

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY PRIORITIES UNDER THE STRUCTURAL FUNDS

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MAIN ROLE AND FUNCTIONS OF PPCD

- The Planning and Priorities Coordination Division (PPCD) was set up within the [Office of the Prime Minister](#) in March 2001 as part of the administrative infrastructure required to manage the pre- and post-accession funds allocated to Malta by the [European Union \(EU\)](#).
- PPCD aims to ensure the efficient absorption and management of European assistance, both EU and bilateral, through effective coordination across Government Departments, Beneficiaries and other stakeholders.

Besides various other functions, it is the

- Managing Authority for [Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund](#);
- Overall Coordinator for the programming of [Cohesion Policy 2007-2013](#);

COHESION POLICY 2007 - 2013

- The European Union's Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 aims to promote harmonious and sustainable development across the European Union and to reduce socio-economic disparities between the various regions.
- The **Structural Funds** and the **Cohesion Fund** are the main financial instruments of the EU's Cohesion Policy 2007-2013.
- There are **two Structural Funds** during the 2007-2013 period. These are:
 - the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)** and
 - The **European Social Fund (ESF)**.

Malta's Strategy for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

- Malta's strategy for Cohesion Policy is based on a thorough research, analysis and consultation process which started in early 2005.
- The goals and strategic priorities for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 in Malta are identified by Malta's **National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF)**, which was approved by the European Commission in December 2006.
- The strategy set out in the NSRF forms the basis of two Operational Programmes which will be spent over the coming years. Malta's two Operational Programmes are:
 - **Operational Programme I – Investing in Competitiveness for a Better Quality of Life** - This OP focuses on the **European Regional Development Fund** and the **Cohesion Fund**.
 - **Operational Programme II – Empowering People for More Jobs and a Better Quality of Life** - This OP focuses on the **European Social Fund**.

Malta's Strategy for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

- A total of **€855 million** has been allocated for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013 in Malta.
- This consists of:
 - €444 million ERDF; (OPI)
 - €284 million Cohesion Fund; (OPI)
 - **€728 million TOTAL (OPI)**

 - **€112 million ESF; (OPII)**

 - *as well as €15 million allocated under the Territorial Cooperation Programmes (ERDF).*

Malta's Strategy for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

• OPI

- PA1* Enhancing knowledge and Innovation
- PA2 Promoting Sustainable Tourism
- PA3 Developing the TEN-T
- PA4** Upgrading Services of Gen.Economic Interest
- PA5* Safeguarding the Environment
- PA6* Urban Regeneration & Improving quality of life

- *PA7 Technical Assistance*

Community Funding

€102.0 million ERDF

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€143.7 million CF

€102.9 million ERDF

€140.5 million CF

€126.7 million ERDF

€10.5 million ERDF

*** Aspects related to Environment**

**** Aspects related to Energy**

Malta's Strategy for Cohesion Policy 2007-2013

• OPII

- PA1 Improving Education and Skills
- PA2 Investing in the Employ./Adapt. of the workforce
- PA3 Promoting an equal and inclusive labour market
- PA4 Strengthening of Institutional & Admin. Capacity

- *PA5 Technical Assistance*

Community Funding

€31.8 million **ESF**

€26.3 million **ESF**

€31.4 million **ESF**

€18.2 million **ESF**

€4.3 million **ESF**

Environment

FUNDING RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR

- **OPI - Priority Axis 5 – Safeguarding the Environment**
(Cohesion Fund)
- **OPI - Priority Axis 6 – Urban Regeneration & Improving the quality of life**
(ERDF)
- **OPI - Priority Axis 1 – Enhancing Knowledge and Innovation**
(ERDF)



EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND
COHESION FUND
MALTA 2007-2013

MAIN PRIORITY AXIS DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENT

Priority Axis 5 (PA5) of OP I highlights two Focus Areas of Intervention, funded through **Cohesion Fund namely:**

Solid Waste – to reduce the amount of waste and divert the remaining residues for recycling, the recovery of resources and the efficient utilisation of waste for energy production,

Storm Water Management – the formulation of a proactive approach to the problem of flash flooding on the occurrence of heavy storms, particularly the development of infrastructural solutions to address the incidence of high storm water volumes.

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MAIN PRIORITY AXIS DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENT

Major Projects already identified in PA5, related to environment are:

- Mechanical Biological Treatment Plant – setting up of a Mechanical and Biological Treatment Plant to treat municipal solid waste, similar waste, some commercial waste and bio-waste to significantly reduce the amount of waste going to the landfill,
- Rehabilitation and Restoration of Existing and Former Waste Dump Sites – following the collection of noxious gases, former dump sites (e.g. Magħtab) will be capped and landscaped
- An Integrated Water Management Approach to Flood Relief and Water Conservation



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PA6 – URBAN REGENERATION & IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

**Priority Axis 6 of OP I highlights one Focus Areas of Intervention,
related to environment, and funded through ERDF namely**
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

The main strategic thrusts in this regard comprise the development of strategic plans, the setting up of monitoring and information and data compilation mechanisms, carrying out of feasibility studies and other related aspects.

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PA1 – ENHANCING KNOWLEDGE AND INNOVATION

One of the Focus Areas is related to **Aid Schemes to the Manufacturing & Service Industries**

- Targeted exclusively towards assistance to SMEs and micro-enterprise
(These aid schemes will not focus solely on environmental issues)
- It is envisaged that it will be managed by the **Malta Environment and Planning Authority** as appointed by the Managing Authority
- This scheme will provide environmental management audits, investment assistance to improve environmental performance and promote eco-innovation, support environmental certification besides various other aspects.
- Particular importance will be placed on aiding companies to use innovative technologies to reduce the environmental impacts of their activities and introduce environmental management schemes.

Energy

FUNDING RELATED TO ENERGY

- **OPI - Priority Axis 4 – Upgrading Services of General Economic Interest**
(ERDF)
- *Two Focus Areas of Intervention*
 - WATER
 - **ENERGY**

Government is stressing 5 main policy areas for intervention under ENERGY

- energy efficiency
- reducing reliance on imported fuels
- stability in energy supply
- a sound distribution system, and
- support of the energy sector in order to render it capable of delivering on its objectives.

Some of the main Operational Objectives of PA4 related to ENERGY

- To reduce airborne emissions resulting from electricity generation
- To promote measures resulting in energy efficiency and reduction in the use of non-renewable energy sources
- To promote the use of RES (Renewable Energy Sources) and EE (Energy Efficiency) at the domestic and enterprise levels

One Major Project related to ENERGY

Reduction of Emissions from the Delimara Power Station

AID SCHEMES

- Targeted towards consumers (domestic sector) and enterprises (commercial sector)
- These will be managed by the Malta Resources Authority, as appointed by the Managing Authority
- Such schemes will support, for example, the installation of Photovoltaic panels, micro-wind and solar water heaters as well as energy efficient measures

KEEP YOURSELVES UP-TO-DATE !!

- Various calls will be issued throughout the months to come.
- It is important to keep updated by regularly either contacting PPCD or looking at the PPCD WEBSITE.

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