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OBJECTIVES

The PSF Specific Support to Malta aims to provide external advice and operational recommendations on an Open Access policy to the country's authorities. The objective is to enable Malta to adopt a timely and effective path towards achieving European goals related to Open Access and bridging the gap with other leading Member States in this area.

SCOPE

The European landscape in the area of Open Access is rapidly evolving, with new developments in the relevant policy areas: such as the objective for Member States to have Open Access as the default option by 2020, and the recent advances on the European Open Science Cloud. Following the example of several Member States that have achieved significant progress in the area of Open Access Policy, Maltese authorities acknowledge the need for Malta to catch up in this regard in order to be at par with ongoing developments. To fulfil its commitment regarding the European objectives in this area, and taking into account the very particular country context, Malta requires specific expertise to assist it in developing a tailor-made Open Access policy within the set timeframe.

The following focus areas are specified:

- *Define the vision, goals and scope of the national Open Access policy.*
- *Clarify the requirements for implementing the Open Access policy, including the required infrastructure and resources to support it and ensure timely compliance.*

SCHEDULE

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| ● July 2019 | Kick-off meeting |
| ● October 2019 | 1st Country visit to Malta |
| ● December 2019 | 2nd Country visit to Malta |
| ● March/April 2020 | Final Dissemination event in Malta |