

MONITORING COMMITTEE for Operational Programme II

Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life
Cohesion Policy (2007-2013)

ESF Technical Assistance 2007-2013

12 May 2009



Priority Axis 5: Technical Assistance

Overall Objective:

- To facilitate the overall implementation of the programme in order to optimise the programme's quality and efficiency.
- Ensuring effective application of regulations and procedures.

Financial allocation:

- The total funding for this Priority Axis amounts to **€5,064,705** of which 85 % is financed by the European Social Fund and 15 % National Funding.



Criteria for approving operations under Technical Assistance

The criteria, together with what is stated in Priority Axis 5 within the Operational Programme, are necessary in order to assess whether requests for Technical Assistance can be considered eligible.

Criteria for approving operations under Technical Assistance were presented and approved during the Monitoring Committee held on the 22 May 2008.



Justification for changes

In order to maximise the utilisation of technical assistance funds, it is being proposed that the criteria are amended:

- To ensure the inclusion of all the foreseen activities necessary to guarantee the efficient and effective implementation of Cohesion Policy in Malta.
- To add clarity and remove redundant wording from existing text.



Proposed Amended Criteria

Criteria as approved

Each request must fulfill **ALL** of the following criteria in order to be considered eligible **and subject to further assessment**:

- A completed request for approval form must be presented and should be filled in with all relevant details **and documentation** (including estimated **quotations**, full details of items/ services requested).
- The request must be in line with one of the components outlined in the TA **action** plan.

Criteria as proposed

Each request must fulfill the following criteria in order to be considered eligible for [Technical Assistance Funding](#):

- A completed request for approval form must be presented and should be filled in with all relevant details (including estimates, full details of items/ services requested).
- The request must be in line with one of the components outlined in the TA indicative plan.



Proposed Amended Criteria

Criteria as approved

- The request must address the implementation of one or more aspects of **the relevant Operational Programme**

No footnote

Criteria as proposed

- The request must address the implementation of one or more aspects of Cohesion Policy^[1].

^[1]The term Cohesion Policy includes, amongst others, additional activities re 2004-2006 (in the case of OPI where eligible), Regulatory Activities including those related to simplification exercises and relating to policy including Future of Cohesion Policy, Territorial Cohesion as well as the implementation of Territorial Agenda (in the case of the latter as relevant to Cohesion Policy).





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Proposed Amended Criteria

Criteria as approved

- The applicant must be one of the horizontal stakeholders or be directly involved in the implementation of the relevant OP.

Criteria as proposed

- The Applicant organisation must be one of the horizontal stakeholders involved in Cohesion Policy and/or involved in the implementation of the relevant Operational Programme.

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Proposed Amended Criteria

Criteria as approved

- For all requests for capacity building, such as training, the applicant must provide a description so as to highlight that the training to be attended is clearly linked to the job in question.

No footnote

Criteria as proposed

- For all requests for capacity building ^[2], the Applicant must provide a description so as to highlight that the event to be attended is clearly linked to his/her role in the implementation of the OP/Cohesion Policy where applicable.

^[2] The component Capacity Building includes, amongst others, training, participation in conferences and meetings including technical meetings, as well as network activities.

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Proposed Amended Criteria

Criteria as approved

- The request should be in compliance with the horizontal priorities of equal opportunities and environmental sustainability.
- Requests should contribute to the achievement of the concerned priority objectives [in terms of capacity, timely implementation and regularity of operations].

Criteria as proposed

- The request should be in compliance with the horizontal priorities of equal opportunities and/or environmental sustainability *where applicable*.
- Requests should contribute to the achievement of the concerned priority objectives of *Cohesion Policy* [in terms of capacity, *regulatory issues*, timely implementation and/or regularity of operations].



TA Indicative *Financial* Plan

During the Monitoring Committee of 5 December 2007 an indicative *financial* plan was presented and approved.

The indicative *financial* plan highlights the total allocation per component.

It is being proposed that only the text of the indicative *financial* plan is to be amended in order to maximise the use of technical assistance funds. The budget of each component and overall financial allocation remains unchanged.



Proposed amended Indicative *Financial Plan*

	TOTAL	ESF	MT
Total Allocation	5,064,705	4,305,000	759,705
A. Furniture and Equipment *	430,500	365,925	64,575
B. Implementation of Cohesion Policy (including amongst others, salaries, expert advice, support services**)	2,134,205	1,814,075	320,130
C. Information and Publicity	1,200,000	1,020,000	180,000
D. Evaluation	550,000	467,500	82,500
E. Capacity Building (including amongst others, training, participation in conferences and meetings including technical meetings, as well as network activities)	750,000	637,500	112,500

* Amounts to 10% of community funding for the Technical Assistance PA.

** Support services include amongst others, software services, studies, SFD-related expenses, etc

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Thank you!



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