

### Addressing Poverty TOGETHER

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**Poverty** is a complex societal issue.

It is a multifaceted **concept**, which include social, economic, and political elements.

The best way to tackle/eradicate poverty is through

Empowerment - Ενδυνάμωση

EDUCATION / EMPLOYMENT / WELFARE SERVICES

Εκπαίδευση Απασχόληση κοινωνική πρόνοια

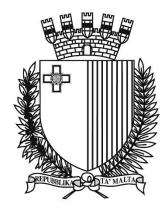
## EU Fighting poverty and exclusion A strong social Europe (Com 2020)

Living a life in dignity means getting the support needed to look for a job, being able to access affordable and quality health care, decent opportunities for education and training, affordable housing and affordable access to essential goods and services, including water, energy, transport and digital communications.

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#### FEAD IN MALTA





Project being led by the Ministry for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity



**Foundation for Social Welfare Services** 

Partner Organisation – availing of the expertise and experience gained from an ESF project LEAP (2015-2016), and fully mainstreamed into a new Agency focusing specifically on community work – reaching out to the most deprived

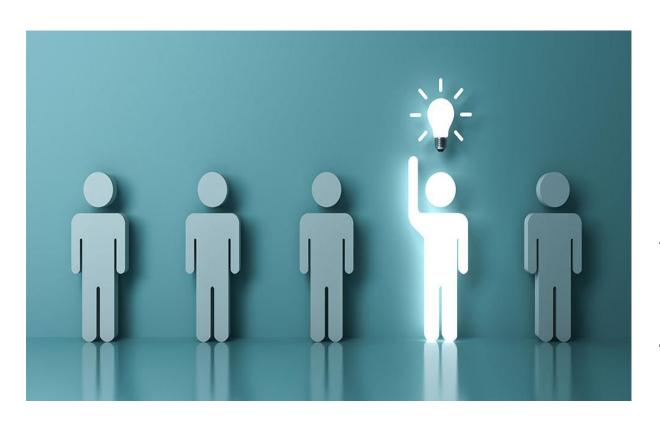
The food package is our first contact!
The follow-up is what greatly matters



MAIN
OBJECTIVE:
Independence
of benefits



#### Innovative ways to tackle poverty



If we do not fall in love with the process we will never owe the results!

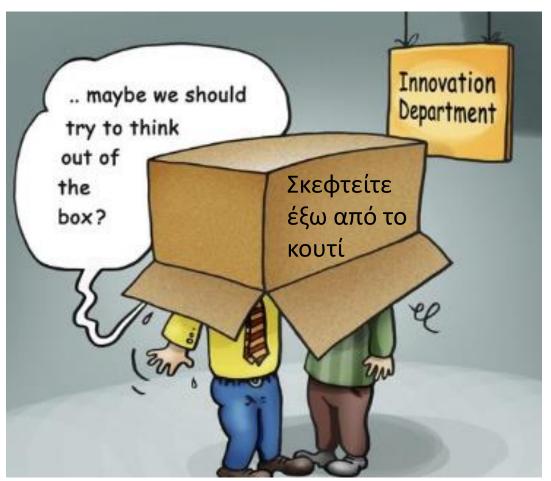
Αν δεν ερωτευτείτε με τη διαδικασία δεν θα χρωστάμε ποτέ τα αποτελέσματα!

Καινοτόμες μέθοδοι για την αντιμετώπιση της φτώχειας

### Practical solutions to tackle poverty... ...we need to focus



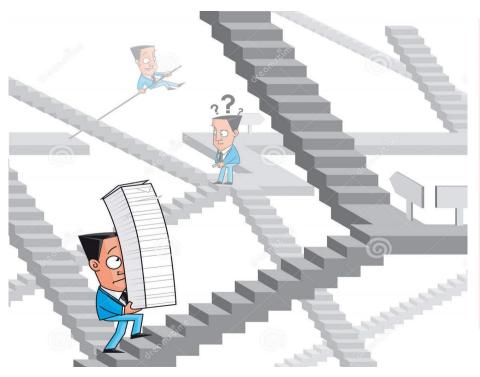
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# Challenging institutions and bureaucracy

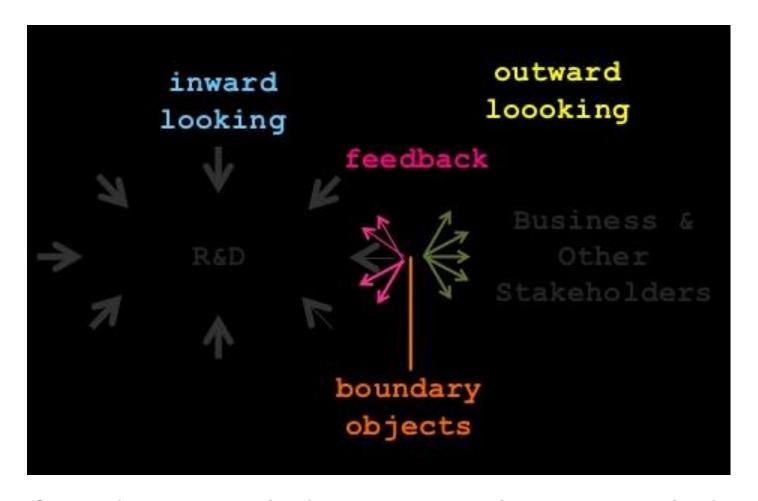
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Γραφειοκρατία





#### Outward looking - Εξωτερική κοιτάζοντας



If we do not explode innovatively – we implode Αν δεν εκραγούμε καινοτομτικά – γκρεμιστεί





### GOOD PRACTICE

καλή πρακτική



Values ethics

αξίες και ηθική

#### Συνεργασία

#### Collaboration

over 90 Maltese stakeholders working together and reaching out to the most vulnerable





#### Traditional accompanying

**measures**Nutrition & Health Information

**Healthy Eating** 

Cooking on a Budget

**Household Budgeting** 

**Positive Parenting** 









Consent sought and visits carried out to over 3,200 FEAD families. Family profiles/ SWOT analysis compiled and recommendations offered.

8,870 FEAD family members profiled.

Over 18,000 profiles carried out Disability; FEAD; Housing Authority; Local Banks; Water & Energy Agency.

#### **AREAS COVERED**

Demographic

Educational

Family Structure

Skills / competences

Assistance required

# Causes of Poverty (outcome from profile)





- Mismanagement of limited funds (HOME VISITS budgeting)
- Dwelling Rental expenses (Bank loan schemes Housing Authority profile)
- Family Planning Impacts
- Illnesses / Disability within the family
- Lack of family planning / single parents (Positive parenting courses)
- Benefit Trap (Close collaboration with Social Security Services)



- Past criminal activities / conduct (LEAP2Enterprise Scheme)
- Addictions (gambling, alcohol & drugs)



#### Accompanying measures

PROFILING – knowing clients (as much as possible)

Collaboration with major stakeholders

Ministries / Government entities / NGOs

- Water & Energy Agency white goods' exchange
- MaltaEnterprise 9 referred €25K grants
- Education & Employment institutions
- Social Security Department
- Housing Authority profiling
- Banks Loan schemes 10% initial waiver
- National Literacy Agency book distribution / courses



#### 5 Innovative accompanying measures



white goods' exchange profile / home visits — follow-up







Assist vulnerable individuals in setting up their own sustainable, income-generating business activities.

90 Banks Loan given - up to Euro120,000 without Housing Authority need to pay 10% down payment- buying instead of leasing -Over 900 cases being processed.



book distribution during

FEAD collection / courses



### **Community Work Operational Strategy**



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1<sup>st</sup> Stage

- Drop-in service
- FEAD / SFFD Distribution to the most deprived
- Home Visit consent obtained through FEAD or SFFD distribution

2<sup>nd</sup> Stage

- Key worker assigned to family
- Profiling exercise with each family member
- Introducing Governments benefits, schemes and programmes

3<sup>rd</sup> Stage

- FEAD Accompany measures
- Encouraging those with a high employment readiness to seek employment
- Assisting the clients with their basic necessities such as children's after school care etc
- Refer clients to other agencies or service providers
- Conduct empowerment workshops and activities
- Continuous contact and support to our clients during and after all of the above stages.

4<sup>th</sup> Stage

#### SOCIAL CAPITAL - Κοινωνικό κεφάλαιο

The assets we possess by virtue of the **social** relations that we develop and maintain, and the shared values which arise from those networks, **make** up **social capital**.

It is the network of relationships among people who live and work in a particular society, enabling that society to function effectively.

We should never cease to invest in social capital Δεν πρέπει ποτέ να σταματήσουμε να επενδύουμε σε κοινωνικό κεφάλαιο



#### Back to basics

The best accompanying measures are:

our positive + attitude, personal

approach and mutual trust!

It's all pedagogical!

#### πίσω στα βασικά

Τα καλύτερα συνοδευτικά μέτρα είναι: η θετική + μας στάση, η προσωπική μας προσέγγιση και η αμοιβαία εμπιστοσύνη! Είναι όλα παιδαγωγικά!

