



# MALTA COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

THE PRIMA TRAINING STRENGTHENING R&I CAPACITIES IN SEI  
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# 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

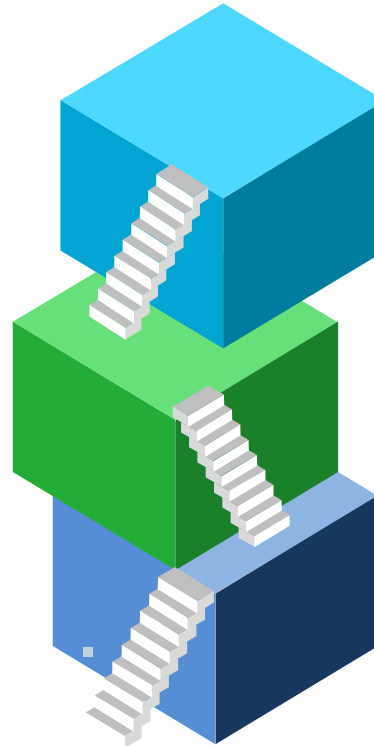
## Built on 3 Building Blocks:

### **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.

# Internationalisation Initiatives



# JPI OCEANS

Malta actively participates in JPI Oceans Board meetings and has secured its participation in three actions :

- MARTERA
- MICROPLASTICS
- BLUE BIOECONOMY





- PRIMA Initiative was negotiated under the MT Presidency between January & June 2017.
- Malta is involved in 2 projects:
  1. **SIMTAP** - The use of nature-based solutions for the treatment of agricultural wastewater aiming towards a water self-sufficient farm
  2. **ZEROPARASITC** – Innovative sustainable solutions for broomrapes: prevention and integrated pest management approaches to overcome parasitism in Mediterranean cropping systems.

#### Upcoming Events:

- 28th January 2020 – PRIMA INFO DAY



## PRIMA PARTNER SEARCH

Interested in the following areas for partnerships (*not limited to*):

- Beekeeping and bee health, innovative ways of monitoring beehives
- Honey production
- Production of carob based products
- Production of prickly pear products
- Agricultural by-products and extracts for the production of medical devices and cosmetic products
- Innovative satellite applications for environmental data acquisition and processing



# PARTNER SEARCH

- Facilitate search for partners
- Facilitate proposal writing
- 1-2-1 sessions for tailor made advice
- Info sessions
- Networking opportunities







- Web-based Platform for Mediterranean Research & Innovation aimed to:
  - Showcase talent and skills in R&I
  - Connect people with other individuals & organisations
  - Provide information on funding opportunities & events
- Plumtri serves as Malta's 'Open Science' platform
- Evolving to encompass the Mediterranean region

Register today on <https://www.plumtri.org/member/register>





# Questions?

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