLC) and other pertinent issues);
- Promote the Programme in national events such as Notte Bianca.





## 4. Eligibility check of partner status

- Beneficiaries eligible to receive funding are:  
National, regional or local public authorities  
Bodies governed by public law  
Private non-profit bodies
- National contact points are required to confirm to the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) that the legal status of the applicant organisation is in line with the programme requirements.



## Eligibility check of partner status cont.

In this regard Maltese applicants which are either **Bodies governed by public law** or **Private non-profit bodies** have to provide the FPD with proof of their legal status prior to project approval by the Monitoring Committee.



## Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

Bodies governed by public law have to provide proof that:

- They are established for the specific purpose of meeting the needs of a general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character;
- have a legal personality and
- financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law; ...



## Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

- ...or subject to management supervision by those bodies; or having an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.



## Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

### Private non-profit bodies:

- not having an industrial or commercial character;
- having a legal personality;
- not financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or other bodies governed by public law:  
not subject to management supervision by those bodies;



## Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

not having an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.



## Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

In this regard Maltese entities participating in projects as private non profit bodies have:

- to be registered as Voluntary Organisations;
- to provide proof that they have the necessary funds to cover at least the co financing element.



## 5. Check relevance of letter of support signatory

- The relevant organisation responsible for a policy instrument should ideally be partner in the project. When this is not the case, the partners concerned need to submit **a letter of support** from the relevant authority.
- National contact points are required to confirm that the applicant is the relevant entity for the policy instrument addressed.
- Further details will be on our website as soon as the call is opened.





## 6. Provide national specific information : First Level Control

- In accordance with article 23 (4) of Reg (EU) No 1299/2013 every EU Member States participating in the programme shall set up the First Level Control system.
- Malta has opted for a decentralised system for verification of project related expenditures whereby the partners participating in a project shall select their respective auditor in accordance with established procedures pertaining to general procurement principles.



## First level control (cont.)

- Upon selection of the auditor, the partners shall inform the FPD of the outcome of the respective selection exercise and hence the proposed controller.
- FPD would then consult the list of Maltese Registered Auditors which is found on this link (<https://secure3.gov.mt/accountancyboard/Registers/RegisteredAuditors.aspx>; <https://secure3.gov.mt/accountancyboard/Registers/RegisteredAuditFirmsPrincipals.aspx>).



## First level control (cont.)

- Should the proposed controller be on this list, the FPD shall designate the first level control function pertaining to the project in which the partner would be participating, to such auditor.
- The selected auditor will be entirely responsible for the verification and upon verification the documentation should be sent directly to the LP.



## First level control (cont.)

- Upon verification of a project claim, the project partner is to send a copy of the certificate issued by the first level controller to FPD.
- Supplementary checks may be carried out on projects by the FPD based on a risk-assessment exercise.



## 6. Provide national specific information cont.

Following project selection, assistance will be provided by:

- Organising kick-off meeting with beneficiaries following project selection;
- Providing information regarding first level control;
- Organise other bilateral / project management meetings as required.



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Thank you  
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