

National support offered by the Funds and Programmes Division and national requirements for Maltese partners

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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 partners applying in projects and relevance of signatory to the Letter of Support;
5. 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);
- 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 partners

- National contact points are required to confirm to the Joint Secretariat (JS) that the eligibility requirements of applicants from their country are in line with the programme requirements.
- Furthermore, all Maltese applicants have to provide FPD at least within two weeks from the closing date of the application with the following documents/ confirmations:



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

- i. Project remit within the mandate of the beneficiary;
- i. Letter of support;
- i. State Aid declaration;
- ii. Vat declaration;
- i. Copy of the application form.



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

Project remit within the mandate of the beneficiary:

- Applicants must be publicly mandated to carry out the task of the project. The project's remit must fall within the mandate of the beneficiary.

Letter of support signatory:

- National contact points are required to confirm that the applicant is the relevant entity for the policy instrument addressed.



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

- Any applicants that do not represent the relevant entity should furnish the FPD with a copy of the letter of support from such an entity
- Note: this should also be sent to JS as part of the application but as the national authority, the FPD has to confirm if the letter has been provided by the relevant entity



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

State Aid declaration from the SAMB:

- Applicants must liaise with the State Aid Monitoring Board to get confirmation if a project is State Aid relevant or not.
- Such information should be submitted to the FPD



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

Vat Declaration:

- The beneficiaries are being requested to liaise with the VAT Dept. regarding the respective VAT status.
- The VAT status issued by the VAT department for a project is to be provided to FPD.

Copy of the application:

- A copy of the official signed application form is to be provided to FPD.



Eligibility check of partner status cont.

In addition to the documents mentioned in earlier slides, Maltese applicants which are either **Bodies governed by public** or **Private non-profit bodies** have to provide to FPD at least within two weeks from the closing date of the application with:

- i. Confirmation of the legal status;
- ii. Proof of financing;



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

Confirmation of legal status:

- Bodies governed by public law are to provide the statute / legal framework;
- Private non profit bodies have to provide the legal framework as well as the registration as Voluntary Organisations.



Eligibility check of partner status (cont.)

Proof of financing:

- For both public law bodies and private non profit organisations, the entity must provide a set of audited accounts for the last 2 financial years;
- If these are not available for the final year (2014) the management accounts are to be provided.



5. Provide national specific information :

Following project selection FPD:

- Organises kick-off meeting with beneficiaries;
- Has the role to designate the first level control function to partners' auditors.
- Organise other bilateral / project management meetings as required.



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