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- Reduce early school leaving in Malta
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- groups, but also more specifically on males, who are consistently outpaced by
- females

  A more balanced gender distribution in different areas of studies
- · A robust quality assurance system in
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### Consultation

- · University of Malta
- MCAST
- · ITS
- · Ministry for Education and Employment

## Increase Employability and Entrepreneurship

### Proposed Measures:

- · Ensure relevance of education to the labour market
- Provide more opportunities for work
- placements at all levels of education Promote lifelong learning alongside
- Undertake graduate employability research
- · Undertake research on skills supply and demand

### **Encourage Innovative Content** and Programme Design

### Proposed Measures:

- · Provide information on transparency tools and measures aiding innovative content and programme design
- Monitor the implementation of the transparency tools arising from the Bologna Process
- Fund innovative funding programmes and curriculum design

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## Reduce Gender Differences

## Proposed Measures:

- · Research on gender differences in subject choices and higher education attainment
- Improve career education
- Incentivise females to take up careers in STEM-related subject matters
- Undertake projects and initiatives aimed increasing aspirations and participation of underrepresented groups in higher education

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## **Priority Areas for Action**

- · Increase participation and attainment
- · Reduce gender differences
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## Recommendations:

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- Facilitating the transition between vocational and academic oriented further and higher education programmes;
- Supporting and encouraging individuals to return to education alongside employment, including through distance learning and e-learning;
- Widen the provision of higher education and attract foreign education providers to Malta to cater for a diverse student body and attract foreign students to Malta;
- Ensuring sustainable funding mechanisms to support higher education institutions and students.

## **Proposed Measures**

- Ensure strong support, sufficient and sustainable funding
- Strengthen student-centred learning
- Strengthen career education services
- Further develop the Validation of Informal and Non-formal Learning
- Ensure that programmes allow for an adequate balance of work, study and family life

## **Proposed Measures**

- Promote the development of e-learning as a means of widening participation in higher education
- Increase information on available programmes and diversify the offer
- Sustain regular data collection on participation, attainment and the social dimension
- Improve participation of students with special needs
- Improve the permeability between different educational pathways

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