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BUILDING OF REGULATORY CAPACITIES AT THE MALTA TRANSPORT AUTHORITY

Summary Report

Project Name: **Assistance in Public Transport Reform:
Building of Regulatory Capacities at the Malta Transport Authority**
Project Ref No: **TP MLT 01**
Beneficiary State: **Malta**
Beneficiary Institution: **Malta Transport Authority**
Service Provider: **Land Transport Authority (LTA) of Singapore**

1. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The main objective of the twinning project was the writing of a technical report aimed at building the necessary regulatory capacities at the Malta Transport Authority in line with the Public Transport Reform document as published by Government of Malta in July 2008. An ancillary objective was the transfer of knowledge in the regulatory functions of Government with respect to Public Transport Modes.

Other objectives included gaining experience by Maltese officials of efficient modes of public transport, currently not in place in Malta; identifying and drawing up the structure of a number of specific sectors within Government to support public transport; to develop a long-term relationship between the Malta Transport Authority and the Land Transport Authority of Singapore with respect to exchange of information and training requirements.

2. PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- Between 15-21 February, 2 officials identified by the Malta Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications visited Singapore to gain first hand experience of the regulatory system in Singapore. On the basis of their findings, they wrote a technical report on lessons that can be learnt by the Beneficiary Institution relating to systems and procedures in place in Singapore.
- On 9th April 2009, the Final Administrative Report of the Project was submitted to the Network.
- On 24th April 2009, an advert was placed on the Maltese press summarising the project.
- On the 25th May 2009, Dr Maria Attard submitted the technical report to the SSNED, after consultation with the LTA of Singapore and after considering the review of the report by Professor Phil Charles of Centre for Transport Strategy, the University of Queensland.
- On 7th July 2009 the Technical Report was officially presented to Honourable Austin Gatt by Mr David Pulis, Administrator of the SSNED.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA

In a letter dated 29th April 2009, Mr Emanuel Delia, Head, Minister's Secretariat for the Ministry of Infrastructure, Transport and Communications, on behalf of the government Malta, thanked the SSNED for providing the necessary funding for the twinning project to take place.

He was pleased to state that the twinning project had provided well-needed knowledge support in institutional building and transfer of knowledge in the regulatory functions of Government with respect to public transport modes. This led to the government of Malta to gain experience of other, more efficient modes of public transport, currently in place in Singapore, to draw up a structure of sectors within Government to support public transport, and to develop a long-term relationship between Singapore and Malta, with respect to exchange of information and training requirements. Mr Delia added that the project was also conducive towards helping the Malta Transport Authority in implementing the reforms that are expected to take place in the Maltese public transport in the very near future. Mr Delia concluded his letter by congratulating the Network and the service provider for the very important initiative and looked forward to further collaboration with the SSNED.

OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT

Beneficiary State Ministry Focal Point: Mr Emanuel Delia,
Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications

BS Project Leader (BS-PL): Dr Maria Attard

(appointed by the Malta Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications)

Malta Transport Authority, Floriana, Malta.

Responsibilities: To visit Singapore for 1 week in order to gain first hand experience of the regulatory system in Singapore; to act as counterpart to the Technical Advisor and to write a technical report relating on systems and procedures in place in Singapore with lessons that can be learnt by the Malta Transport Authority; to monitor the progress of the Project on behalf of the Beneficiary Institution.

Project Manager (BS-PM): Ms Claire Brincat

(appointed by the Malta Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications) Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications, 111, Palazzo Verdellin, Archbishop Street, Valletta.

Responsibilities: to manage the Project on behalf of the Beneficiary Institution; to write three administrative reports, at the inception stage, mid-way through the project and at the end of the project; to collaborate with the Technical Advisor in drawing up the technical report.

THE SERVICE PROVIDER

Institution: Land Transport Authority of Singapore

Project Leader (SP-PL): Mr Loh Chow Kuang

Deputy Director, LTA Academy, Land Transport Authority, No. 1 Hampshire Road, Singapore 219428, Singapore.

Responsibilities: to monitor the services offered by the LTA, including the services of the Twinning Advisor; to liaise with the Project Leader in Malta; to draw up a programme for the 5 day visit by 2 Maltese public officers; to ensure that accommodation and logistics for the visit of the Maltese public officers as required and to liaise with the BS-PL and BS-PM in this regard.

The Technical Advisor (TA): Ms Maria Chow

Group Director, Special Duties, Land Transport Authority, No. 1 Hampshire Road, Singapore 219428, Singapore.

Responsibilities: to provide expertise in the area of public transport, and policies relating to the implementation of regulatory requirements; to collaborate with the Project Leader in drawing up the technical report.