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ANNEX

FINANCING PROPOSAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSITION FACILITY IN MALTA FOR 2004

1. IDENTIFICATION

Beneficiary: MALTA
Programme: Transition Facility National Programme 2004
CRIS-Number: 2004/016-762
Year: 2004
Cost: *The total value of the actions to be financed from the Transition Facility* € 11,800,000.
Implementing Authority: Maltese Ministry of Finance
Expiry Date: Contracting: 15 December 2006

Sector Code: *(according to DAC-list)*
Objective 1: Trade – Internal Market 33110
Objective 2: Transport policy and administrative management 21010
Objective 3: Justice and Home Affairs 15030
Objective 4: Social Services 16361
Objective 5: Agriculture 31110
Objective 6: Environment 41010
Objective 7: Administrative capacity 15040

Budget Line: 22-03-01

Commission Task Managers: Mrs Myriam Verger, Mr Gavriel Avigdor
Task Force, DG Enlargement.
2. SUMMARY

For the period 2004-2006, a Transition Facility has been created by Art 34 of the Act of Accession to fund certain Institution Building actions in the new Member States.

The present Financing Proposal represents the 2004 Transition Facility National Programme for Malta.

It proposes to use Transition Facility funds to support institution building through twinning, twinning light, technical assistance, and investments to provide the necessary equipment in order to implement the Acquis.

Under this programme, the Transition Facility support will cover: Further institution building, consolidation and strengthening of Malta Standards Authority; Additional support in specific technical areas for the continued effective implementation and operation of the market surveillance system in Malta; upgrading the National Blood Transfusion Service to quality standards as specified in Directive 2002/98/EC; Strengthening the overall capacity of the Department of Public Health to enforce the control of the foodstuffs Acquis; intellectual property awareness, training and enforcement; capacity building at the Malta Maritime Authority; strengthening Malta's capacity to issue visas; development of the border management control in Malta; modular training program for the enhancement of the asylum system in Malta; capacity building in the justice sector; measures to implement a radio network infrastructure for 112 call related emergency service Providers in line with EU norms and standards; institution building of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority; capacity strengthening of the Department of Social Security to co-ordinate social security schemes; capacity building in the Food and Veterinary Regulation Division; building capacity to implement the air pollution monitoring and mitigation measures required under the Air Quality Framework Directive 96/62/EC; building capacity to introduce the polluter pays principle through economic instruments to implement the EU environmental acquis; strengthening institutional capacity for the implementation of the nature protection Acquis; technical assistance for the development of implementation systems for the producer responsibility directives; institution building facility; strengthening of the overall capacity of the VAT Department and the Tax Compliance Unit to adequately implement and control the VAT system and to combat evasion and fraud in the field of VAT; Measures to assist the Customs Department in ensuring that new areas of work post-accession meet all the requirements; capacity building for Malta Enterprise; capacity building program in information security; development of university-based courses to strengthen Malta's capacity in the field of translation; development of university-based courses to strengthen Malta's capacity in the field of interpretation

3. STRATEGY

Programming priorities

Although the most urgent needs as regards acquis implementation have been addressed before accession, the Transition Facility provides further support in order to consolidate the functioning of administrative structures on par with those of other Member States.
The 2003 Commission Comprehensive Monitoring Report for Malta and the continuous monitoring process by the Commission of the Maltese preparation for accession constitute the main sources of information for identification of institutional weaknesses that the Transition Facility could assist in addressing. This report points to a number of areas where further improvements are needed in the context of the political and economic criteria and related to the adoption, implementation and enforcement of the acquis, and calls for these to be pursued. Other findings and recommendation from the overall monitoring process (peer-reviews, TAIEX missions, Commission missions, etc.) were also taken into account when designing this programme.

**Project selection and lessons learned**

On the basis of the priorities outlined in the above-mentioned documents, and in line with the principle of ownership, the Maltese authorities submitted a number of project proposals for institution building. These projects have been discussed in detail with the relevant Commission Services.

The final selection of projects for this Commission Decision was based on the overall quality of the individual proposals, taking into account inter alia the strategic framework of the projects, their expected impact, and the implementation arrangements. In designing the 2004 Transition Facility programme, careful account has also been taken of the results of projects programmed in the context pre-accession aid in previous years. Lessons learnt are usually drawn on a case by case basis, building upon relevant experience in the implementation of previous projects in a specific area. Relevant information in that respect is provided in each project fiche. Provision of necessary background documentation supporting project proposals (sectoral strategies, feasibility studies, economic and cost-benefit analysis, etc.) is emphasised during the programming process.

**Coordination with other EU assistance instruments, including Structural and Cohesion Funds**

Attention was also paid to avoiding overlaps with other EU assistance instruments that will come into force in 2004, in particular the Structural and Cohesion Funds. Maximum synergies between all sources of financing were considered.

The implementing body retains the responsibility for reviewing all measures under the SPD, the Reference Framework Document (for Cohesion Fund) and RDP on one hand and the projects funded under this Transition Facility programme on the other to ensure consistency and compatibility and removing the risk of overlap.

**4. OBJECTIVES AND DESCRIPTION**

The 2004 Transition Facility programme for Malta focuses on seven broad objectives covering most urgent needs to efficiently implement the acquis.

**Objective 1** Trade – Internal Market

**Project 2004/16762.01.01 – Further institution building, consolidation and strengthening of Malta Standards Authority (MSA)**
Building on previous assistance in this area, the project aims to ensure the mutual recognition of the services provided by the Malta Standards Authority by further enhancing its capacity in the fields of accreditation, metrology, technical regulatory and conformity assessment.

Assistance will be provided to support the MSA to:

- Develop the eco-management and audit scheme (EMAS)
- Carry out peer evaluation of the national accreditation body of Malta (NAB-MSA).
- Develop the e-signatures accreditation scheme
- Develop the good laboratory practice scheme
- Assess and notify Maltese conformity assessment bodies (CABS)
- Ensure the availability of technical experts to conduct peer assessment of the Malta standards authority metrology labs.
- Complete the accreditation of certification services in Malta
- Set up of certification schemes in Malta for the implementation of EC regulations
- Carry out 98/34/EC notification procedure

The project will be implemented through a technical assistance contract.

**Project 2004/16762.01.02 – Additional support in specific technical areas for the continued effective implementation and operation of the Market Surveillance system in Malta**

The project aims to establish a fully operational Market Surveillance structure in Malta to effectively perform the obligations arising from the relevant parts of the acquis.

Assistance will be provided to support ongoing capacity building in the Market Surveillance Directorate and in other key player organisations to ensure:

- An effective market surveillance system on chemicals, lifts, construction products, medical devices, radio and telecommunication terminal equipment, recreational craft, machinery, personal protective equipment and noise emissions.
- The provision of product safety guidance to market players in specific product sectors;
- The capacity to actively participate in EU fora on market surveillance;
- Metrology services within the Malta Standards Authority (MSA) are able to support market surveillance and enforcement of the acquis in areas requiring traceable measurement.

The Institution Building component will be implemented through three Twinning light schemes and two service contract for the training modules on toxicology and for the training
of staff in a national metrology institute (humidity measurement). The investment component will be implemented through a supply contract for the Metrology Directorate of MSA.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a feasibility study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

Project 2004/16762.01.03 – Upgrading the National Blood Transfusion Service to Quality Standards as specified in Directive 2002/98/EC

The project aims to support the Department of Institutional Health in guaranteeing a safer, more efficient National Blood Transfusion Service (NBTS), in compliance with quality standards in line with the acquis.

Assistance will be provided to the Department of Institutional Health to:

- Train selected members of staff in managerial positions to become proficient in quality systems as applied to blood banking.
- Attachment of key NBTS personnel to European centres of excellence in the field.
- Procurement and installation of equipment required to reach expected quality standards.

The project will be implemented through a twinning light scheme for the institution building component. The equipment and installation of the equipment will be procured a supply contract.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon:

- The finalisation by the Department of Health of the relocation of both the donation and the hospital blood bank areas by June 2004

- The provision by the Department of Health of premises for Blood Processing Unit/Facility and carry out the necessary infrastructural works by December 2004. Provision of equipment is conditional upon finalisation of all renovation works in the premises of the Processing Unit.

- The results of a feasibility study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

Project 2004/16762.01.04 – Strengthening the overall capacity of the Department of Public Health to enforce the control of the foodstuffs Acquis

The project aims to enhance the Department of Public Health capacity to carry out Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) auditing of the food industry in conformity with the food Acquis.

Assistance will be provided to:
• Strengthen the capacity of the Department of Public Health to enforce compliance with the Food Safety and Food Hygiene acquis in general;

• Strengthen the capacity of the Health Inspectorate to enforce the HACCP system at all levels of the food industry particularly in auditing companies’ HACCP plans; and

• Upgrade and accredit the Public Health Laboratory to acquire the capacity to fulfil the obligations arising from the Acquis in relation to control of foodstuffs, sampling and testing, including the procurement of relevant equipment.

The project will be implemented through a twinning project for the institution building Part and, for the investment part, through a supply contract for the procurement of laboratory equipment.

The institution building component for the Public Health Laboratory is conditional upon designation of the Public Health Laboratory as the official food testing laboratory for the Department of Public Health by the Maltese Government.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a need assessment study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

**Project 2004/16762.01.05 – Intellectual Property Awareness, training and enforcement**

The project purpose is to design and implement a comprehensive strategy for enforcement, training, and awareness in the area of Intellectual Property Rights.

Assistance will be provided to:

• Develop a comprehensive strategy for the fight against piracy involving all national administrative actors (namely the Police, Customs, the Attorney General and the Commerce Division) and an action plan designed for its implementation.

• Train the staff at the Commerce Division to create an IPR awareness unit within the Division.

• Train Customs Officers and Police Officials to fulfil their duties in the area of enforcement.

• Carry out an information campaign top raise awareness and interest in IPR matters in schools, SMEs, relevant authorities and the public in general.

The project will be implemented through a twinning light scheme for the institution building part. The information campaign component will be implemented through a service contract.

**Objective 2**  
**Transport policy and administrative management**

**Project 2004/16762.02.01 - Capacity building at the Malta Maritime Authority**
The project aims at enhancing the technical and administrative capabilities of the Malta Maritime Authority (MMA) in maritime administration, maritime safety, maritime security and environment protection measures.

Assistance will be provided to:

- Train MMA personnel in maritime administration, maritime safety & security, control/enforcement, maritime communications and environmental protection.
- Develop introductory course for inspectors to be delivered locally.
- Support achieving the goals of the Paris MoU, through the continued reduction in the number of Maltese flagged ships detained by European Port State Control.
- Procure specialised equipment port state control inspections and security
- Design and procure new management information systems for port and ship security (ISPS), environment risk management, and ship radio licensing together with necessary computer hardware and off-the-shelf software licences (including any necessary customisation).
- Enhance Maritime safety and environmental protection procedures.
- Draft environmental risk management system manual of policies, procedures, plans and user friendly Geographical Information System database.

The project will be implemented through two twinning light schemes on merchant shipping and ports administration. Components related to training, specialised IT system development and relevant equipment will be implemented through contracts for services and supplies. The investment foreseen to acquire equipment should not duplicate any funding granted through Structural Funds the acquisition of similar equipment.

**Objective 3 Justice and Home Affairs**

**Project 2004/16762.03.01 - Strengthening Malta’s capacity to issue of visas**

The project aims at developing and strengthening the current administrative and operational capacity in order to enhance Malta’s capacity to issue visas in compliance with the *Common Consular Instructions for the Diplomatic Missions and Consular Posts (CCI)*.

Assistance will be provided to:

- Train consular officers in the procedures of issuing visas;
- Establish secure working environment in the five priority consular representations overseas (in Tripoli, Moscow, Beijing, Tunis and Cairo) to cope with the influx of visa applicants.
- Provide an efficient interconnective communications network and the necessary IT back-up facilities for Maltese diplomatic and consular representations overseas;
- Establish the proper capacity in terms of trained staff, IT facilities and secure visa systems to monitor and control the visa registers in each Maltese diplomatic and consular representation;
• Ensure the secure storage (i.e. safes) of all mission stock-holds of EU uniform visas, in Malta’s diplomatic missions and consular posts in Tripoli, Moscow, Beijing, Tunis and Cairo.

• Ensure that Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Investment Promotion, conjointly with the Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs is able to perform the tasks and functions of the Central Visa Unit.

The Institution Building of the project will be implemented through a twinning light scheme. The investment part will be implemented through a supply contract for specialised IT equipment and security equipment.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a feasibility study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

Project 2004/16762.03.02 - The development of the Border Management Control in Malta

The project aims at enhancing the Border Management Authorities’ technical, operational and administrative capacity to implement all EU standards in the field of border control, including the Intelligence gathering area and SIS II.

Assistance will be provided to:

• Support the effective implementation of the Schengen Acquis

• Support the proper set up and management of the SIRENE office.

• Procure border control equipment

The Institution Building part of the project will be implemented through twinning light and the investment component will be implemented through a supply contract.

The Institution Building component is conditional upon the deployment of the necessary human resources at the SIRENE Office.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a feasibility study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

Project 2004/16762.03.03 - Modular training programme for the enhancement of the asylum system in Malta

The project aims at improving existing structures capacity for the evaluation of applicants for refugee status and to strengthen all organizations related with this process. The Community legislation adopted in that area will be the key point of reference.

Assistance will be provided to develop and implement a comprehensive modular training programme for various officials and NGO members involved in the area of asylum in Malta.
The project will be implemented through a Twinning light scheme.

The implementation of activities 1 and 5 are conditional upon the identification and appointment of the appropriate managerial and executive staff prior to the start of the project.

Coordination with the responsible authority implementing the European Refugee Fund for Malta will be needed for complementarity of projects.

**Project 2004/16762.03.04 - Capacity building in the Justice Sector**

The project aims at strengthening the Training Academy set up by the Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs and the Judicial Studies Committee in the field of initial and vocational training and of management capacity, as well as the current structures of judicial cooperation, like liaison officers/magistrates, participation in the European Judicial Network and Eurojust.

Assistance will be provided to:

- Provide expert advice for training needs analysis and drawing-up of implementation plan
- **Review current provisions of legislation on training rights for the judiciary**
- Provide expert advice for other institution building requirements
- Procure specialised training advice and equipment

The project will be implemented through twinning light and service and supplies contracts.

The implementation of contracts 2 (web development) and 3 (training equipment) is conditional upon the results of a need assessment study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

**Project 2004/16762.03.05 - Measures to implement a Radio Network Infrastructure for 112 call related Emergency Service Providers in line with EU norms and standards**

The project aims to design and plan for the eventual installation of a common secure radio network system and co-ordination of the provision of 112 call related emergency services on the field, the 112 call centre and the respective control rooms.

Assistance will be provided to:

- Prepare and approve a procedural manual to enable the coordination of field services related to 112 emergencies call by the various Emergency Service Organisations.
- Once radio systems are selected and acquired and the procedure manuals are completed and approved, the emergency service teams / personnel will be trained in the use of this equipment and procedures under emergency situations, as well the coordinators at the various control rooms and especially the Civil Protection Department.
• Prepare, approve and issue a call for tenders for the acquisition and implementation of the radio network and ancillary services to achieve the coordinated service environment.

The project will be implemented through technical assistance.

Transition Facility assistance will not be used to finance the procurement of the equipment related to the functioning of the Radio Network Infrastructure for 112 call related Emergency Service.

**Objective 4  Social policies and employment**

**Project 2004/16762.04.01 – Institution Building of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority**

The project aims at supporting the consolidation of the implementation of EU Occupational Health and Safety legislation in Malta;

Assistance will be provided to the Occupational Health and Safety Authority to:

• Train the occupational health and safety officers
• Develop dialogue between social partners and the OHSA board
• Improve the understanding of risk assessment procedures improved
• Develop teaching manuals (syllabi) for graduate courses on occupational health and safety
• Develop teaching manuals (syllabi) for post-graduate courses on Occupational Medicine for medical doctors allowing them to give valid advice on occupational health issues
• Develop a Management Information System together with ancillary software and equipment, that will permit the OHSA to integrate, improve and support its business processes, aid data gathering and analysis. It will also support decision making and performance management.
• Procure monitoring equipment to assist officers in determining ambience in workplaces, thus enhancing their decision making skills while carrying out inspections

The Institution Building component of this project will be implemented through a Twinning light scheme and a service contract for the development of the Management Information System. The investment part will be implemented through a supply tender to purchase the equipment.

**Project 2004/16762.04.02 – Capacity strengthening of the Department of Social Security to co-ordinate social security schemes**

The project aims at enhancing the capacity of the relevant Maltese institutions to effectively administer social security benefits according to EU social security co-ordination rules in the framework of free movement of persons.
Assistance will be provided to the Department of Social Security to:

- Review the organisational structures (Gap Assessment)
- Train relevant staff
- Revise and develop new training manuals
- Develop a public information strategy
- Organise of specialist seminars and study visits

The Institution Building activities of the project will be implemented through a Twinning light scheme. The investment part will be implemented through a service contract for the design and implementation of the software enhancements.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a feasibility study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

**Objective 5  Agriculture**

**Project 2004/16762.06.01 - Capacity building in the Food and Veterinary Regulation Division**

The project aims at assisting the Food and Veterinary Regulation Division of the Ministry of Rural Affairs and the Environment (MRAE) ensure that the livestock industry complies with all EU standards in food safety and animal welfare and to maintain compliance through effective regulation.

Assistance will be provided to the Food and Veterinary Regulation Division to deliver expert advice, coordination and training to:

- Train FVRD staff to implement animal welfare assessment and regulatory procedures.
- Implement veterinary medicinal products and feed additives registration procedures.
- Enhance the hygiene and quality standards of Malta’s milk producers to EU levels.
- Enhance the standards for quality and safety assurance of livestock feed manufacturers in line with EU requirements.
- Bring all remaining poultry slaughter plants fully to compliance with EU legislation.

The project will be implemented through a twinning project.

**Objective 6  Environment**

**Project 2004/16762.06.01 - Building capacity to implement the air pollution monitoring and mitigation measures required under the Air Quality Framework Directive 96/62/EC**

Assistance will be provided to the Malta Environment and Planning Authority (MEPA) to:

- Procure new air quality monitoring equipment for the setting up of one air quality monitoring station, including installation and training for technicians.
- Develop a detailed plan outlining the way forward on the setting up of the national air monitoring system and the integration of air quality data in the development of plans and programmes to mitigate the impact of air pollution.
- Carry out a national seminar for policy makers on the aspects of integrating air quality concerns into national plans and programmes and two national workshops for stakeholders across the sector and the public to increase awareness of Malta’s obligations to the EU in the field of air quality.
- Carry out four traineeships with air monitoring agencies in EU Member States for MEPA technical staff to be trained on technical aspects of air quality monitoring, calibration and use of equipment.
- Carry out three traineeships for MEPA professional staff to acquire first hand experience of air quality monitoring activities in a member state environmental agency or similar institution.

The project will be implemented through a contract for the supply of air quality monitoring equipment and a twinning light scheme for the Institution Building part.

Project 2004/16762.06.02 - Building capacity to introduce the Polluter Pays Principle through economic instruments to implement the EU Environmental Acquis

The project aims to build the necessary capacity in the Maltese government to devise and implement a package of environmental economic instruments applying the Polluter Pays Principle in practice.

Assistance will be provided to the Malta Environment and Planning Authority (MEPA) to deliver expert advice, coordination and training to:

- Develop a three-year plan for the introduction of a package of environmental economic instruments also identifying the institutional, legislative and public communication measures necessary for its successful implementation.
- Carry out a pilot 3-month public information campaign to accompany the launch of the first package of environmental economic instruments.
- Deliver a series of training workshops, each targeting key experts from the MEPA, the Ministry for Rural Affairs and the Environment, the Ministry of Finance, as well as from the other relevant government agencies.
• Carry out a national conference addressing the experts, industry & commerce representatives, NGOs, government departments & corporations, as well as other key stakeholders.

• Complete a performance monitoring report, summarising the findings of the study of environmental, economic and social effects of the newly introduced instruments and outlining recommendations for their fine-tuning and improvement.

The project will be implemented through a technical assistance contract for the delivery of Institution building expertise.

Project 2004/16762.06.03 - Strengthening institutional capacity for the implementation of the Nature Protection acquis

The project aims at contributing towards the implementation of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and the Wild Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) in Malta.

Assistance will be provided to the Malta Environment and Planning Authority (MEPA) to deliver expert advice, coordination and training to:

• Increase the capacity within MEPA to prepare and monitor the implementation of Natura 2000 sites’ management plans;

• Train the stakeholders in skills and techniques in the implementation of management plans

The project will be implemented through a twinning scheme.

Project 2004/16762.06.04 - Technical assistance for the development of implementation systems for the producer responsibility directives

The project aims at improving the administrative capacity for waste management in order to assist Malta in implementing the National Waste Management Strategy (2001) in conformity with stipulated EU requirements.

Assistance will be provided to Malta waste management public company (WastServ Malta Ltd) to deliver expert advice, coordination and training for:

• Setting up waste management strategies in all relevant fields, in line with the acquis, and on elaboration of the necessary implementation plans and programmes, including systems for collection of information,

• Reinforcement of managerial capability of relevant stakeholders, including through training the trainers activities,

• Other relevant activities for the provision of expertise for communication, customer relations and promotion of awareness raising

The project will be implemented through a twinning scheme.
Objective 7  Administrative capacity

Project 2004/16762.07.01 – Institution building facility

This project include:

Four Twinnings light schemes in the following areas: radio communications, noise regulations, the environment, protection of the EC financial interest.

Assistance to upgrade the Maltese official statistics

An unallocated institution building envelope that will be implemented through around 10 to 20 twinning light/Technical assistance projects in acquis fields where needs still exist such as, inter alia, internal market, competition, justice and home affairs, agriculture, fisheries, social policy and employment, energy, transport, environment, and financial control in particular the protection of the EU financial interests and anti fraud measures relating to such financial interests.

The Twinning light/technical assistance projects might cover, as appropriate, implementation and enforcement of the Acquis, and reinforcement of administrative capacity in the relevant fields.

In addition, in order to contribute to sound management of EU support programmes, the project will also provide support for independent evaluation of the performance of EU funded projects.

The Twinning Light/technical assistance projects will be implemented on the basis of terms of reference prepared by the relevant ministries and approved by the Commission. For twinning light project, in cases where Member States do not respond to the calls for proposals rounds, the terms of reference could be tendered as classical service contracts (technical assistance).

Project 2004/16762.07.02 - Strengthening of the overall capacity of the VAT Department and the Tax Compliance Unit to adequately implement and control the VAT system and to combat evasion and fraud in the field of VAT

This project aims at reducing the incidence of Value Added Tax evasion and fraud in the context of intra-community and international trade.

Assistance will be provided to:

- Improve policies and operational procedures in line with the VAT Department Business Management Plan
- Implement effective strategies and policies by the VAT Department and the Tax Compliance Unit to combat VAT evasion and fraud, including evasion and fraud at international level
- Train the relevant staff of the VAT Department and the Tax Compliance Unit to successfully detect and combat organised international fraud, especially with regard to the intra-community VAT system,
- Specialise selected staff of the VAT Department and the Tax Compliance Unit in computerised audits and set up ad hoc specialised Units in both Departments;
- Reinforce the VAT Department Legal Section.

The project will be implemented through a twinning scheme.
Project 2004/16762.07.03 - Measures to assist the Customs Department in ensuring that new areas of work post-accession meet all the requirements

The project aims at further reinforcing the Customs Department.

Assistance will be provided to support through expertise for the implementation of the following areas of operations:

- Procedures with Economic Impact,
- Common Agricultural Products (trade mechanisms),
- Post Clearance Audits,
- Excise,
- “Blue” channel controls,
- Tariff Quota management,
- TARIC Management
- Binding Tariff Information,
- Transit and Implementing Provisions
- Anti fraud measures relating to the EU financial interests

The project will be implemented through a direct negotiated contract with Eurocustoms consortium.

Project 2004/16762.07.04 - Capacity building for Malta Enterprise

The project aims at implementing an internal capacity-building program for Malta Enterprise that will enhance the capabilities of its staff at all levels of management. It focused on training Malta Enterprise staff for the development of national programmes, such as the Entrepreneurship strategy, the Innovation strategy and the ebusiness strategy.

Assistance will be provided to:

- Carry out a training analysis assessment

- Implement training schemes inter alia in the following areas: Fostering an entrepreneurial culture, Promoting micro-enterprise and crafts, Business Environment Policy Simplification, Enhancing Innovation, Developing SME access to finance, SME turnaround Services, Project Monitoring and evaluation abilities.

The project will be implemented through a service contract for the provision of technical assistance.

Project 2004/16762.07.05 - Capacity building programme in Information Security

The project aims at ensuring a high level of information security of the Public Service in Malta in line with EU requirements.

Assistance will be provided to the Central Information Management Unit based within the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM), to:
• Train information security officials in all public service ministries, agencies and entities. About 100 officials across public service shall be intensively trained in issues related to information security.

• Enhance the security-awareness of service providers to the public service in Malta.

• Establish an EU-security compliant national set of public service policy, standard and directive documentation

• Support the preparations for security compliance audits

• Establish security operational processes in order to meet and maintain a high degree of conformity to the EU requirements

• Carry out operational routine security tasks (risk assessment, vulnerability assessment, intrusion detection, audit analysis)

The project will be implemented through a Twinning scheme for the institution building part and investment for the procurement of specialised information security IT equipment.

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a feasibility study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

**Project 2004/16762.07.06 - The development of university-based courses to strengthen Malta’s capacity in the field of translation**

The project aims at strengthening Malta’s capacity in the field of translation through the development of dedicated University-based courses. It will complement ongoing assistance being provided by the EC Commission’s Directorate General Translation for the development of a curriculum for a Masters degree in translation.

Transition Facility assistance will be provided to the University of Malta to procure of the necessary software to set up a terminology centre for the training of students and for the establishment of a glossary of Maltese terminology.

The project will be implemented through a technical assistance for the preparation of the glossary of Maltese terminology and investment for the procurement of specialised software.

The project activities will be closely coordinated with the assistance provided by the EC Commission’s Directorate General for Translation through other channels.

**Project 2004/16762.07.07 - The development of University-based courses to strengthen Malta’s capacity in the field of interpretation**

The project aims at strengthening Malta’s capacity in the field of interpretation by contributing to the development of dedicated University teaching capacity. It will complement ongoing assistance being provided by the EC Commission’s Directorate General for Interpretation for the provision of expert advice to the University of Malta to develop a
professional curriculum leading to a post graduate Masters in conference interpretation in line with EU standards.

Transition Facility assistance will be provided to the University of Malta to procure a fully equipped dedicated training room for interpretation.

The project will be implemented through a supply contract to procure the necessary equipment for the dedicated training room for interpretation within University of Malta.

The project activities will be closely coordinated with the assistance provided by the EC Commission’s Directorate General for Interpretation through other channels. During the 2004-05 academic year a first generation of interpreters will be trained elsewhere in the EU. Meanwhile preparations will be set in train to enable the University of Malta to run its own postgraduate course as from 2005, with support from the DG Interpretation and EP Interpreting Directorate. DG Interpretation will provide institution building support, through its technical assistance programme, for the establishment of interpretation curricula in the University of Malta. In particular it will provide curriculum advice, guiding the selection of course participants, training of trainers, giving teaching assistance, possibly awarding study bursaries and/or a small operating grant as of 2005 (as part of its general bursaries and grants schemes).

The implementation of the investment component is conditional upon the results of a need assessment study. The budget for this contract might be revised according to the results of the study. Any additional costs that might arise will have to be covered by national funds.

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| TOTAL                  | 2,233,000 | 9,567,000 | 11,800,000 |

* IB part provided through DG Interpretation technical assistance programme.

Co-financing for Institution Building projects is provided by the beneficiary bearing certain infrastructure and operational implementation costs, through financing the human and other resources, required for effective and efficient absorption of Transition Facility assistance.

Investments in small equipment must receive co-financing from national public funds. The Community contribution may amount to up to 75 % of the total eligible\(^1\) public expenditure.

6. **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

In the event that agreed commitments are not met for reasons which are within the control of the Government of Malta, the Commission may review the programme with a view, at the Commission’s discretion, to cancelling all or part of it and/or to reallocate unused funds for other purposes consistent with the objectives of the Transition Facility.

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