

Table 1. Description of the measure taken and information on their qualitative impact

Information of the planned and already enacted measures											
CSR number (1)	CSR sub-categories (2)	Number and short title of the measure (3)	Description of main measures of direct relevance to address the CSRs					Europe 2020 targets	Challenges/Risks	Budgetary implications	Foreseen Impacts
			Main policy objectives and relevance for CSR (4)	Description of the measure (5)	Legal/administrative instruments (6)	Timetable on progress achieved in the last 12 months (7)	Timetable on upcoming steps (8)	Estimated contribution to Europe 2020 targets (9)	Specific challenges/risks in implementing the measures (10)	Overall and yearly change in government revenue and expenditure (reported in mln. national currency) Contribution of EU funds (source and amounts) (11)	Qualitative description of foreseen impacts and their timing (12)
CSR 1	Expand the scope of the ongoing spending reviews to the broader public sector and introduce performance-based public spending.	Measure 1 – Review of ministerial spending allocations	The Government is committed to keeping Government expenditure in check including by improving efficiency in public spending.	<p>The Government Spending Reviews are ongoing to ensure the achievement of improved efficiency and effectiveness in public spending, reduce waste and ensure value for money.</p> <p>This should ensure that spending reflects changing priorities and changing needs.</p>	Budget Implementation Act and accompanying legislation.	<p>The Financial Estimates now provide projections for the medium-term so that each Ministry will have a planning total in submitting their spending plans for subsequent years.</p> <p>In 2014, the Comprehensive Spending Review covered the Department for Social Security. In 2015, the Comprehensive Spending Review was focused at the Mater Dei Hospital while in 2016, it focused on education. A senior management team is meeting at the Ministry for Education and Employment to deal with the recommendations of the Education Comprehensive Spending Review.</p> <p>From April to June 2017 the Comprehensive Spending Review programme focused on the Ministry for Health itself, Primary Care Services, Pharmacy of Your Choice (POYC) and the Contracts Procurement Services Unit (CPSU).</p> <p>The Spending Reviews at Primary Care and POYC were completed in July 2017.</p> <p>The major recommendation for Primary Care was that more functions can be transferred from Mater Dei to Primary Care which would reduce costs and waiting lists at Mater Dei. The Report recommended that more cardiology patients can be seen at Primary Care and also better use can be made of Physiotherapy Departments at Primary Care rather than patients going to Mater Dei.</p> <p>The major recommendation at POYC was the review of prescription drugs. There are 148,000 patients receiving repeat prescription drugs and improving the process of having POYC having an office at Mater Dei would improve the policy process with the potential of making savings.</p>	In March 2018, the Spending Review at the Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology (MCAST) will be launched. The aim is to complete the review by June 2018.	The Review is medium term. Government now has outputs for each line item against spending inputs, which will allow it to better assess unit costs.	Zero budgets impose a major challenge but they allow Ministries to ask whether resources can be channelled to new areas without asking for additional spending.	As a result of the making-work pay initiatives and also due to the increased employment opportunities recorded during 2015-2017, savings from social security were conservatively estimated at around € 25 million. This includes expenditure savings of € 15 million whilst higher national insurance contributions cumulatively generated € 10 million in revenue over the three-year period.	The reviews are one pillar of Government's approach to economic policy.

						<p>In January 2018 the review at the Management Efficiency Unit (MEU) was completed. The aim is to review the functions and roles at MEU to reflect improved policy implementation.</p> <p>The Permanent Secretary at the Ministry for Finance has established a team to evaluate and monitor progress on the Spending Review's recommendations for Health and Education.</p> <p>Under the Structural Reform Support Programme (SRSP) Malta has been awarded a grant of € 200,000 for 2018 to help with training and research for the CSR framework.</p>				<p>are underway to assess the extent of implementation of the most recent Spending Reviews, following which the budgetary impact of the reviews may be estimated.</p> <p>A committee established by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Finance is monitoring and evaluating the implementation of both the education and health recommendations.</p>	
		Measure 2 – Setting up of a Directorate tasked with Public Sector Performance and Evaluation	The main objective is to institutionalise the spending review function.	<p>The Directorate is envisaged to be set up within the Ministry for Finance (MFIN). The core functions of the Directorate will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive Spending Review; • value for money; • standard costing; • Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA); • base-line costs; • performance indicators; 	Issue of call for applications and following usual administrative procedures for recruitment	<p>A Director has been appointed and thus the institution building is underway, where a number of officers are expected to be recruited during 2018 with a view to start introducing spending review functions during 2019.</p> <p>Furthermore, assistance has been sought under the SRSP with the scope of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improving human capacity through consultancy and training; • tapping expertise in specific fields, depending on the core business of the Ministry involved; • financing to attend conferences on the comprehensive spending review process; • build networks amongst peers and disseminate knowledge. 	In the coming months, when the Directorate is effectively set up, it shall undergo a process of capacity building necessary in order to carry out its core functions.	N/A	The tapping of expertise in specific fields may prove challenging.	N/A	The setting up of this Directorate, in particular through the appointment of the Director, is expected to enhance the efforts of the Ministry in strengthening the quality aspect of public expenditure, in particular through enhanced focus on performance-based budgeting and better value for money.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> programme evaluation capabilities. 							
CSR 2	Ensure the effective national supervision of internationally oriented business by financial institutions licensed in Malta by strengthening cooperation with the host supervisors in the countries where they operate.	Implementation of passporting rules	Implementation of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) decision on the collaboration between insurance supervisory authorities on cross-border activities and ongoing supervision.	<p>This decision involves collaboration between insurance supervisory authorities which includes provisions on collaboration between host and home supervisory authorities at the time of authorisation of an insurance undertaking which intends to carry out cross-border insurance activities as well as in the case of ongoing supervision which involves exchange of information between the regulatory authorities.</p>	<p>Chapters 1, 9 & 10 of the Insurance Rules have been amended in 2017 to reflect the EIOPA Decision.</p> <p>The chapters can be viewed on: https://mfsa.com.mt/pages/viewcontent.aspx?id=594</p>	<p>Chapters 1, 9 & 10 of the Insurance Rules have been amended in 2017 to reflect the EIOPA Decision.</p> <p>The chapters can be viewed on: https://mfsa.com.mt/pages/viewcontent.aspx?id=594</p>	No further measures are required	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A