

NEEDS ANALYSIS: MAIN RESULTS FROM THE INTERVIEWS

IN MALTA

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Title	TICTAC Guide
Activity	Needs Analysis
Research tool	Interview (Qualitative Questionnaire)
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Profile of the institutions	4 organisations within the University of Malta, 4 local councils, 1 school, 1 government organisation
Area covered by the research	Malta
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1. Which is your level of knowledge of the EU programmes in general?

The feedback received from the responses varied. Some displayed a fairly good of knowledge and awareness about EU programmes, especially in the areas which are most applicable to them. Others were had little to no knowledge about these. Overall, all the interviewees' knowledge can be considered as average.

2. What level of intensity have you experienced in obtaining EU funding in your city/region over the last decade? Which is your concrete experience?

Most respondents said that they have observed a level of EU funding obtained in Malta. Around half of the interviewees said they have had first-hand experience in applications, some of which were successful and others not. Other respondents said that they have not had any experience in EU funding.

3. How do you get involved in EU projects and who usually manage these projects (clerks or external consultants)?

Those who have had experience in EU funding said that the executive members, administration, the executive secretary, clerks and external consultants are involved in the management and the application for EU funded projects.

4. How important is for your city/region to receive EU funding?

Here, all the respondents said that EU funding in Malta is very important, as it gives them the opportunity to develop their projects.

5. To what extent do you consider significant the impact of the EU funds managed in the development of your city/region?

Here, once again, all the interviewees said that they consider the impact of EU funding as very significant, since this is a vital financial source which brings development in Malta on various sectors of society, such as health, infrastructure, among others,

6. Which are the main obstacles (if any) for the participation of your institution in EU funded projects?

The obstacles mentioned by the interviewees include: the application and reporting process, the paperwork, bureaucracy and competition involved in the application and the lack of manpower.

7. Which are the preferred areas or fields of activity that your institution would like to explore through EU funding opportunities in the near future?

Many areas and fields were mentioned such as Agriculture, Culture, Youth, Education, Infrastructure, and Energy.

8. Which information would you like to receive from each EU funding opportunity? Do you prefer to receive information about the funding opportunities generally speaking or practical information about how to get involved and how to write a project proposal?

Few said they would like to receive general information about EU funding opportunities. Most of the other respondent said that it would be better to receive practical information and how to write a project proposal. A few said that both of these are equally important.

9. Do you think it would be helpful for your daily work to have a Guide dealing with how to manage these opportunities? If yes, which format would you prefer?

All interviewees believe that a guide would be helpful to apply for EU funds. The formats that were suggested are the following: Pamphlets, instruction manual available online, simple step-by-step document with the necessary information, online guide, a conference, workshops and a video.