



**SIMBIOTIC PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, MSIDA, MALTA
25/05/2011 – 27/05/2011**

Day 1

WP5 Dialogue for integrated planning and policy

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Characteristics of the Island

Gozo is a very small island with a very high population density. Like all small islands, it faces a difficult and fragile economic scenario. There is always a difficult balance to achieve between Economic Development on one side and the protection of the environment and the rural characteristics on the other. Unemployment remains higher than the National Average, and the island experiences a flow of human resources to the mainland in search of better employment prospects. Agriculture also faces inherent problems related to small size and economies of scale.



The Ministry for Gozo

The mission of the Ministry for Gozo is to improve the quality of life in Gozo while protecting and improving the cultural, social and environmental characteristics of the island. The Ministry is headed by a Government Minister and is responsible for the administration of the island, with responsibilities ranging from Capital Projects, Health, Education, Economy, Tourism and Investment, the Environment, Sustainable Development, Regional Development and others.



Eco-Gozo

During this legislature, Government launched an ambitious Sustainable Development target for Gozo – called the Eco-Gozo or Eco-Island project. It is essentially a Local Sustainable Development Strategy for Gozo with an investment of € 25 million (excluding EU and other external funding).

Implementation entrusted to the Ministry for Gozo through the Eco-Gozo Regional Development Directorate.

More information from www.eco-gozo.com



SIMBIOTIC – GOZO ACTIVITIES

In the context of SIMBIOTIC, the Ministry for Gozo is directly responsible for 3 actions related to workshops and restoration projects

Project Leader – Mr David Dandria

Project Administrator – Ms Janice Camilleri

Total project budget - € 165,209

Additional Financing - € 160,000



SIMBIOTIC – WP5

WP5. Dialogue for integrated planning and policy

Analysis of current planning and policy mechanisms and provide recommendations **(LP)**

Develop improved landscape management guidelines for decision makers **(LP)**

Specialist stakeholder involvement workshops on landscape connectivity restoration and sustainable use of environmental resources **(PP4)**

Transboundary information and harmonization workshops for decision-makers **(PP2)**



WP5 - DIALOGUE FOR INTEGRATED PLANNING AND POLICY

SIMBIOTIC – WP5 Indicators

WP 5	Planning and policy informant interview reports reviewing issues and practices relevant to landscape connectivity and conservation	Report on planning and policy issues and practices relevant to landscape connectivity and conservation	2
	Guidelines for improved landscape management for decision makers	Number of guidelines for improved landscape management	2
	Specialist stakeholder sensitization workshop reports	Number of specialist stakeholder workshop reports	4
	Regional transboundary stakeholder workshop reports	Number of regional transboundary workshop reports	2



SIMBIOTIC – Gozo Activities

WP 2

2.6 – Stakeholder Sensitisation Workshops to promote local participation

Outputs: Stakeholder workshop reports

Proposed actors: Policymakers, involved stakeholders, agricultural community, Environmental NGO's, Academia

Mode of approach: Ministry PR channels, Mailing lists, Government Internal communications network, Media releases

Exposure of the pilot actions taken at the Research Centre in Gozo



SIMBIOTIC – Gozo Activities

WP 4

4.3 – Pilot assisted vegetation succession at Gozo Experimental Farm (Research Centre)

Outputs: Restoration Project, Report on restoration action

Mode of approach: Design of restoration plan

Design of planting scheme

Site preparation and irrigation planning

Intervention and post-planting management

Drafting of Report



SIMBIOTIC – Gozo Activities

WP 5

5.4 – Transboundary Information and harmonisation workshops for decision-makers

Outputs: Workshop reports

Identification of relevant actors.

Mode of approach: Government Internal communications network,
Personal contacts (MGOZ, UoM), Media releases

Exposure of the pilot actions taken at the Research Centre in Gozo

Exposure of pilot actions taken on other Government-owned and private
land





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