

# **Directorate for European Union and International Affairs**

## **Annual Report for 2007**

### **Horizontal Issues**

2007 was a hectic year. A wide variety of issues were tackled and a considerable number of meetings were covered. Horizontal issues included Supplementary Pension Rights, Competitiveness and Growth, Community Lisbon Programme and Internal Market. The directorate formed part of the Implementation Committee of PROGRESS and was responsible for the processing and coordination of the written procedures related to the programme received from the DG Employment Social Affairs & Equality of the EU and provide all MT's feedback in this regards.

During 2007 the acting A/Director continued to operate as MEYE representative during the collective agreements negotiations of the University of Malta and the ETC both of which were concluded during 2007.

Documentation was prepared for nine Ministerial Council Meetings which tackled issues relating to this Ministry. The directorate presented 50 background notes, 34 speaking notes and 72 instruction notes to the EU Secretariat at the OPM for use by Maltese representatives attending Council meetings. There was a substantial increase in the number of explanatory memoranda submitted to the Inter-Ministerial Committee for EU Affairs with 39 being drawn up. The list appears in the appended table.

### **Employment**

During 2007, the EU and International Affairs Directorate dealt directly with and processed a wide range of issues dealing with employment and conditions of work. It also provided feedback on Social Security matters, competitiveness and health, when these matters touched the entities falling under MEYE while input on issues such as Migration, Inclusion, Parental leave and Mobility, was also provided.

A number of issues were raised and at the Ministerial Council Meetings held in Heidleberg and Lisbon. These included the Green Paper Modernising Labour Law to Meet the Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, through the submission of a completed questionnaire to the Commission. Data was provided by DIER after consulting with the social partners in a National Conference held earlier during 2007. The issue regarding Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States was adopted at EPSCO Meeting of 30-31 May 2007. Another issue in which the directorate liaised extensively with DIER was that on Good Work (Decent Work). Flexicurity was also intensively discussed with an agreement being reached at the Lisbon Ministerial Council on 5 and 6 December 2007 which elaborated on its Common Principles. No consensus was reached at the EPSCO Ministerial Council held in Lisbon in December amongst the 27 member states on the two issues of Working Time and Temporary Working Agency, with Malta together with some other member states maintaining their position on a working week higher than the 48 hour working week proposed by the other member states. These three issues of Migration, Access to the Labour Market and Active Ageing were discussed throughout 2007 and were still on the agenda at the end of the year.

## **Education & Training**

A number of dossiers were discussed at the Council level, for which this directorate prepared the required documentation. The issues included Looking beyond 2010 - developing the 'Education and Training 2010' work programme. During these discussions Malta emphasised upon the need to continue investing better and more in the development of human resources, focusing particularly upon the socially disadvantaged, the emarginated and persons with special needs. Violence in schools was also tackled. Another item concerned Adult Learning: 'It's never too late to learn'. The issue of strengthening pre-primary education in Europe was taken up which covered the strategies that governments could develop for efficiently allocating resources in order to achieve both universal access to pre-primary education and high quality social and pedagogical outcomes for all. A coherent framework of indicators and benchmarks for monitoring progress towards the Lisbon objectives in education and training were adopted by the Education Ministers. Another issue was that of evidence-based policy-making in the field of education. Malta was working on seven actions to ensure the drawing up of evidence based policy making. These include the setting up of a national regulatory mechanism to protect and develop standards and outcomes, the involvement of all stakeholders in schools within a process of evaluation, an external audit on quality and action research. Conclusions were reached on how to improve the quality of teacher education. A resolution on new skills for new jobs was adopted. Discussion on the proposal for a Regulation on the European Institute of Technology continued. A Council Directive on Professional Qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC) was transposed into Maltese law.

## **Youths**

The German Presidency laid considerable emphasise on the Youth programme. The Lifelong Learning Programmes and the Youth in Action Programme for 2007 to 2013 were initiated during this year. Two resolutions on the implementation of common objectives for voluntary activities of young people, and on creating equal opportunities for all young people were adopted. The Council of Ministers drew up a list of conclusions on a transversal approach to youth policy with a view to enabling young people to fulfil their potential and participate actively in society. Discussions were held on a European youth policy. Malta emphasised the importance of further exchange and cooperation among Member States which should be complemented by a cross-sectoral approach. Malta also stressed upon the active involvement of all relevant partners especially those hailing from marginalised and disadvantaged groups as well as the importance of bringing young people in direct contact with the tripartite social partners.

## **Health and Safety, Nuclear, Radiation**

The following 3 Legal Notices were published during 2007:

- National Interest (Enabling Powers) Act (Cap. 365) – Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (Euratom Safeguards and Additional Protocol) Regulations (L.N. 182 of 2007). Additional protocols contain measures to improve the efficiency and strengthen the effectiveness of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s safeguards system.
- Protection of the Health and Safety of Workers from the Risks related to Chemical Agents at Work (Amendment) Regulations, 2007 (L.N. 353 of 2007). This Legal Notice repeals the Regulations of L.N. 120 of 2003 establishing a first list of indicative occupational exposure limit values on the protection of the health and safety of workers from the risks related to chemical agents at work.

- Convention on Nuclear Safety Regulations (L.N. 440 of 2007). This Legal Notice enabled Malta to accede to the Convention on Nuclear Safety, which legally commits participating States operating land-based nuclear power plants to maintain a high level of safety by setting international benchmarks to which States would subscribe.

Three important Meetings were launched towards the end of the year to reflect what is being stated as a renaissance in nuclear energy:

- Implementing Euratom Treaty of Safeguards held in Brussels in September 2007. The Commission and Member States discussed the systems for the implementation of the tri-lateral Euratom safeguards.
- High Level Group on Safety and Waste Management – first meeting held in Brussels in October 2007. The main goal of the Group will be to help the Commission develop European rules regarding the safety of nuclear installations and the safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste.
- European Nuclear Forum – inaugural meeting held in Bratislava in November 2007. The Forum aims to promote an inclusive, transparent and non-ideological debate on nuclear between all the relevant stakeholders.

**Legislative and non-legislative items presented to the Inter-Ministerial Committee during 2007**

25 January	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council and the Economic and Social Committee - European Training Foundation (COM (2006) 832 Final)
25 January	Memorandum on a Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Protection of Workers from the Risks related to Exposure to Asbestos at Work (Codified Version) (COM (2006) 664 Final)
25 January	Memorandum on Proposal for a Council decision on Guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States (COM (2006) 815 Final)
25 January	Proposal for a Council Decision authorising the Republic of Slovenia to ratify, in the interest of the European Community, the Protocol of 12 February 2004 amending the Paris Convention of 29 July 1960 on Third-Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy
12 March	Report from the Commission on the Operation of the Provisions of the Directive 2003/88/EC applicable to Offshore Workers COM (2006) 853 Final
12 March	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the EP : Nuclear Illustrative Programme Presented under Article 40 of the Euratom Treaty for the Opinion of the ECOSOC COM (2006) 844 Final
12 March	Proposal for a Council Decision concerning conclusion on behalf of the European Community of a Framework Agreement on a Multilateral Nuclear Environmental Programme in the Russian Federation and of the Protocol on Claims, Legal Proceedings and Indemnification to the Framework Agreement on a Multilateral Nuclear Environmental Programme in the Russian Federation
12 March	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on Employment in Rural Areas: Closing the Jobs Gap (COM (2006) 857 Final)

12 March	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Improving Quality and Productivity at Work: Community Strategy 2007-2012 on Health and Safety at Work (COM (2007) 62)
30 March	Memorandum on a Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Protection of Employees in the event of the Insolvency of their Employer (Codified Version) (COM (2006) 657 Final)
30 March	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission "A Coherent framework of Indicators and Benchmarks for monitoring PROGRESS towards the Lisbon Objectives in Education and Training" (COM (2007) 61 Final)
4 May	Memorandum on a Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on the EURES Activity Report 2004-2005 presented by the Commission in accordance with Article 19(3) of Regulation (EEC) 1612/68: "Towards a Single European Labour Market: The Contribution of EURES" (COM (2007) 116 Final)
4 May	Memorandum on a Green Paper: Modernising Labour Law to meet the Challenges of the 21st Century (COM (2006) 708)
19 July	Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Final Report on the Implementation of the Commission's Action Plan for Skills and Mobility COM (2007) 72
19 July	Proposal for Council Decision establishing Statutes for the EURATOM Supply Agency - COM (2007) 119 Final
19 July	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on Circular Migration and Mobility Partnerships between the European Union and Third Countries
19 July	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the Council - "Framework for the European Survey on Language Competences" (COM (2007) 184 Final)
19 July	Memorandum on a Report from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: "Report on the Interim Evaluation of the Erasmus Mundus Programme" (EYC ERASMUS 190707)
14 September	Report on Council Directive 2001/23/EC of 21 March 2001 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to the safeguarding of employees' rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, businesses or parts of undertakings or businesses
14 September	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the EP and the Council: Report on the implementation, functioning and effectiveness of the "EU" TLD (COM (2007) 385 Final)
14 September	Communication from the European Commission on the 'Posting of Workers in the Framework of the provision of Services: Maximising its Benefits and Potential while guaranteeing the Protection of Workers
14 September	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Towards Common Principles of Flexicurity: More and Better Jobs through flexibility and security

14 September	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on Improving the Quality of Teacher Education
14 September	Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and the Council establishing an action programme for the enhancement of quality in higher education and the promotion of intercultural understanding through co-operation with third countries (Erasmus Mundus) (2009-2013)
14 September	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Annual Report on the Operation of the Third Phase of the Tempus Programme in 2006
14 September	Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Training Foundation (recast)
5 October	White Paper on Sport
5 October	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: Promoting Young People's full Participation in Education, Employment and Society
30 November	Memorandum on the Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Outcome of the Public Consultation on the Commission's Green Paper "Modernising labour law to meet the challenges of the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century" (ESH CONLAW 021107)
30 November	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions – Stepping up the fight against undeclared work (ESH UNDWRK 021107)
30 November	Memorandum on a Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: "Action Plan on Adult learning - It is always a good time to learn" (EYC ADULEA 021107)
30 November	Memorandum on the Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council repealing Council Decision 85/368/EEC on the comparability of vocational training qualifications between the Member States of the European Community (EYC COMQUA 301107)
30 November	Memorandum on an Amended Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and the Council on Working Conditions for Temporary Workers
21 December	Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Reassessing the regulatory social framework for more and better seafaring jobs in the EU (first phase consultation of the social partners at Community level provided for in Article 138(2) of the Treaty)
21 December	Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament - Transmitting the European framework agreement on harassment and violence at work
21 December	Communication from the Commission on the Key messages from the Employment in Europe 2007 Report
21 December	Commission Working Document: Report on the Implementation of the Action Plan: 'Promoting Language Learning and Linguistic Diversity'

21 December	Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/40/EC on minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) (eighteenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC)
21 December	Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions Delivering lifelong learning for knowledge, creativity and innovation Draft 2008 joint progress report of the Council and the Commission on the implementation of the "Education & Training 2010 work programme"

## **International Relations**

### *Multilateral Relations*

In July the Director attended for the First Meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials of the Council of Europe in preparation for the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of European Minister responsible for Youth to be held in Ukraine during 2008.

In July a representative from this attended a Seminar in the University of Technology and Education in China on the invitation of the Chinese Government. The aim of the Seminar was to introduce participants from forty countries to the Chinese System of Vocational Education and Training through the various formal presentations and visits to Vocational Colleges.

In June our Ministry representative attended for the First Euro-Mediterranean Ministerial Conference on Higher Education and Scientific Research. The Cairo conference was used as a launch of the Cairo declaration, which define guidelines for the future cooperation among all EUROMED partners.

### *Bilateral Relations*

The International Relations within the EU Affairs Directorate sustained its initiatives to enhance co-operation, through bilateral agreements, with forty eight countries on matters relating to Education and Training. In formulating its policy position, the directorate seeks the advice of departments and entities that fall within this Ministry for onwards transmission to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Particular emphasis is laid on neighbouring countries in the Mediterranean.

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Employment granted English language scholarships to Italian and Czech students. During 2007, sixty-eight scholarships were awarded to Italian students while three to Czech students.

Under the terms of the *XII Executive Programme with Italy 2007-2009* signed on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007, the Maltese government offered 68 short term English bursaries and 18 man-months for long specialised research studies. The Director was involved in the selection process held at the Farnesina for summer bursaries. It was noted that applicants were of the highest academic standard. The demand from Italian students to study in Malta was very high exceeding that for others countries like Greece, France, Germany and Belgium. On the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since the signing of the present Cultural Agreement, a new Agreement was drafted and is in the process of being signed with the Italian authorities. A number of meetings were held with the University to pre-empt any complaints from Italian summer bursary students residing at the University Residence.

Our Ministry gave its clearance to the signing of a number of bilateral agreements including: an *Agreement on Youth and Sport* with Bulgaria, a Co-operation Agreement with Tunisia in the field

of *Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology* and a *Cultural and Scientific Agreement* with Ukraine. The Bilateral Programme of Co-operation with the Czech Republic was extended for one year. An agreement on *Cultural and Scientific Cooperation* with Portugal was ratified and entered into force on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 after the official signing was held way back in 1994 and eventually ratified by the Portuguese in 2003.

Outcomes from interested parties on an *Agreement on Economic, Trade, Investments Scientific, Technical, Cultural, Youth and Sports* with Saudi Arabia were submitted to MFA while the draft *Framework Agreement on Education, Science, Culture and Arts, Youth and Sports, Mass Media and Contracts* with Turkey is in process. The Ministry is also in consultations with the University and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the establishing a Cultural Education Agreement with China on *Higher Education* which would provide for formal recognition of all Maltese education institutions by the Chinese authorities.

The Ministry participated in 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the Maltese-Libyan Joint Commission convened in February 2007 and the Minutes of the *Joint Maltese-Libyan Working Group on Co-operation in the field of Higher Education* were signed by the Permanent Secretary.

## **Funding**

### **European Social Funds**

During 2007, the implementation of 19 ESF Projects Structural Funds falling under the 2004 to 2006 Programme continued. Another 4 ESF Projects namely Nos. ESF 72<sup>1</sup>, ESF 73<sup>2</sup>, ESF 80<sup>3</sup> and ESF 85<sup>4</sup> were selected by the Project Selection Committee and approved by Cabinet under the third call for projects proposals. In 2007, these four projects were still at their infancy stages.

The following projects were completed:

ESF 31<sup>5</sup> - Traineeship in Care of the Elderly as been completed, Basic Employment Training (BET) 007 and the lone mothers' project have also been completed with successful results.

ESF 11<sup>6</sup> - MCAST embarked on a number of training programmes both at Introductory and Intermediate Levels. At Introductory Level courses running include Stained Glass, Wood Carving, Stone Carving, Pottery, Lace Making and Silver Filigree. With regards to Intermediate programmes the College is running the Silver Filigree programme, Lace Making and Pottery. MCAST also run three Bee Keeping courses, two in Malta and one in Gozo.

ESF 12<sup>7</sup> - A number of training programmes started which include Basic Course in Panel Beating, Motor Vehicle Service, Automobile Electronics Engine Management, Welding and Automatic Gearboxes, Service and Repair.

ESF 14<sup>8</sup> - Courses were organized in Accounting Technician, Customer Care / Information Technology and Sage Accounting.

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<sup>1</sup> Job Experience Scheme

<sup>2</sup> Addressing the Demand & Supply of e-skills through Traineeships in ICT

<sup>3</sup> Provision of Training for Disadvantaged Persons and Persons with Learning Difficulties

<sup>4</sup> Call Centre Training MCAST

<sup>5</sup> Employment and Training Schemes (ETS)

<sup>6</sup> Preservation of Traditional Maltese Crafts

<sup>7</sup> Retraining and Reskilling of Workers for Engineering Industry

ESF 13<sup>9</sup> - There were a number of Training programmes and courses which started. Training programmes include Electrical Fundamentals, Electronic Fundamentals and Computer Hardware Classes, Electronics and PLCs, Industrial Electronics, Microprocessors and Automation.

ESF 15<sup>10</sup> - A number of new courses started in 2007 which include Plastering and Tile Laying, Stone Masonry, Scaffolding and Rigging and Lift Installation.

ESF 16<sup>11</sup> - A number of courses finished in 2007: Care for the Elderly and Decontamination and Sterilisation Science. Practical sessions for the decontamination and sterilization science course are being held at the Mater Dei Hospital while the practical sessions for the care courses are being held in various care homes, namely St. Vincent de Paul, in Day Centres for the Elderly and in Homes for the Elderly.

ESF 50<sup>12</sup> - Childcare Campaign was implemented through TV and Radio Spots and through advertising in prominent local magazines. At the same time, they also had billboards in different localities in Malta and Gozo and in bus shelters in the inner harbour region. They also distributed leaflets through the Sunday Times and through the parent craft courses which was held at St. Lukes. The website was constantly being updated and the free phone was operative. A national conference on the Benefits of Quality childcare was held.

ESF 47<sup>13</sup> - There was the Business Skills Training. A person was appointed for the role of Expert in the composition of an entrepreneurship manual. TV spots were aired. A Mentoring Call for Quotations was advertised inviting interested persons to submit quotes for the rendering of a 48 hours training programme.

ESF 1<sup>14</sup> - Courses for 15 teachers were financed, trained to co-ordinate all the education and care necessary for students with special needs.

ESF 5<sup>15</sup> - There was the continuation of training of unemployed/underemployed teachers and youth workers as managers/coordinators of experiments that link up Local Councils with Schools Councils in the transformation of local schools into LLL Centres.

ESF 19<sup>16</sup> - Agreements were reached between ETC and employers that enrolled persons with disability under the Supported Employment Scheme.

**Projects not yet completed:**

ESF 37 – End date of Project is 31 March 2008 – A tender for the provision of services by a research company was issued, the tender was adjudicated, and the contract with the successful bidder was signed in 2007.

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<sup>8</sup> Technology Skills for women returning to the workforce

<sup>9</sup> Retraining and Reskilling of Workers for Electronics Industry

<sup>10</sup> Retraining and Reskilling of Workers for the Building and Construction Industry

<sup>11</sup> Training for Adults with No Formal Qualifications

<sup>12</sup> National Campaign promoting the benefits of quality childcare

<sup>13</sup> Promoting the Woman-Entrepreneur Culture

<sup>14</sup> Training of Inclusion Co-ordinators

<sup>15</sup> Initiating and Managing Community-based Lifelong Learning Centres

<sup>16</sup> Supported Employment Scheme for Persons with Disabilities

ESF 18 - Work was undertaken on the development of training manuals in English and Maltese. A seminar is being organized for all stakeholders involved in the provision of Adult Literacy and to organize an awareness/promotional campaign in favour of literacy.

ESF 52 – The Phase 4 – IT training started as well as the Nail Technician course for some students. The Sales and Retain vocational classes started. The following vocational training classes started – Call Centre Agent at ETC, Camerapersons course at PBS, Bar Service course at ITS and Food Preparation and Culinary Arts Level 1 at ITS. The office skills course also started. The Nail Art course started for those students who finished the Nail Technician course.

ESF 4 – A seminar was held in 2007. There was the editing and printing of SISIEN second edition. Summer classes opened in seven centres (eight classes). Classes will stop in March 2008.

ESF 72 – 45 persons were placed on the Scheme. Clients have a scheduled monitoring visit which takes place on the third week from commencement, on the 7<sup>th</sup> and on the 11<sup>th</sup> week. Advertising material is being printed and adverts were shown on the Sunday’s newspapers. A publicity event took place.

ESF 73- Several adverts were published in order to attract prospective employers to sponsor trainees in scheme. 19 companies showed their interest and submitted their applications requesting a total of 27 trainees. Tender calling for Training colleges to submit their bid was issued. Adverts calling for trainees were circulated. Trainees set for trade tests offered by ETC. It was envisaged to start the traineeship programme in January 2008.

ESF 80 – There was the food handlers’ certification of two members from the probation services, and one participant with a moderate case of learning difficulty. There was a successful mark from one of the groups in the Customer Care module. There was successful completion of the Customer Care, Grooming and Food Hygiene and Safety Module.

ESF 85 - This project has not yet started. Project Leader has drafted the tender document and sent it to the Department of Contracts and waiting for feedback. In the meantime MCAST also submitted the request to employ the part time coordinator. This is still in the pipeline as well.

**Payments:**

All claims pertaining to projects ESF 24, ESF 17, and ESF 47 including disbursements to the relevant entities were claimed from Capital Vote IV, item 7173 (EU Structural Funds 2004-2006).

Other payments invoiced were still not executed at Treasury Level as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007. Some payments are at their final stages (see table).

	Invoices inserted in the SFD up to Dec 2007: Gross (Euros incl. VAT)	Paid up to Dec 2007 Gross (Euros incl. VAT)	Accruals and Creditors as at 31/12/2007
ESF 31:	391,277	380,244	
ESF 37:	11,039	0	
ESF 11:			
ESF 12:	104,040	104,040	
ESF 13:	126,464	123,037	
ESF 14	202,959	167,930	

ESF 15:	112,711	112,711	
ESF 16:	132,344	124,404	
ESF 50:	229,893	229,707	
ESF 1	62,762	45 986	
ESF 18	196,109	193,510	
ESF 4	142,851	141,853	
<b>ESF 52</b>	<b>48 322</b>	<b>48 212</b>	
ESF 3	121 972	117 965	
ESF 5	202,188	188 517	
ESF 19	230 481	230 053	

Payments related to ESF 37, ESF 72, ESF 73, ESF 80 and ESF 85 will commence in 2008.

### **(B) European Regional Development Funds**

There are five ERDF Structural Funds Projects 2004- 2006, i.e. ERDF Nos. 8, 9, 13, 25 and 26.

#### Works Completed in 2007:

The following supplies, services rendered or works were completed by 2007:

<b>ERDF 8<sup>17</sup></b>	<b>Contract Value</b>
Works Contract	Lm116,114
Metal Works	Lm 4,307
Soffit @ Partitions	Lm 3,351
Aluminum Works	Lm 10,052
Joinery Works	Lm 3,600
Air-conditioning and Ventilation Services	Lm 15,169
Closed Circuit Television Services	Lm 1,930
Passenger Lift Installation	Lm 10,100
Steel Structure	Lm 20,485
Fence	Lm 6,255
Gates	Lm 3,776
Masonry & Concrete Works	Lm 24,742
Publicity	Lm 1,726
Training equipment and Furniture items	Lm 11,743
Training equipment	Lm 9,044
Computers	Lm 3,571
Furniture/vertical blinds/fire fight eq/flat screen	Lm 8,802
Central Lathe	Lm 2,548
Window sills	Lm 249
Marble door jambs	Lm 345
<b>Total Value:</b>	<b>Lm257,909</b>

<b>ERDF 9<sup>18</sup></b>	<b>Contract Value</b>
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<sup>17</sup> Construction of Extension to ETC's Skills Development Centre

Demolition, Alteration & Construction Works, M & E Services @ Finishes in Child Care Centre	Lm37,189
Childcare Nursery Equipment	Lm 5,307
Toilet Lightweight Cubicles for Child Care Centre	Lm 1,050
Light fixtures for the Child Care Centre	Lm 1,388
Gres & Ceramic Tiles for Child Care Centre	Lm 1,525
Vinyl sheet flooring for Child Care Centre	Lm 4,328
Aluminium Works at Child Care Centre	Lm 1,856

<b>ERDF 13<sup>19</sup> -</b>	<b>Contract Value</b>
Works Tender – Malta	Lm 574,755
Works Tender – Gozo	Lm 97,487
Hairdressing Equipment - Lot 1	Lm 10,483
Hairdressing Equipment - Lot 2	Lm 8,250
Machine & Equipment (Gozo) Lot 1	Lm 13,372
Lot 2	Lm 8,494
Departmental Tenders – CCTV	Lm 2,732
Departmental Tenders – Electrical Services	Lm 8,729
Departmental Tenders – Digital Telephone	Lm 2,713
Departmental Tenders – Lift	Lm 16,081
Departmental Tenders – SS Stair railing	Lm 9,855
Departmental Tenders – Aluminum (Gozo)	Lm 3,570
Departmental Tenders – Blinds – Lot 1 (vertical)	Lm 3,251
Departmental Tender – Blinds – Lot 2 (Micro Venetian)	Lm 118
Departmental Tender – Blinds – Lot 3 (Roller)	Lm 1,528
Departmental Tender – Furniture (Malta)	Lm 5,788
Departmental Tender – Welding Fumes extraction system (Gozo)	Lm 6,998
Departmental Tender – PVC Flooring (Gozo)	Lm 2,110
<b>Total Value:</b>	<b>Lm 776,314</b>

**ERDF 25<sup>20</sup>** - Tenders for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Furniture, Equipment and Library Management Software were awarded and all items were delivered. The total contracted value is Lm95,176.34.

**ERDF 26<sup>21</sup>** - Tender for the Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Didactive Equipment-Motor Vehicle Training Programmes was awarded. All Equipment was delivered. The contracted value was Lm87,651.99.

There are projects which are proceeding with other payments. These are:

	Contract Value (Lm)	Paid (Lm)	Balance (Lm)	Pending in SFD	To be posted in SFD (Lm)
ERDF 13	Lm 787,370	Lm 775,319	Lm 12,051	Lm 0	Lm 12,051
ERDF 08	Lm 257,909	Lm 174,741	Lm 83,168	Lm 52,325	Lm 30,843

<sup>18</sup> MCAST Childcare Centre

<sup>19</sup> Construction of Additional Floors, MCAST

<sup>20</sup> MCAST Library and Resource Centre, Main College Campus

<sup>21</sup> Provision of Equipment for Modern and Relevant Vehicle Training Programme, MCAST

ERDF 09	Lm 52,642	Lm 46,931	Lm 5,710	Lm 867	Lm 4,843
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#### **Transitional Facility Funds 2004**

##### *Institutional Capacity Building for the Occupational Health and Safety Authority*

All project activities which this project comprise i.e. one Twinning Light, one service and four supply components were completed and all payments were effected.

##### *The development of University-based Courses to strengthen Malta's capacity in the field of Translation*

The service component contract to set up a Maltese Terminology Database was completed during August 2007 and all payments were executed by the disbursement deadline December 2007.

#### **Transitional Facility Funds 2005**

##### *Strengthening the Administrative Capacity of the National Labour Inspectorate*

The Department for Industrial and Employment Relations (DIER) had one Twinning Light Component and a service contract to develop a Management Information System (MIS) for the DIER. The DIER Twinning Light Tender was circulated twice with no bids being submitting. The terms of reference were revised so that a third circulation could follow with the deadline for offers being set on August 2007. One proposal was received. In relation to the service contract, it was proposed to award the service contract to MITTS to develop the MIS, the reason being that MITTS already owned the rights to a system that could be tailored to suit the DIER's requirements.

The OHSA had only the Twinning Light Component. The German contractor was selected for the delivery of the OHSA Twinning Light component and activities started in the last quarter of the 2007.

In June, there was the follow up of the objectives and target indicators of achievement. The experts who led the training on indicators went through the submissions and requested bilateral meetings, where needed.

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