



Malta - EU Steering & Action Committee



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ABOUT MEUSAC

MEUSAC has three main areas of activities:

- ❖ **Information**
- ❖ **Consultation**
- ❖ **Support on EU Programmes and Funds**



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INFORMATION UNIT

Provides information on EU-related developments and funding programmes;

Receives calls and emails from citizens, officials from the public sector, individuals from private entities and other bodies, on queries related to their rights and obligations as EU citizens.

Contributes to printed media on a weekly basis

Produces its own in-house publications

Participates in local television and radio programmes to clarify and explain:

- i. Certain EU facts and news that viewers or listeners may be interested to know regarding EU legislation and policy initiatives;
- ii. EU citizens' rights;
- iii. And serves as a signpost to the local authorities/agencies responsible for the matter being tackled.



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CONSULTATION UNIT

The Consultation Unit services:

❖ **MEUSAC's Core Group**

❖ **The Sectoral Committees**

The Core Group is composed of senior government officials and a wide representation of civil society, mainly:

- ❖ 4 political parties
- ❖ Constituted bodies (mainly employer representatives and trade unions)
- ❖ Individuals appointed on the basis of their competence and expertise
- ❖ 3 NGO representative organisations (in the process of being selected)

All representatives at **MEUSAC's Core Group (CG)** are willing to achieve common goals in so far as European policy is concerned in the best interests of Malta.

The CG is also open to cooperation with the House of Representatives, the Maltese Members of: the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.



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CONSULTATION UNIT

The Sectoral Committees are 9 in total, and generally reflect the Council of the European Union's formations, which are:

- I. **General Affairs**
- II. **Economic and Financial Affairs**
- III. **Justice and Home Affairs**
- IV. **Employment, Social Policy and Health**
- V. **Competitiveness and Consumer Affairs**
- VI. **Transport, Telecommunications and Energy**
- VII. **Agriculture and Fisheries**
- VIII. **Environment**
- IX. **Education, Youth and Culture**



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FUNDING UNIT

Challenges for Local Councils and NGOs

One of the important challenges facing any non-governmental organisation or Local Council is how to keep the good work of the organisation going.

- ❖ *How can such an organisation attract a broad base of support to sustain itself?*
- ❖ *Where can it go to get technical assistance on how to diversify its sources of support?*



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FUNDING UNIT

Identifying funding opportunities:

- ❖ The Unit provides support and assistance to local councils and civil society organisations in identifying EU funding opportunities that meet their project requirements.
- ❖ The level of support that the Unit can offer is tailored to fit the organisation's necessities and provides guidance on funding and assistance on the development of project implementation plans.



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FUNDING UNIT

Technical Assistance

The Unit:

- ❖ Organises one-to-one sessions to discuss projects that the organisation would like to develop.
- ❖ Provides technical assistance to help beneficiaries in drawing up funding applications.
- ❖ Acts as a consultant on various fields, such as the eligibility of projects against funding criteria, and in the actual procedures that would lead to the submission of an application.



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OVERVIEW

1. **EUROPE FOR CITIZENS**
2. **LIFE LONG LEARNING**
3. **YOUTH IN ACTION**
4. **CULTURE**
5. **ESF**
6. **ERDF**
7. **ENPI**
8. **MED**
9. **INTERREG**
10. **LEADER**



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Structural Funds

Operational Programme 2 - ESF

Lisbon Strategy:

The European Employment Guidelines:

- Attracting and retaining more people in employment, increasing labour supply and modernising social protection systems;
- Improving adaptability of workers and enterprises; and
- Increasing investment in human capital through better education and skills



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National Reform Programme – interlinked to the priorities of the European Employment Guidelines. These are:

- Increasing the adaptability of workers and enterprises;
- Attracting more people to the labour market and making work a real option for all; and
- Investing more and more effectively in human capital and lifelong learning



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Priority Axis 1 – Improving education and skills

Objectives:

- To increase student participation in general fields of study at a further or higher levels of education
- To increase student participation rates in science, technology and ICT education at a further or higher level of education
- To improve the quality or relevance of educational experience



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Priority Axis 2 – Investing in employability and adaptability of the work force;

Objectives:

- To increase the participation rate in lifelong learning
- To support the adaptability of undertakings through skills improvements and upgrading of workers



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Priority Axis 3 – Promoting an equal and inclusive labour market;

Objectives:

- To increase the female participation rate;
- To contribute towards the integration, retention and progression of disadvantaged groups in the labour market, whilst addressing labour market distortions.



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Priority Axis 4 – Strengthening of institutional and administrative capacity

Objectives:

To strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of the public sector

To contribute towards the development of effective partnerships in a wide range of policy area



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Structural Funds

Interesting Facts – Structural Funds Programme 2004-2006

50 training projects have been co-financed under the ESF

Over 11,000 individuals have participated in various learning courses related to employment



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Structural Funds

Interesting Facts – Structural Funds Programme 2004-2006

Main results:

Over 2,000 individuals have been trained in courses related to lifelong learning

1,699 individuals working in the tourism sector have been trained in customer relations and in information technology

Over 2,000 individuals have been trained in ICT

Over 1,300 individuals have been provided with specialised training in reading and writing skills – 360 train the trainers

Over 1,600 unemployed individuals – upgrading of skills

Specialised training in health care – 700 individuals

Over 1,400 individuals participated in courses related to electronics, engineering, construction, customer care, call centre, management, arts and crafts in Malta and Gozo.



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