



Evaluation Plan for Malta's Operational Programmes 2007 - 2013


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Council Reg Art 47[1] defines the overall purpose of evaluating Cohesion Policy:



“Improve the quality, effectiveness and consistency of the assistance from the Funds and the strategy and implementation of operational programmes with respect to the specific structural problems affecting the Member States and regions concerned....

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...while taking account of the objective of sustainable development and of the relevant Community legislation concerning environmental impact and strategic environmental assessment" Art 47[1].


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Evaluation responsibilities of the MS:

1. **Provide the necessary resources [Art 48 (1)]**
2. **Carry out ex-ante evaluation [Art 48 (2)]**
3. **Carry out evaluations linked to monitoring...in particular where that monitoring reveals a significant departure or where proposals are made for OP revisions [Art 48(3)]**

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Overall Evaluation Framework:

- Top down and bottom up approaches;
- Key evaluation issues and horizontal themes;
- Mid-term evaluation exercise for each OP;
- Enhancement of monitoring system;
- If necessary, ad hoc evaluations.

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Monitoring and Evaluation Exercises over the Programming Period 2007-2013

1. On going monitoring, and if necessary, ad hoc evaluations and/or research
2. Parallel Mid term evaluations
3. Thematic evaluations OPI:
 - Evaluation of increased Competitiveness through OPI supported initiatives
 - Evaluation of enhanced Quality of Life through OPI supported initiatives

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Ongoing Monitoring

- Day-to-day Monitoring [incl. SFD]
- Project Progress Report
 - Monitoring of performance indicators
- Project Steering Committee
 - In-Depth Internal Review
- Annual Implementation Report
- Monitoring Committee

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Mid Term Evaluation [2009-2010]

MTE makes allowance for a review of appropriateness and continued relevance of the Programme strategy and also for an assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of its implementation, including delays in implementation and/or lack of expected absorption rates.

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Thematic Evaluations OPI

- Evaluation of increased Competitiveness through OPI supported initiatives [2010; update in 2013]
- Evaluation of enhanced Quality of Life through OPI supported initiatives [2011; update in 2014]

Both evaluations will also look at the contribution of OPI interventions contributions to the horizontal priorities: Equal Opportunities and Environmental Sustainability

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Evaluation of increased Competitiveness through OPI supported initiatives

- This evaluation is aimed at providing an overall assessment of the Programme effects on both existing and emerging enterprise infrastructure and investment, job creation, competitiveness of SMEs, the national capacity for RTDi, improved tourism product and increased tourism earnings, and relevant improved transport facilities.


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Evaluation of enhanced Quality of Life through OPI supported initiatives

This evaluation will focus on the contribution of OPI interventions to the overall improvement of quality of life. This will be done through an independent review of interventions in the fields of transport infrastructure, services of general economic interest, environment and risk prevention, urban regeneration, accessibility and educational, social and health sector.


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Evaluation Capacity Development

- Demand Side: encourage networking; raise awareness; enhance technical know-how and ensure the use of evaluation results.
- Supply Side: support networking; encourage market development and promote information and skills development opportunities.

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Management of the Evaluation Plan

Main bodies responsible for evaluation:

- Managing Authority
- Evaluation Steering Group
- Monitoring Committee
- European Commission

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Indicative Financial Allocations


Total € 2,000,000
[EU €1,700,000; MT €300,000]
equivalent to 0.23% of total EUF & MTF OPI

Evaluation Activities – 96% of allocation
Dissemination Activities – 2% of allocation
Capacity Building Activities – 2% of allocation


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Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life



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Co-financing rate: 85% EU Funds; 15% National Funds.

Investing in your future.

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