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**A new EU co-financed project implemented by NCPE
*VS/2010/0819 Gender Mainstreaming - in Practice***

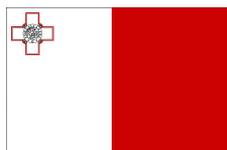
The National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) is currently implementing a new EU co-financed project entitled *VS/2010/0819 Gender Mainstreaming - in Practice*. This project is PROGRESS co-funded (2007-2013,) spanning over a year and a half and targets policy-makers, policy designers, policy implementers, key stakeholders and the general public. It aims to raise awareness on the need for gender mainstreaming of national policies and link these to the attainment of gender equality and empowerment on gender mainstreaming. It is a multi-fold endeavour which seeks to establish a network of persons within national Ministries empowered in implementing effective gender mainstreaming. The project focuses on providing on-the-job training for public officers across Ministries and will take advantage of their knowledge and experience to allow for better training.

Throughout the timeframe of the project there will be several activities, starting with a Symposium on Good Practices in Gender Mainstreaming. A substantial part of the project involves research, which will include two mapping studies and a gender impact assessment of four policies. The mapping studies will be carried out with public employees and with stakeholders with regards to policy-making and gender mainstreaming.

This project will also produce a number of tools, including a Gender Mainstreaming Checklist in Infrastructure Projects, a Step-by-Step Guide for Gender Impact Assessments, a Checklist for Gender Impact Assessment of Government Action, and a Factsheet on Gender Mainstreaming.

For further information please contact NCPE on equality@gov.mt or 2590 3850.

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