

# Project summary

## Full project title

**IMPLEMENTING MALTA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN COHERENTLY**

## Project title for communication to a wide audience

**ENHANCING POLICY COHERENCE APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MALTA**

## Summary

The project aimed to enable the transition from Malta's Sustainable Development Vision for 2050 to the Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS) and Action Plan and resulted in the development of targeted policy recommendations in multidimensional priority policy areas aligned to the SDS, namely a sustainable blue economy and regulatory impact assessment (RIA).

## Context

The Republic of Malta recently approved its national Sustainable Development Strategy for 2050 (SDS) in accordance with international commitments and is currently developing an Action Plan to operationalise the contents of the strategy. The OECD has provided support in identifying options for enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development to create an efficient policy and governance framework to achieve the SDS's objectives and goals. The project's contents respond to the objectives of the European Green Deal (2020) and the priorities of climate neutrality, preserving and restoring ecosystems, eliminating pollution, integrating sustainability in all European policies and enhancing research and innovation.

## Support delivered

In the inception phase of the project the OECD conducted desk research, interviews, and surveys, leading to the identification of the multidimensional priority policy areas. The OECD collaborated with the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour to conduct two sets of workshops, namely private-public sector workshops on mainstreaming sustainability in Malta's blue economy (in cooperation with Malta Enterprise and Stockholm Environment Institute) and trainings with the Office of the Prime Minister and line ministries on integrating sustainability into RIA. Based on the results of the research activity and the workshops, the OECD developed two guidance documents.



## Outputs achieved

The project led to:

- a. The selection of priority policy areas to pilot a policy coherence approach which can be replicated across policy sectors.
- b. The development of a blueprint for identifying interlinkages within and across policy sectors and for applying cluster approaches to enhance coherence between single sectoral strategies, between different sectors and between the sectoral clusters and national and international sustainable development objectives.
- c. The development of a step-by-step guidance for integrating sustainability and policy coherence into the existing framework for RIA.
- d. The development of a roadmap to strengthening the RIA process and adding a sustainability dimension.

## Mention of EU assistance

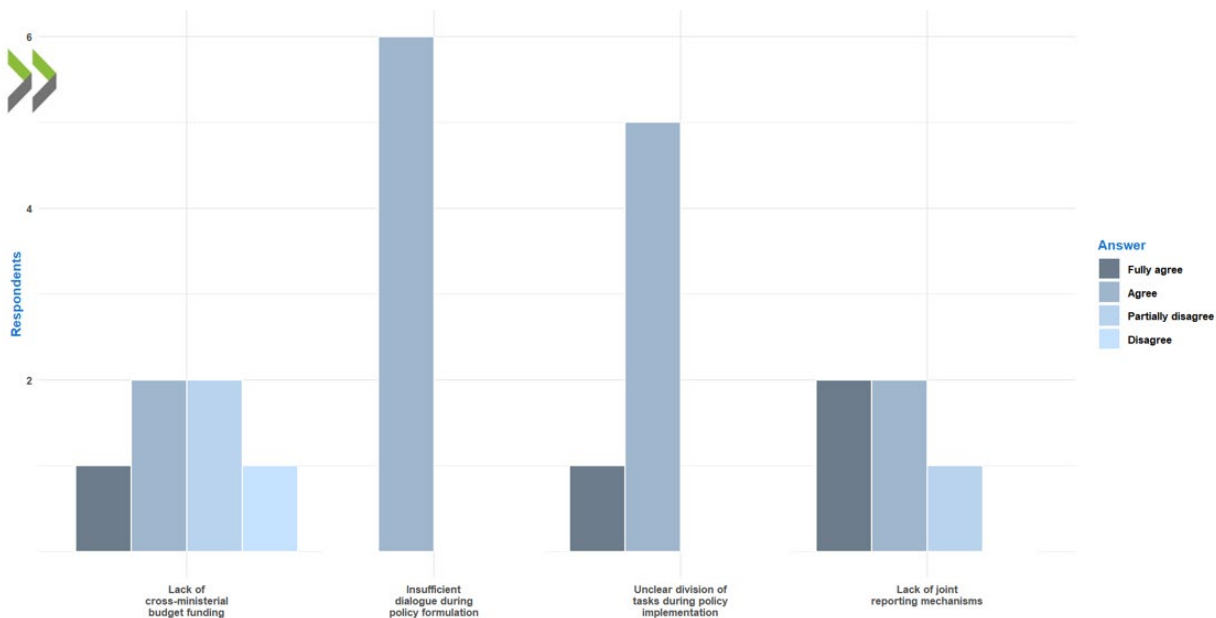
This project was carried out with funding by the European Union via the Technical Support Instrument and implemented by the OECD, in cooperation with the European Commission.

# Supporting visuals and links

## Visuals

### Infographics 1: Piloting a sustainable policy and governance framework for Malta's blue economy (Output 2)

#### Challenges to effective coordination across government

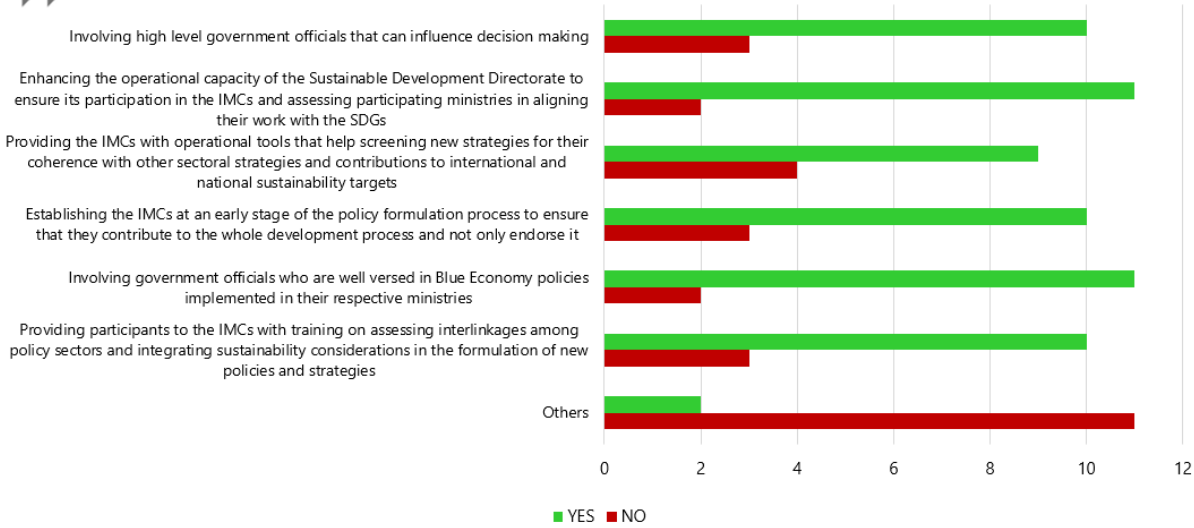


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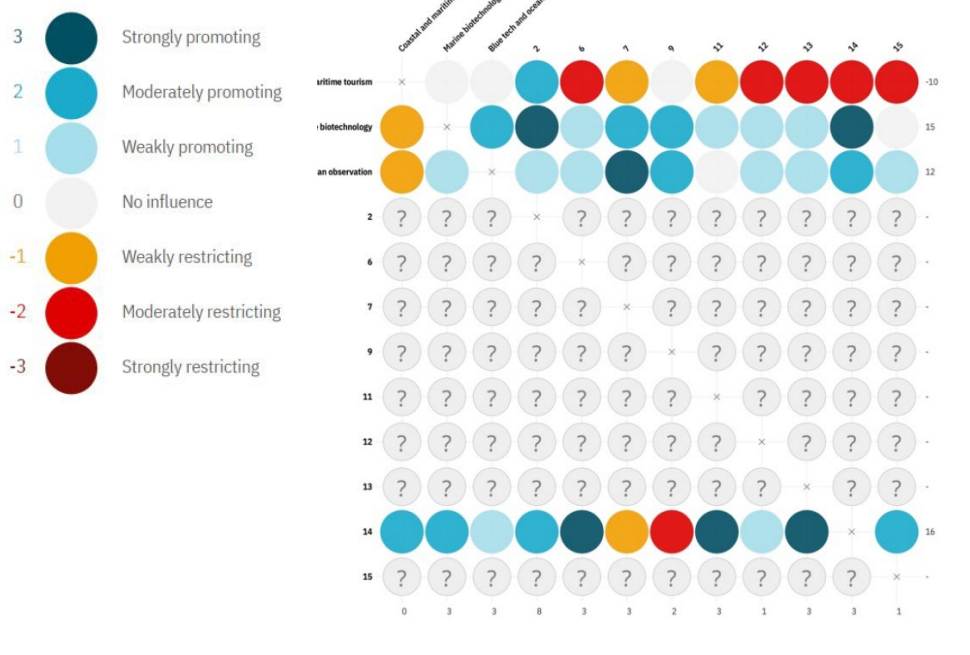


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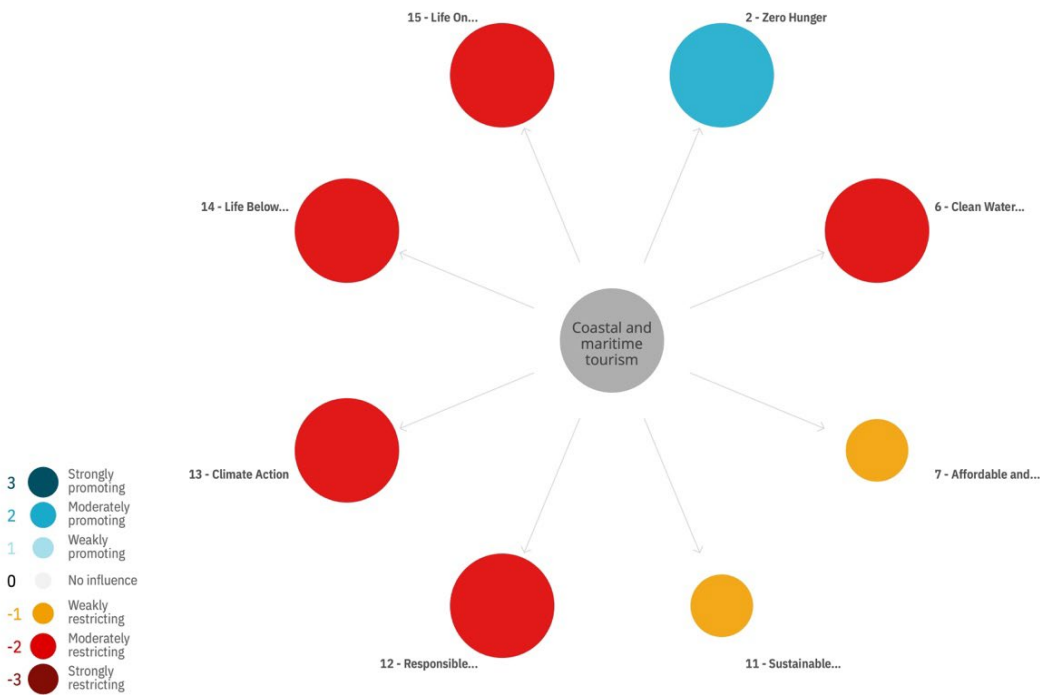


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## Tool support to assess, evaluate and visualize policy interactions



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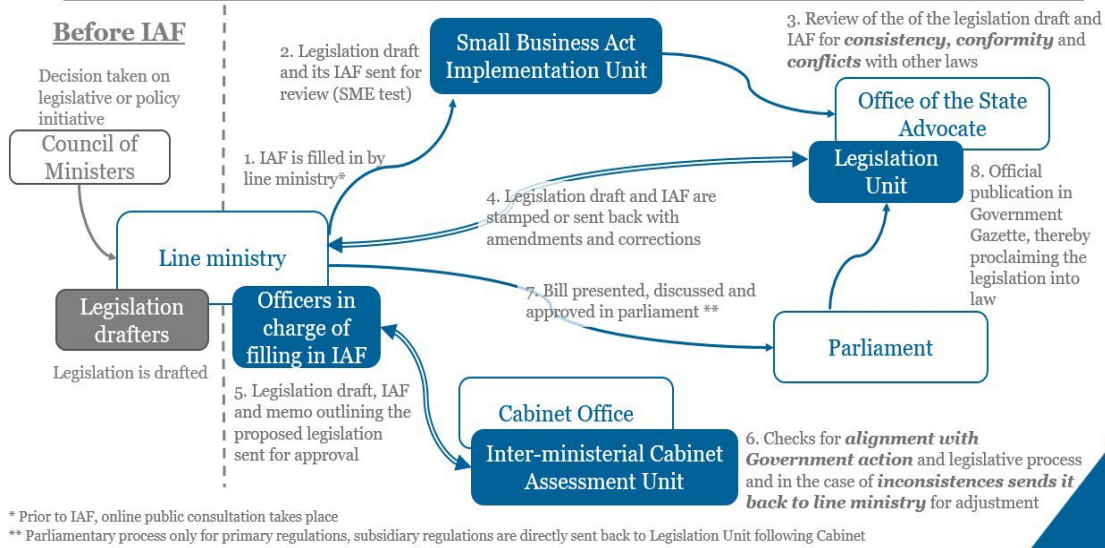
**Infographics 2: Guidance to consolidate the integration of Malta's Sustainable Development Strategy in the drafting and reviewing of legislative bills (Output 3)**



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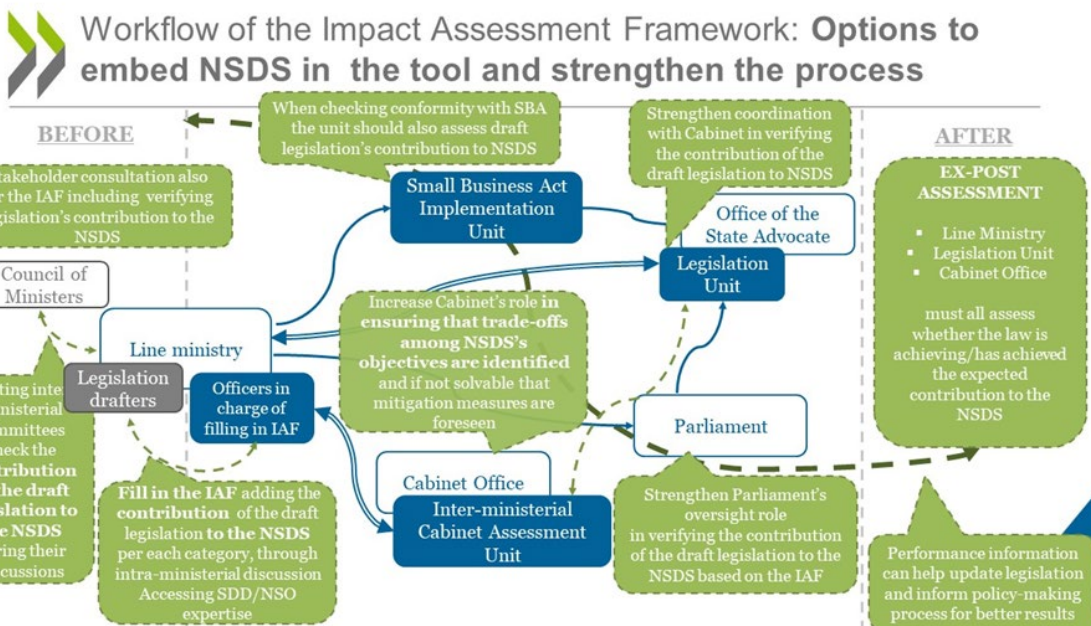
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Workflow of the Impact Assessment Framework: Options to embed NSDS in the tool and strengthen the process



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## Social media

- [PCSD OECD held a two-day, interactive private-public sector workshop](#)
- [The PCSD OECD team conducted a Training on broadening the existing impact assessment framework to test the impact of all new legislations on sustainable development goals](#)
- [Today Malta Enterprise launched the Blue Med initiative, bolstering sustainable blue economy development and innovation](#)
- [Carina Lindberg and Anna Piccinni presented ESDN - European Sustainable Development Network some practices observed through our country work with #italy #poland #romania #luxembourg and #malta](#)
- [Today the PCSD OECD team presents the initial findings from a 2 day field mission to support #malta in identifying institutional settings and policy actions in view of enhancing synergies across the sectors of sustainable blue economy](#)
- [Today PCSD OECD kicks-off the new @EU\\_reforms project "Implementing Malta's #Sustainable Development strategy and action plan coherently"](#)
- [Today PCSD OECD present results of the #Maltese Islands Governance Scan and Policy Framework with support from @EU\\_reforms](#)

## Useful links

[SDG Synergies](#)

[SDG Synergies – User manual](#)

[SDG Interlinkages Analysis and Visualisation Tool \(V4.0\)](#)

[iSDG Integrated Simulation Tool](#)

[NDC-SDG Connections](#)

[Symphony – a tool for ecosystem-based marine spatial planning](#)