Malta’s participation in European Territorial Cooperation 2014-2020 Programmes

• Italy-Malta 2014-2020 Programme
• INTERREG MED Programme
• INTERREG EUROPE Programme
• Interact III Programme
• ENI CBC MED Programme
FPD’s role in the Programmes

• Represents Malta in the MCs, TFs, PCs

• Puts forward Malta’s position with regard to issues pertaining to the Programme

• National Contact Point

• National Approbation body
FPD’s role as the NCP

1. Point of contact for potential applicants
2. Wide dissemination of programme information
3. Organises national events
4. Eligibility check of partners
5. Provides national specific information
Point of contact for potential applicants

FPD will be:

- Providing programme information; either by contacting us directly or by accessing the national website (www.eufunds.gov.mt)

- Assisting in partner search through contact with NCPs in other Partner States
Wide dissemination of programme information

- Dissemination of programme related material, invitations, newsletters, press releases, studies etc, to relevant stakeholders locally

- As the contact point, it would be appreciated to receive regular news about the partners’ work and activities
Organise national events

- Organise information-sessions / meetings linked to programme calls

- Organise training events (for example with regard to First Level Control (FLC) and other pertinent issues)

- Promote the Programme in national events such as Notte Bianca
Eligibility check of MT partners

• National contact points are required to confirm to the Joint Secretariat (JS) that the eligibility requirements of applicants from their country are in line with the programme requirements.

• In this regard, all Maltese applicants have to provide FPD at least within two weeks from the closing date of the application with the following documents / confirmations:
Eligibility check of MT partners

- Copy of the Application Form
- **State Aid declaration**: Applicants must liaise with the State Aid Monitoring Board to get a confirmation or otherwise as to whether a project is State Aid relevant or not
- **Vat declaration**: Beneficiaries are being requested to liaise with the VAT Dept. regarding the respective VAT status
Eligibility check of MT partners

• Bodies governed by public law (public equivalent) and private bodies have to furnish the FPD with information regarding the respective legal status.

• Private non profit bodies have to provide the legal framework as well as the registration as Voluntary Organisations.
Eligibility check of MT partners

- Apart from a confirmation regarding the respective legal personality, public equivalent bodies have to confirm that:
  
  - They are established for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character
Eligibility check of MT partners

- They are financed, for the most part, by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.

- or are subject to management supervision by those authorities or bodies.

- or have an administrative, managerial or supervisory board, more than half of whose members are appointed by the State, regional or local authorities, or by other bodies governed by public law.
Eligibility check of MT partners

- **Proof of financing:** Both public law bodies and private organisations must provide a set of audited accounts for the last 2 financial years.

- If these are not available for the final year (2014) the management accounts are to be provided.
Provide national specific information

Following project selection, FPD shall:

- Organise a kick-off meeting with beneficiaries
- Designate the first level control function to the partners’ auditors
- Organise other bilateral / project management meetings as required
FPD’s role as national approbation body

• Malta has opted for a decentralised system for the verification of project related expenditures

• In this regard, the partners participating in a project shall select their respective auditor in accordance with established procedures pertaining to general procurement principles
FPD’s role as national approbation body

• Upon selection of the auditor, the partners shall inform the FPD of the outcome of the respective selection exercise and hence the proposed controller

• FPD would then consult the list of Maltese Registered Auditors as per these links: https://secure3.gov.mt/accountancyboard/Registers/RegisteredAuditors.aspx

• https://secure3.gov.mt/accountancyboard/Registers/RegisteredAuditFirmsPrincipals.aspx
FPD’s role as national approbation body

• Should the proposed controller be on such lists, the FPD shall designate the first level control function pertaining to the project in which the partner would be participating, to such auditor.

• The selected auditor will be entirely responsible for the verification and upon verification, the documentation should be sent directly to the LP.
FPD’s role as national approbation body

• Still, upon verification of a project claim, the project partner is to send a copy of the certificate issued by the first level controller to the FPD; this is done for monitoring purposes only

• Supplementary checks may be carried out on projects by the FPD based on a risk-assessment exercise
Thank you for your attention