MALTA COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

German PRIMA Info-day
18th February 2020
Malta

- Size: 316sqkm
- Pop: 493,559
- 10th Smallest Country
- 5th most densely populated Country
- EU MS since 2004
- Euro since 2008
The Malta Council for Science & Technology

- Government advisory body established in 1988
- Responsible for National Strategy and Policy within R&I
- Management & administration of National R&I Programmes
- H2020 Unit
- Esplora (National Interactive Science Centre)

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Vision – R&I Strategy 2014-2020

Built on 3 Building Blocks:

**Smart, flexible specialisation**
Focus its resources on a set of priority niche areas selected on the basis of unique selling points and indigenous strengths.

**A comprehensive R&I support ecosystem**
Aids in achieving a knowledge based economy that would facilitate innovative ventures to take shape and flourish.

**Investing in a stronger knowledge base**
Close-to-market R&D and innovation by building capacity and excellence in the earlier stages of the R&D process.
Why a partner from Malta?

✓ smallest country participating in PRIMA but at the same time is very diverse – covers all topics;
✓ Easy to matchmake partners due to size
✓ Currently undersubscribed in PRIMA;
✓ MCST funds academic, research, private and public entities
✓ Good connection between North and South of the Med;
✓ proposal writing assistance scheme.
PRIMA Partner Search

• **Innovative satellite applications** for environmental data acquisition and processing and cross sector links with ICT
• **Shelf life technologies**
• **Innovative packaging techniques**
• **Small scale farming techniques**
• **Permaculture**
• **Food and water nexus**
• **Innovative bio-insecticides**
• Pomegranate, honey, olive, prickly pear and carob research
• **Water monitoring technologies**
Questions?

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