

MONITORING COMMITTEE

Operational Programme I

Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life

Implementation Update

20th May 2010

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Introduction



Operational Programme I, Cohesion Policy 2007 - 2013

- OP was approved on 26 June 2007
- An Amended version of the OP was approved on 5 August 2009 by EC

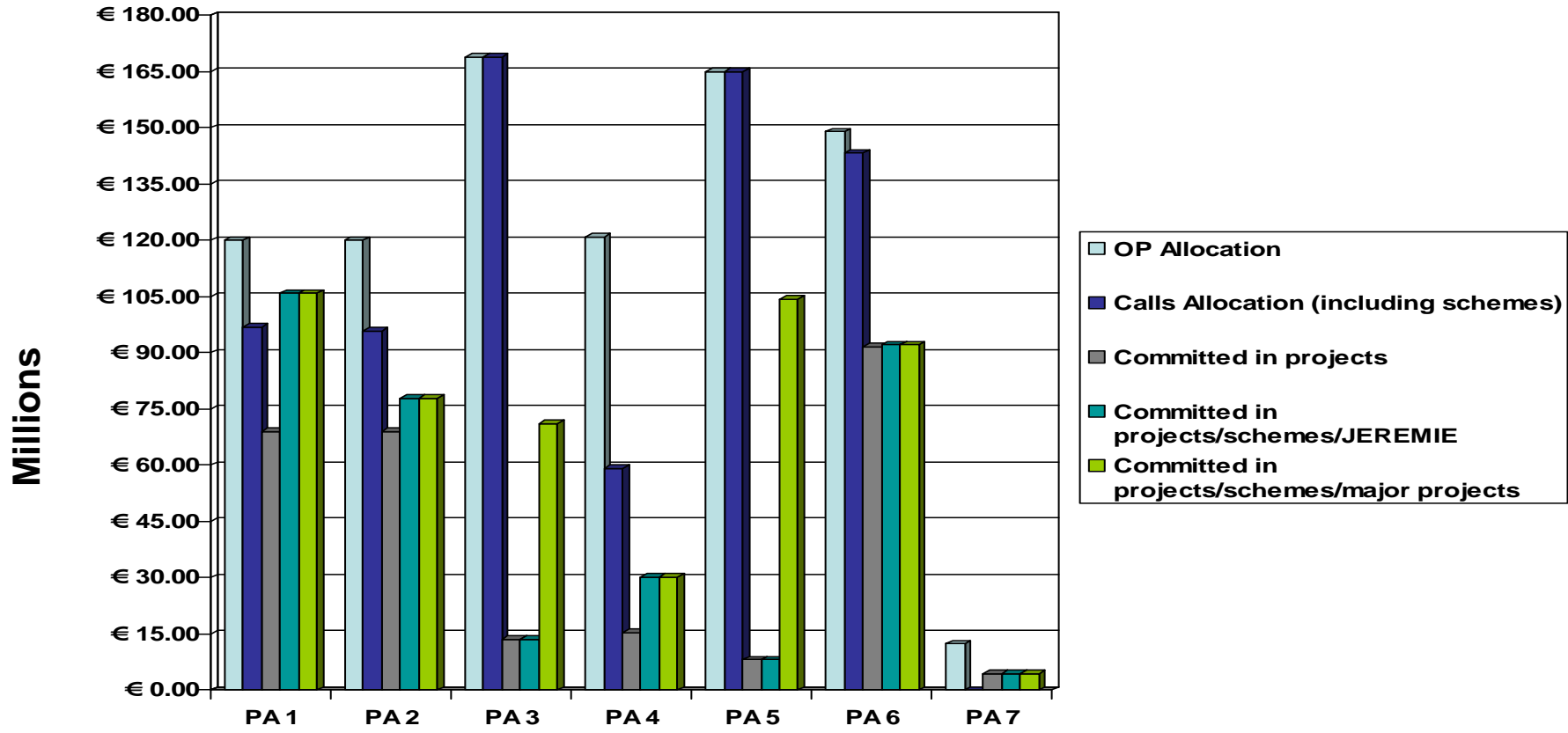
Total Public Allocation for Operational Programme I

- *OP I has a total budget of €856,615,354, consisting of:*

ERDF	€ 443,978,031
Cohesion Fund	€ 284,145,020
National Funds	€ 128,492,303



Funds Status per PA



Funds Committed in Projects/Schemes

	PA 1	PA 2	PA 3	PA 4	PA 5	PA 6	PA 7	Total
OP Allocation	120	120	169	121	165	149	12.3	856.3
Calls Allocation (including schemes)	97	95.9	169	59	165	143.3	0	729.2
Committed in projects	68.9	68.9	13.5	15.2	8.1	91.6	4.37	270.57
<i>% of Axis allocation</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>57%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>32%</i>
Committed in projects/schemes/JEREMIE	105.9	77.9	13.5	30.2	8.1	92.1	4.37	332.07
<i>% of Axis allocation</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>39%</i>
Committed in projects/schemes/major project	105.9	77.9	71.09	30.2	104.3	92.1	4.37	485.86
<i>% of Axis allocation</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>65%</i>	<i>42%</i>	<i>25%</i>	<i>63%</i>	<i>62%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>57%</i>

Outcome of Project Selection Process (1)

Call 4 - 34 Applications Received

Call 4	Value (€)	Approved Project Proposals	Value Committed (€)
Internal Mobility	€ 7,000,000	1	€ 1,913,558
e-Accessibility	€ 25,000,000	2	€ 21,023,037
Education, Social & Health related	€ 10,000,000	2	€ 9,941,953
Environmental Monitoring	€ 5,000,000	1	€ 4,729,718
Totals	€ 47,000,000	6	€ 37,608,266

Outcome of Project Selection Process (2)

Call 5 (restricted for Gozo interventions)– 6 Applications Received

<i>Call 5</i>	Value (€)	Approved Project Proposals	Value Committed (€)
Energy	€ 5,000,000	3	€ 730,501
Totals	€ 5,000,000	3	€ 730,501

Call 6 (restricted to Health projects) - 1 Application Received

Call 7 (restricted to actions improving ambient air quality through interventions to enhance the eco-friendliness of electricity generation plants) – 1 Application Received – undergoing evaluation

Proposed New Calls for Project Proposals in 2010

Calls	Priority Axis	Indicative Financial Threshold (€)	Status
Call 8	Priority Axis 2	€ 2,000,000	<i>Call closed on 19th April 2010</i>
Call 9	Priority Axis 4	€ 3,500,000	<i>Pre-Announcement issued</i>
Call 10	Priority Axis 6	€4,000,000	<i>Being Prepared</i>
Call 11	Priority Axis 2	€ 40,000,000	<i>Being Prepared</i>

Financial Management (1)

OPI	Financial Allocation (EUF)	Payments made by EC (Inc Advanced Payments)	Value of Payments made by EC as a % of Allocation
ERDF	€443,978,031	€45,312,700.81	10.2%
Cohesion Fund	€284,145,020	€43,019,169.99	15.1%

Financial Management (2)

<i>Operational Programme I</i>		
Description	ERDF	CF
Financial Allocation	€ 552,327,095	€ 334,288,258
Committed Value	€ 318,488,994	€ 175,396,247
% of Financial Allocation	58%	53%
Contracted Value	€ 102,491,380	€ 69,385,356
% of Committed Value	18%	40%
Paid to Date	€ 15,150,932	€ 32,840,849
% of Contracted Value	28%	47%

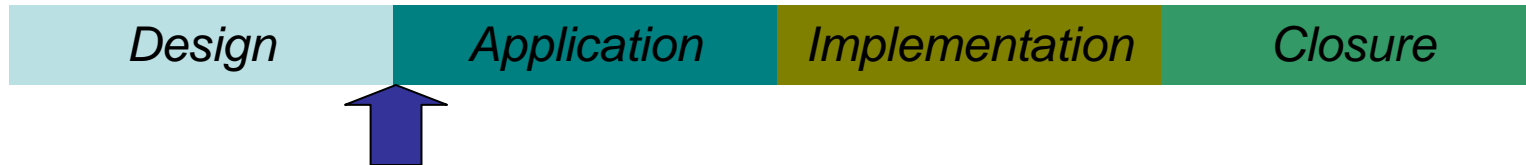
List of Major Projects

Code	Title	Indicative Total Project Value
ERDF 120	National Flood Relief Programme	€ 57,240,000
ERDF 196	Mater Dei Oncology Centre	€ 60,768,232
CF 116	Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure	€82,582,860
CF 117	Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure (I)	€ 77,205,881
CF 118	Rehabilitation & Restoration of Closed Landfills	€ 30,944,771
CF 119	Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant	€ 53,100,000
CF 125	Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure (II)	€51,411,619
Totals		€ 360,725,474

Major Projects PA 4 (ERDF)



National Flood Relief Programme (MRRA):



- Estimated total value €57,240,000
- EIA and CBA studies ongoing since 2009.
- First preliminary draft of major application in hand.
- Technical designs for all project components completed.
- Drafting of tenders for all works components started.
- JASPERS assistance ongoing.



Major Projects PA 6 (ERDF)



Mater Dei Oncology Centre (MHEC):

Design

Application

Implementation

Closure



- Estimated total project value € 60,768,232
- First draft of CBA completed.
- Application Form is being drafted (to be submitted to EC in Q3 2010).
- JASPERS are providing assistance on both the Application Form and the CBA.
- Development permit for the excavation & building of the Oncology centre has been granted on the 27th January 2010
- Tender for Bulk excavations is being evaluated while the contract for the construction of bunkers and the procurement of LINACS is being drafted.



Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)



Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure (WSC)



- Indicative total value €82,582,860
- Final draft of CBA expected in May 2010.
- JASPERS are reviewing application form and CBA.
- Informal submissions to EC in Dec 2007, July 2008 and May 2009. Formal submission of application to EC in Q2 2010.
- Implementation is underway.
- €60,868,893 contracted. €31,782,910 paid and €18,39,320 verified



Major Projects PA 3 (Cohesion Fund)

Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure – Phase I (TM):



- Formal submission to EC through SFC on 26 August 2009. Commission decision approving the project granted on 3rd February 2010
- Total project cost - € 77,205,881
- Planning permits for the greater majority of the stretches in hand.
- 4 Tenders launched in 2009; 2 contracted; 1 adjudicated; Works tender currently under evaluation.

Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)

Rehabilitation & Restoration of Closed Landfills (WasteServ Malta Ltd)

Design

Application

Implementation

Closure



- Indicative total project value € 30,944,771
- Application form submitted informally to EC on 9 November 2009
- All permits required approved
- 2 contracts for consultancy services and designs have been contracted and completed
- JASPERS reviewed application form and CBA
- Formal submission to EC on 11 May 2010.

Major Projects PA 5 (Cohesion Fund)



Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant (WSC):



- Total estimated cost €45,000,000
- Preliminary Draft Application to be submitted to the MA in Q4, 2010
- Project Management tender was awarded in April 2010. Implementation is ongoing.
- JASPERS will be reviewing the application form and assisting in the drafting of the CBA.
- EIA is being updated.
- Works' tenders being drafted



Major Projects PA 3 (Cohesion Fund)

Improvement of the TEN-T Road Infrastructure – Phase II (TM):

Design

Application

Implementation

Closure



- Forecast value €51,411,619
- Still in design stage
- Ongoing discussions between stakeholders

Update on 10% Commitment for Gozo



- **Operational Programme I** – Total Budget is equivalent to €856,615,354
- **Gozo Commitment** – A minimum of 10% of OPI Total Budget equivalent to €85,661,535.
- **Commitment to date in projects** - €52,823,968 equivalent to 6% of OP allocation
- Commitment to date **increases due to allocation through aid schemes** to Gozo based firms - €54,473,954.48 equivalent to 6.4% of OP allocation



Lisbon Agenda - Earmarking



- €283,990,000 million are earmarked for Lisbon Agenda related projects.
- 48 Projects/schemes (totalling €174,250,391) under implementation are contributing to the earmarked categories.
- This is equivalent to 60% of the earmarked amount.



- Agreement establishing EIF as the holding fund was signed on 25th March 2010.
- First meeting of Investment Board to be held on 4th June 2010.
- Launch of call for expression of interest for Financial Intermediaries expected at end of June.
- Committed value €10,000,000 (ERDF: Axis 1)

JASPERS



Action Plan 2010 approved on 18th December 2009. In 2010 assistance is being provided to the following projects:

Axis 2: MTA (Tourism Zone Upgrade with Landscaped Urban Spaces & Other Facilities); MRRA (Restoration & Rehabilitation of Historical Fortifications of Malta & Gozo);

Axis 3: TM (Refurbishment of the Valletta & Marsaxlokk Main Breakwater); TM (Upgrade of TEN T Phase II);

Axis 4: MRRA (National Flood Relief Programme);

Axis 5: WasteServ (Malta North Mechanical & Biological Treatment Plant); WSC (Malta South Sewage Treatment Infrastructure); and

Axis 6: MHEC (Mater Dei Oncology Centre)

9 Experts have been mobilised & 5 Missions have been organised in 2010



Monitoring & Reporting Structures

- Day to Day
- Project Progress Reporting requested 3 times per year (mid May reports received)
- Ministerial Projects Steering Committee (MPSC) – 5 meetings have been scheduled by 5 Ministries (MFEI, MEEF, MITC, MGOZ & OPM) in the first half of 2010
- Intermediate Bodies Steering Committees – 1 meeting was scheduled in Q1, 2010
- Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee (IMCC) – bi annual
- PPS high level meetings held monthly – 26 Projects were reviewed between in 2010
- Cabinet Updates (provided regularly)
- Monitoring of civil society and Local Councils main stream projects – bi annual

Structural Funds Database



- New domain for the browser based version: <https://www.sfd.gov.mt/login.aspx>
- New *SFD Treasury* application released to cater for the Treasury's specific requirements.
- New or updated modules released: EU Payment Request, Focus Areas, Annex XXIII, Indicators, Project Invoices Report, User rights management, and Group access rights.
- Debtors' ledger in final testing stage.
- Four training sessions have been organised in 2010 whilst another two sessions are planned for this month.
- System manuals were updated on users' feedback, including two major releases: Annex I: IBs, Annex II: NGOs.
- Follow-Up of Data Protection Audit (MA Circular 3/2010).
- Bi-monthly meetings of development team.



Information & Publicity



- Preparations are currently underway to launch tender for the Annual Event 2010 envisaged to be held in early September in Malta & Gozo.
- The event will be an outdoor activity with entertainment and animation for the general public, but of particular interest to families.
- 3 information sessions were organised in relation to Calls 8 and 9.
- Dissemination of Information on OPI was made on 2 Radio Programmes and 1 TV Programme.
- Review of Communication Plan.
- Flying the EU flag between the 7th and 14th May 2010.
- 5 Press releases issued in relation to Calls for Proposals and Annual Event



Evaluation Activities



- Tender of the Mid-term Evaluation covering OPI was awarded to KPMG.
- Kick off meeting held on the 26th April 2010.
- Inception report submitted on 7th May 2010.
- First round of stakeholders' meetings were held on the 12th May 2010. Four sessions were held with a total participants of 42 (OPI beneficiaries) and 17 representatives of the Horizontal stakeholders.

NEXT: approval by MA of the inception report.



Training and Capacity Building



- Training on the Structural Funds Database held in April 2010 (annex XXIII and indicators)
- Training on the Management Tools for Monitoring held between January and February 2010 (26 participants)
- Understanding the *ABC* of CBAs held in March 2010 (17 participants)
- Introduction to Payment Procedures: Guidelines to VAT held in March 2010 (67 beneficiaries)
- Training to Line Ministries on Project Progress Report (template) held in March 2010.



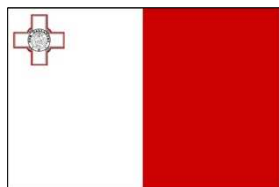
Concluding Remarks on first half of 2010



- Very challenging, particularly in view of accelerated implementation (2007-2013) coinciding with the closure of the 2004-2006 programme.
- Half way through the programming period → Half the OP committed .
- Efforts will be sustained in terms of accelerated commitments, contracting and disbursements.
- The outcomes of both the Strategic Report 2009 and the Mid Term Evaluation will assist the MA in better planning the next steps within Cohesion Policy.



Thank You for Your Attention



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



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