

Information Session Event

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PROMOTING R&I

in Health, Green & Blue Transitions and
Digital Technologies



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Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China



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The Internationalisation Unit (IU)



Aims and Objectives

- The main aim of the internationalisation unit is to **strengthen international R&I collaboration amongst local and foreign researchers and stakeholders**
- The Unit implements regional and international funding programmes, using national funds, aimed at the local R&I stakeholder community



Internationalisation Programmes

Bilateral Programmes



MCST TÜBİTAK 2024
JOINT CALL FOR R&I PROPOSALS

- SINO-MALTA Fund
- MCST-TÜBİTAK

Multilateral Programmes



- PRIMA
- JPI Oceans



- Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP)
- Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP)
- Transforming Health Care System Partnership (THCS)

Background

SINO-MALTA Fund Call for Proposals for Science and Technology Cooperation is carried out based on the agreements by the Joint Commission on Science and Technology. MCST and the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China (MOST) were nominated as the implementing agencies for cooperation.

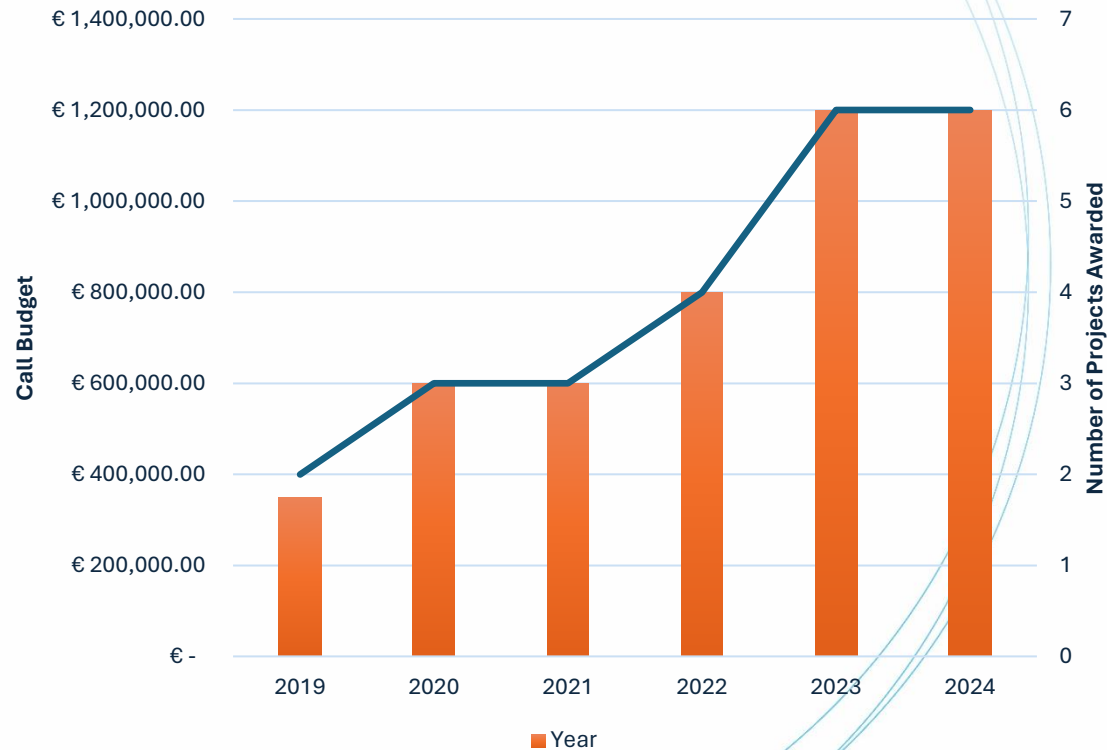
Main objectives of the SINO-MALTA Fund:

- Intensify scientific collaboration
- Strengthen R&D activities
- Technology transfer
- Long-term cooperation through researcher mobility and networking
- Generate mutual-beneficial and win-win research.



Projects Awarded

SINO-MALTA Fund Call Budgets 2019 to date



QR Code to view all SINO-MALTA awarded projects below.



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Regulations: *de minimis* aid General Block Exemption Regulation

Open Calls

Research & Innovation Unit

[Digital Technologies Programme](#) (📅 5 June 2024)

[Research Networking Scheme](#) (📅 Ongoing)

Horizon Europe Support Schemes

[Postdoctoral Fellowship Training Scheme for Incoming Postdocs to Malta \(PF2MT\)](#) (📅 7 June 2024)

[ERC Support Scheme](#) (📅 ongoing)

[EIC Support Scheme](#) (📅 ongoing)

[Horizon Europe Networking Scheme \(NET2HE\)](#) (📅 ongoing)

[Horizon Internationalisation Partnership Awards Scheme \(HIPAS\)](#) (📅 ongoing)

Internationalisation Unit

[MCST-TUBITAK 2024 Joint Call for R&I Proposals](#) (📅 14 June 2024)

[Science and Technology Cooperation \(SINO-MALTA Fund\)](#) (📅 19 July 2024)

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2024 Call Research Areas

1. Health, with a focus on:

- Cancer,
- Cellular therapy,
- Drug development,
- Traditional Chinese Medicine,
- Digital tools to support healthcare

2. Green and Blue Economy Transitions, with a focus on:

- Renewable energy,
- Sustainable mobility,
- Smart manufacturing,
- Marine and Maritime technologies.

3. Digital technologies:

- Digital technologies may remain general as a theme,
- Digital technologies as a cross-cutting theme may be equally supported.

SINO-MALTA 2024 is a **BOTTOM UP Call!



CALL DETAILS

Consortium
Composition

- At least one Malta-based entity
- At least one China-based entity

Submission /
National Rules

- Malta-based entities - MCST
- China-based entities – MOST

Type of Projects

- Research Projects (low TRL/TRL level 1)
- Research, Development and Innovation Projects (high TRL/TRL level 7)

Call Budget

- The National Budget for this Call is of €1,200,000.
- Maximum requested budget, for Maltese partners in a consortium, is up to €200,000.



CALL DETAILS

Submission
Deadline for
Malta-based
entities

- 19th July 2024 – One Stage Call

Project Duration

- 24 months

Scientific
Evaluation

- Scientific / Technological Excellence
- Methodology
- Project management
- Importance of International Collaboration
- Impact



National Considerations

Eligible Entities

Eligible Entities must be registered in Malta or must have an operating base in Malta

Limited Liability Company

Partnerships

Non-profit making Organisations

Voluntary Organisations

Professional Bodies

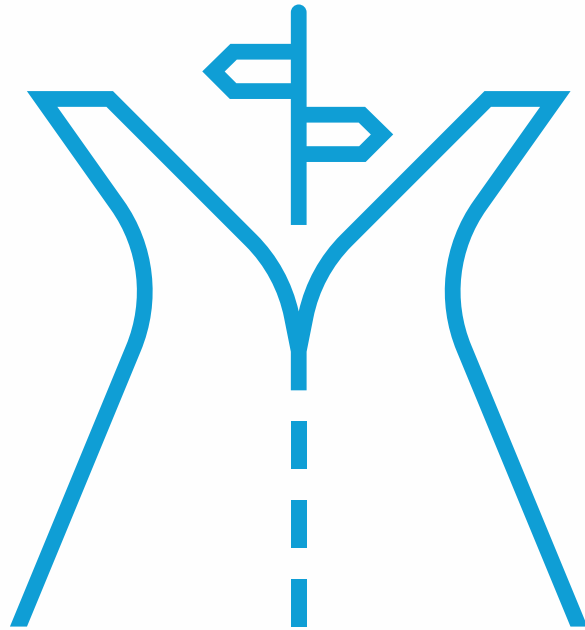
Cooperatives

Public entities

Research & Knowledge-Dissemination Organisations



Funding Modalities



Depends on the nature of the eligible entity and R&I activities undertaken by the applicant

Non-Economic Entities

Economic Entities

Requested funding – Up to 100%

de minimis

General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)

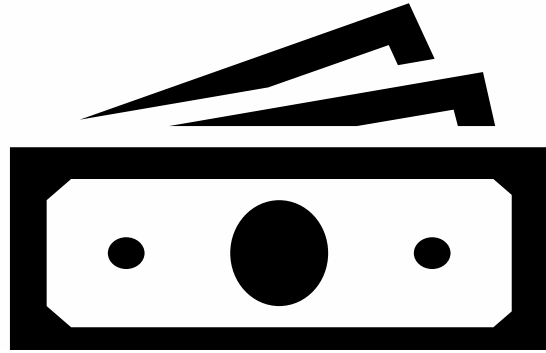
Aid Intensity

Economic entity	<i>de minimis</i> *	GBER
Requested funding	Up to 75%	Up to 60%
Own contribution	Remainder % (not in-kind)	Remainder % (not in-kind)

*Capping of € 300,000 over 3 years

Aid Intensity	Undertaking Size		Extra funding for projects prioritizing Effective Collaboration &/or Wide Dissemination &/or making licences available
	Small	Medium	
25%	+ 20%	+ 10%	+ 15%
	+ 10%	+ 0%	
	+ 0%		

Eligible Costs



Personnel

**Specialised
Equipment &
Consumables**

Subcontracting

**Costs of IP and
Knowledge
Transfer
activities**

**Travel &
Subsistence**

**Overheads and
Other Operating
Expenses**

Personnel

Non-economic / *de minimis* / GBER

- Project Management – up to 10% of the project value
- Maximum of 1720 hours p.a.
- Hourly rates specified in national rules

(Student stipends EUR 6,000-8,000 per annum, part time students are eligible on pro-rata basis).

$\text{€z} = (\text{gross basic salary} + \text{allowances}) / \text{yearly workable hours of the employee.}$

Role in Project	Hourly rates in 2024	Hourly rates in 2025	Hourly rates in 2026	Limits per project
Management or equivalent	Up to €55.13/hour	Up to €57.89/hour	Up to €60.78/hour	Max 2 per project
Senior Researcher ² or equivalent	Up to €38.86/hour	Up to €40.80/hour	Up to €42.84/hour	Max 2 per project
Researcher ³ or equivalent	Up to €27.84/hour	Up to €29.23/hour	Up to €30.69/hour	No limits
Operational, technician, research support assistant or equivalent	Up to €15.27/hour	Up to €16.03/hour	Up to €16.83/hour	No limits

² The term 'senior researcher' is to be used for a postdoctoral researcher with a specialist and high level of local and international experience in the field. Individuals possessing a high level of experience in industry can still be considered.

³ The term 'researcher' is to be used for a Bachelor's, Master's or a Ph.D. degree holder and hence the hourly rate should be equivalent to the degree held by the relevant individual

Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Consumables

Non-economic / *de minimis*

- Cost to purchase/lease specialised equipment.
- Cost of research consumables should not exceed 30% of the project value.

GBER

- Depreciation costs of specialised equipment for the extent and period used for the project. *To be verified by a certified public accountant.*
- Cost of specialised equipment is only eligible if the lifetime of the equipment is equal to the lifetime of the project.
- Cost of research consumables should not exceed 30% of the project value.



Travel and Subsistence

Non-economic/ *de minimis*

- Max. of 2 persons per meeting/event
- Economy flights, and public transport (most economic solutions) and *per diems* for up to 14 days in a row

GBER

- Travel costs and subsistence are not eligible



Subcontracted activities

Non-economic/*de minimis* / GBER

- Allowed up to 25% of the project value
- Must follow fair procurement procedures
- *To be discussed with the Call Manager at application stage*



IP and Knowledge Transfer activities

Non-economic/*de minimis* / GBER

- Costs of knowledge transfer activities and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions.
- *To be discussed with the Call Manager at application stage*



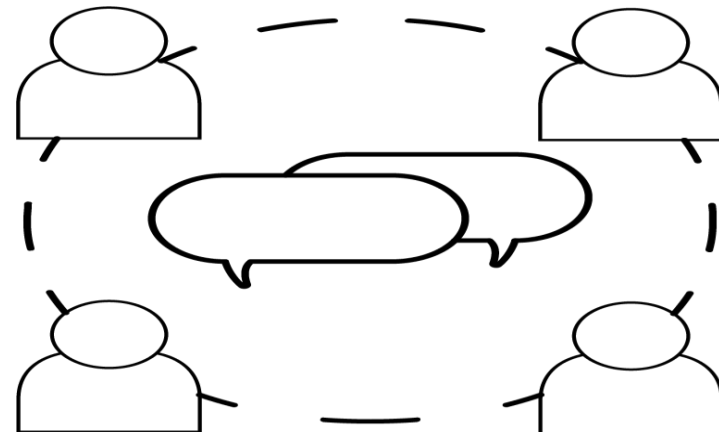
Overheads & other Operating Expenses

Non-economic / *de minimis* / GBER

- Other operating expenses incurred directly as a result of the project
- These are covered at 20% of direct eligible costs



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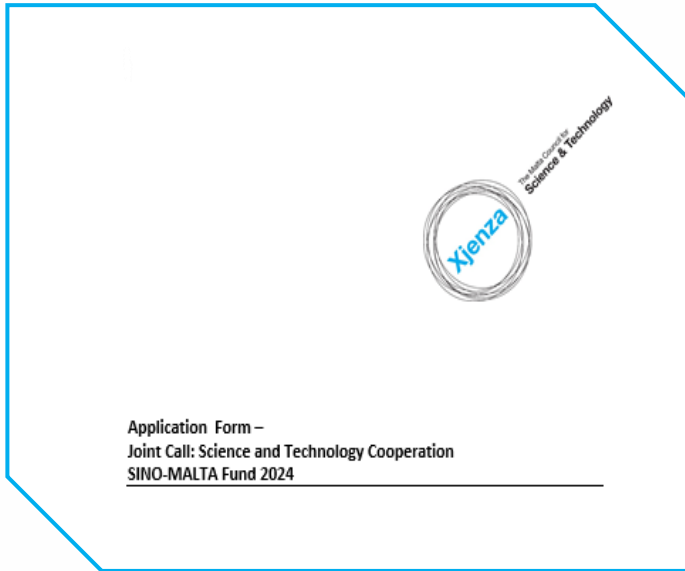


Ineligible costs

1. Expenses related to loans, interest etc.
2. Expenses which are recoverable through other funding mechanisms
3. Re-purchase of the same equipment originally procured through other funding mechanisms
4. Purchase and/or leasing of equipment and services from partners or their subsidiaries
5. Standard office equipment
6. Personnel hours for travelling
7. Any other costs that are not listed as eligible costs in the National Rules.



Submission Documents



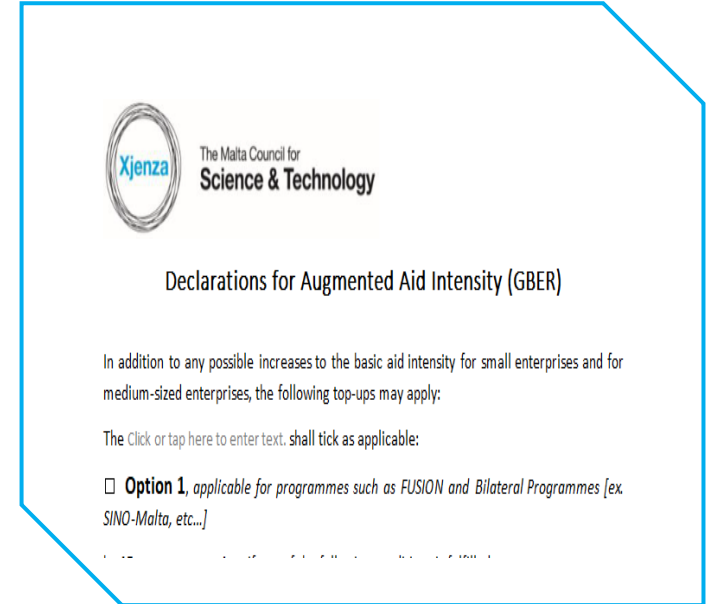
Application Form:

- Malta based PI/Lead Applicant to MCST



Cooperation and IP Agreement:

- Malta-based PI / Lead Applicant to MCST



Relevant Annexes:

Malta based PI / Lead Applicant to MCST

Submission Documents – Attachments

Attachments	Public entities	Public RKDOs	de minimis	GBER
de minimis Form			X	
Enterprise Size Declaration Form & Undertaking in Difficulty				X
Declarations for Augmented Aid Intensity				X
Audited financial statements (last 3 years)*			X	X
Public entities (not RKDOs)	X			
Public RKDOs		X		
Detailed Budget Breakdown Form	X	X	X	X

- Each Malta-based partner in a local consortium must submit Annexes.
- **To be submitted by Principal Investigator or directly by partners within a local consortium.**

**start-ups that do not have the above documents available, please provide financial projections for three (3) years signed by an auditor*

Submission Documents – Attachments

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▲ State Aid GBER Applicants:

- Enterprise Size Declaration Form & Undertaking in Difficulty
- Budget Breakdown Form
- Declarations for Augmented Aid Intensity (GBER)

▲ State Aid DeMinimis Applicants:

- 2024 General de minimis State aid Declaration_EN
- Budget Breakdown Form

▲ Non-state Aid Applicants:

- Public entities not Research Knowledge Dissemination Organisation (non-RKDO)
- Public Research Knowledge Dissemination Organisation (RKDO)
- Budget Breakdown Form

▲ General Documentation and Reading material:

- Additional Declarations (To Be Included in App Form)
- Scientific Areas as Specific Areas of Research

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Submission Process



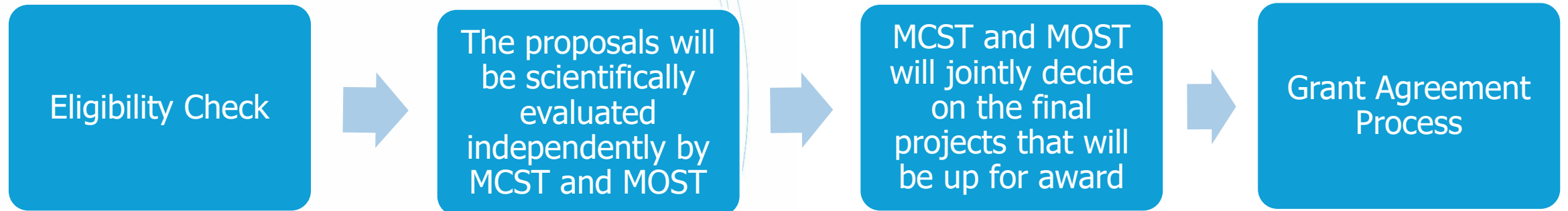
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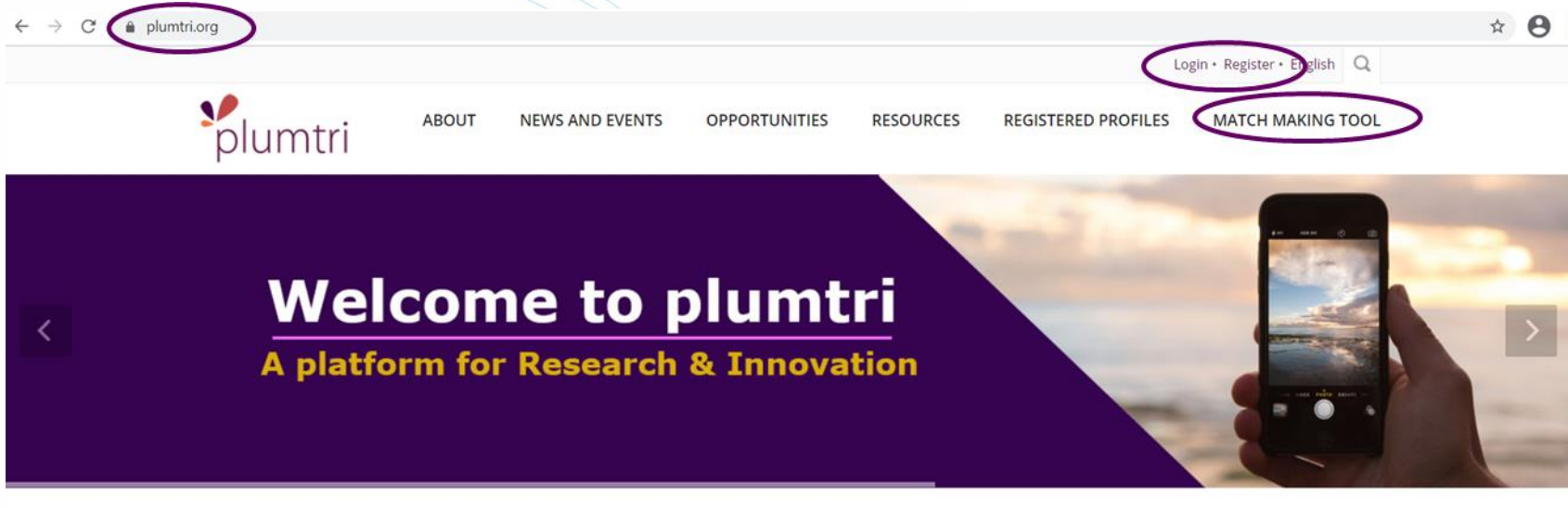
Deadline: 19th July 2024 23:59 CET

Submission/Query Email Subject: SINO-MALTA Final 2024-
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Submission Process





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- ✓ Latest News and Events
- ✓ Funding and Work Opportunities in R&I
- ✓ Facilitate networking amongst Mediterranean R&I community
- ✓ Partner Search Facility
- ✓ Matchmaking Tool



Thank you for your attention.

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Any potential queries regarding the Applications process



Organise One-to-One sessions for tailor-made advice

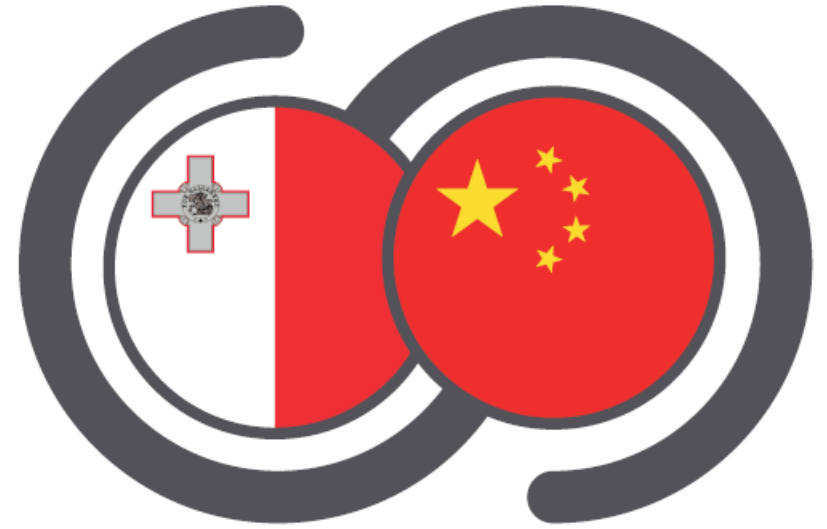


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