



Cooperation programme INTERREG V- A Italia-Malta Monitoring Committee – Malta



Legal Framework

REGULATION (EU) No. 1303/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL dated 17 December 2013 in respect of the common provisions for the European Regional Development Fund;

REGULATION (EU) NO. 1299/2013 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND COUNCIL dated 17 December 2013 in respect of the specific provisions for the support of the European Regional Development Fund targeting the European territorial cooperation;

IMPLIMENTATION REGULATION (EU) No. 184/2014 OF THE COMMISSION dated 25 February 2014 that establishes the applicable modalities with Regulation (EU) no. 1303/2013;

IMPLIMENTATION DECISION BY THE COMMISSION dated 16/06/2014 that establishes the list of regions and areas admissible to ERDF financing within the framework of the cross border and transnational components targeting European territorial cooperation for the period 2014-2020;

IMPLIMENTATION DECISION OF THE COMMISSION dated 16/06/2014 that establishes the cooperation programme lists and indicates the global support funding total for the ERDF of each programme.



The cross border cooperation with Malta

Community Programme
initiative Interreg Italia-
Malta 2004-2006



ERDF Resources
€ 5,124,654



Eligible Area:
Sicily – territories of AG, CL, SR, RG, TP and CT and PA till
20% of resources
Malta – entire territory

Operational Programme
Italia-Malta 2007-2013



ERDF Resources
€ 30,148,017



Eligible Area:
Sicily – territories of AG, CL, SR, RG, TP and CT and PA till
20% of resources
Malta – entire territory

Cooperation Programme
Italia -Malta 2014 - 2020



ERDF Resources
€ 43,952,171



Eligible Area:
Sicily – entire territory
Malta – entire territory



Eligible areas



The Decision by the Commission dated 16/06/2014 identifies the eligible areas for the ERDF contribution for each cross border cooperation programme by determining the:

- *Core area*
- *Additional area*

The following cooperation areas have been recognised as eligible for the **Italia-Malta 2014-2020** programme:

SICILY

Core area: NUTS III Territories of AG, CL, RG, SR and TP

Additional area: NUTS III Territories of CT, PA, ME and EN

MALTA

Core area: islands of Malta, Gozo and Comino



Intervention strategy

Axis	Title	Specific objective	
Priority Axis I	Promote intelligent and sustainable growth through research and innovation	1.1 – Increase the activity for research and innovation to satisfy the improvement in the quality of life and the fruition of the cultural heritage	
Priority Axis II	Promote competitiveness in the cross border area	2.1 – Facilitate the creation and upgrading of companies (micro, small and medium) within the intervention sectors in the cross border area	
		2.2 – Facilitate the workers' mobility within the cross border area through the creation of stable networks	
Priority Axis III	Protection of the environment and promote the efficient use of resources	3.1 – Protection of the environment and promote the efficient use of resources	
		3.2 – Contribute in stopping the territorial and marine biodiversity loss within the area by maintaining and restoring the ecosystems within the protected areas	



Priority Axis I



1.1 - Increase the activity for research and innovation to satisfy the improvement in the quality of life and the fruition of the cultural heritage



Admissible actions

A

Interventions aimed at financing the costs related to the introduction of «non technological innovation» practices in favour of the productive system

B

Interventions aimed at supporting R&I activities to improve the quality of life and the fruition of the cultural heritage;

C

Interventions aimed at financing exchanges and mobility of researchers;

Expected result

1.1.1 – Innovative services, technologies and actions developed and/or upgraded jointly



Priority Axis II

Facilitate the creation and upgrading of companies (micro, small and medium) within the intervention sectors in the cross border area –

€ 8.7 million



2.1 Facilitate the creation and upgrading of companies (micro, small and medium) within the intervention sectors in the cross border area



Admissible action

A
Financial support for the creation and upgrading of new companies (micro, small and medium) operating within the intervention sectors defined by the axis.

Expected results

- 1. companies (micro, small and medium) created within the cooperation area**
- 2. companies (micro, small and medium) consolidated within the cooperation area**

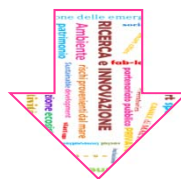


Priority Axis II

Facilitate the workers' mobility within the cross border area through the creation of stable networks



2.2 Facilitate the workers' mobility within the cross border area through the creation of stable networks



Admissible action

A

Financial support for the creation of cross border networks to facilitate workers' mobility within companies (micro, small and medium) operating within the programme intervention sectors

B

Interventions aimed at financing cross border mobility through the distribution of a voucher

Expected results

2.2.2 – Increase in the level of workers' mobility through joint services developed at cross border level.



Priority Axis III

Protection of the environment and promote the efficient use of resources € 23.7 million



3.1 - Contribute in stopping the territorial and marine biodiversity loss within the area by maintaining and restoring the ecosystems within the protected areas



Admissible actions

A

Actions aimed at safeguarding the territorial and marine biodiversity with the areas and sites of the Natura 2000 Network

B

Support the dissemination of knowledge and to the fruition of the natural heritage (with particular attention to the territorial and marine ecosystems) through the creation of innovative systems and/or services and the use of advanced technologies

Expected results

3.1.1 – Protected areas and sites that have developed joint actions to safeguard biodiversity



Priority Axis III

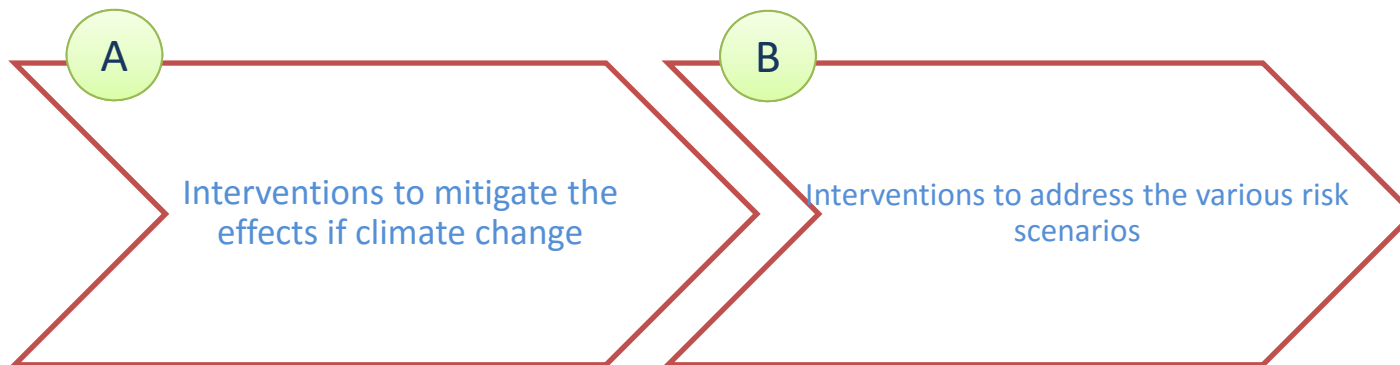
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3.2 – Promote systemic and technological actions to mitigate the effects of climate change and of the natural and anthropic risks with specific reference to catastrophes arising from sea risks



Admissible actions



Expected results

3.1.2 - Protected areas and sites that have developed joint actions to safeguard biodiversity



Functional Mechanisms

The **MA** manages the ERDF resources assigned to the programme area in close agreement with the Maltese National Coordination Authority with whom it establishes the Joint Secretariat;

The operations are selected by a **Managing Committee** whose members represent the Member States of Italy and Malta;

The projects require the participation of Sicilian and Maltese beneficiaries that are selected through public procedures «**call for proposal**»;

The Italian participation to the **national public quota** amounting to 15% is totally attributable to IEPC (Rotational Fund);

Public and private beneficiaries can participate in the programme within all the intervention axis



Functional Mechanisms

The sub division of the **strategic and ordinary projects** has been superseded;

The selection procedures entail the **“ONE STEP” PROCEDURE** and the **“TWO STEP” PROCEDURE**;

The following actions will not be financed:

- **support actions for the study of**
- **census actions for**
- **exchange of good practices between with the aim to**
- **dissemination activities between with the aim to**
- **communication activities for**



General selection criteria

- The project **coherence** with the **programme strategy**, the investment priorities and specific objectives;
- The project **coherence** with the **national and regional policies** and the measures taken to create synergies and to avoid overlaps;
- The dimension and the **cross border characteristic of the project** with partners that share the common objectives and needs;
- The **innovative character and the sustainability of the projects**, their tangible added value and their impact in the medium to long term;
- The coherence of the **partnership**, the relevance and competences of the partners in achieving the project's objectives;
- The pertinence of the **financial plan** and the coherence of the budget with the objectives.



Specific selection criteria

The projects will need to be implemented in accordance with the Axis strategy by ensuring the following thematic:

- **safeguarding the environment**
- **the territorial and marine security**
- **the cultural heritage**
- **the quality of life and health of the citizens**

The projects will need to be implemented in accordance with the Axis strategy by using the following Key enabling Technologies - KETs:

- **Electronics**
- **Mechatronics**
- **Micro and Nano systems,**
- **Biotechnologies and applied research for human health**



Next steps

- **December 2015**
 - 1° Monitoring Committee for the Programme**
 - *Appointment of the MA*
 - *Discussion of the selection criteria and communication strategy*
 - *Approval of the financial resources plan for the years*

- **February 2016**
 - Approval of the OP forms**
 - Start of meeting activity with the partnership**
 - Start of networking activity**

- **March 2016**
 - Launch and presentation of the first call for proposals**

- **April 2016**
 - Closure of the first call for proposals**

- **June 2016**
 - Approval of the project proposals**



Programme Authority

Managing Authority – Programme Regional Department;

Certification Authority - Special Office – Certification Authority for Programmes co-financed by the European Commission

Audit Authority - Special Office – Audit Authority for Programmes co-financed by the European Commission

Joint Secretariat -

Maltese National Coordination Authority - Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Ministry for European Affairs Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds



Thank you for your attention

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