

MALTA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
and DIALOGUE FOUNDATION

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Where dialogue is possible!



ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



MRDDf is a registered non-governmental organisation in Malta focused on sustainable regional development and the promotion of social dialogue. The foundation is completely independent of any political party or organisation.

MRDDf seeks to address these issues in Malta by participating in transnational collaborative development projects, organising multi-stakeholder consultations, conducting research on issues of critical national, regional and social interests, and influencing policy making via active civic participation and dialogue. We strive to ensure that marginalised views and voices are heard and believe that facilitating discussions across geographical and cultural boundaries is vital to promoting equal opportunities to all.

Our work is guided by the cross-cutting principles of sustainable development, social dialogue and equal opportunities for all. The objectives of MRDDf therefore are to:

- Increase the knowledge of the need of sustainable regional development
- Participate in collaborative projects related to sustainable regional development, social dialogue and capacity building through transnational cooperation
- Enhance skills, learning and awareness for societal issues among the local population
- Promote innovation in the region
- Encourage active civic participation, social enterprise and corporate social responsibility
- Foster urban and rural regeneration and promote the regional infrastructure
- Actively engage in policy dialogue to promote development and dialogue in the region
- Maximise the benefits arising from EU Community initiatives and Programmes.

MRDDf was setup by Projects in Motion Ltd. (www.pim.com.mt) as part of its commitment and engagement to the community engage with local communities wherever they do business. For PiM, social investment is not an add-on to business activities, but at the heart of how it engages with the communities where its customers, employees and suppliers live. MRDD's activities are funded directly from PiM's corporate budgets and EU funding where possible.

OUR AIMS

Malta has a wealth of diversity in its people, but it is an asset we have yet to fully engage within the economic success of the region. Unlocking this potential offers the Mediterranean region new perspectives and new markets in an enlarged Europe. We want to offer equal opportunity for all as of right, but we also need to recognise the benefits for all of engaging the wider community. Together we intervene in key debates around sustainable regional development, social dialogue and active democratic reform and work to find solutions to problems that arise from phenomena like social imbalances and economic disorder.

The foundation's civil activism in regional development, social dialogue and policy-related areas is operationalised through various means which are implemented via concrete initiatives. These include:

- **Knowledge generation** through research and analysis, creation and management of data and information base.
- **Awareness raising** through dialogue, networking, information, dissemination and mobilising support of the civil society.
- **Policy influencing and capacity building**, at both national, regional and international level, by involving policymakers, stakeholders and the civil society in the dialogue process.

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