

INCENTIVES FOR SME'S



The Ministry of Finance yesterday launched the **Microinvest Scheme**.

The Scheme's aims are to assist small and medium sized enterprises, including microenterprises, to upgrade their business, with the view to assisting them to be better equipped to grab the enhanced economic activity as the world economy starts going out of recession.

Who is eligible ?

The Scheme is open to:

- Registered companies, even those employing less than ten persons;
- sole traders;
- enterprises whose annual turnover does not exceed 2 million euro;
- enterprises and sole traders must be registered with the VAT department, and the activity must have all necessary permits.

How will such assistance be given ?

The assistance will be in the form of a tax credit, equivalent to a percentage of the qualifying investment.

The rates of the tax credits are:

- 40% of qualifying expenditure for entities situated in Malta;
- 60% of qualifying expenditure for entities situated in Gozo.



What investment is eligible ?

In a bid to facilitate the upturn of business, there is a wide range of investments which will be eligible :

- Refurbishments or improvements to premises;
- upgrading, or the purchase of new plant and machinery;
- improvement and enhancement of production processes;
- the generation of energy;
- wages cost of new employment, whether full-time or part-time.

How will the Scheme work ?

The Scheme will be managed by Malta Enterprise, who will shortly announce detailed requirements.

The Scheme will run up to the end of 2011.

Aid is capped at a maximum of € 25,000 per entity.



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