

MALTA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
and DIALOGUE FOUNDATION

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## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION



MRDDf is a registered non-governmental organisation in Malta focused on sustainable regional development, eco-innovation and social innovation through research and dialogue. The foundation is completely independent of any political party or organisation.

MRDDf seeks to address these issues in Malta by participating in transnational collaborative development projects, organising multi-stakeholder consultations, conducting research on issues of critical national, regional and social interests, and influencing policy making via active civic participation and dialogue.

Our work is guided by the cross-cutting principles of sustainable development, social dialogue and equal opportunities for all. Our objectives in the renewable energies sector are to:

- Knowledge generation through research and analysis, creation and management of data and information base.
- Policy influencing and capacity building, at both national, regional and international level, by involving policymakers, stakeholders and the civil society in key debates.
- provide technical, organizational and policy-related information on energy efficiency, products and technologies to governmental and non-governmental bodies, market players and the local population
- increase the knowledge of the need for sustainable development;
- develop awareness for an intelligent use of energy;
- provide advice and analytical results on energy issues
- maximize the benefits arising from EU Community initiatives and Programmes for local authorities, development agencies, community groups, and all other relevant players in the Region.

*MRDDf was setup by Projects in Motion Ltd. ([www.pim.com.mt](http://www.pim.com.mt)) as part of its commitment and engagement to the community. For PiM, social investment is not an add-on to business activities, but at the heart of how it engages with the communities where its customers, employees and suppliers live. MRDD's activities are funded directly from PiM's corporate budgets and EU funding where possible.*



## ABOUT THE TEAM

**Brian Restall** started his career at the Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) as Malta's National Contact Point (NCP) and Programme Committee Member (PCM) for the Information Society Technologies (IST) Programme, established under the European Community's Fifth and Sixth Framework Programme (FP6). He also held the post of FP6 Projects Coordinator for all projects managed by MCST, and was a Research Assistant to the Policy Unit. Brian has over 15 years' experience in developing and managing EC projects; and has a thorough understanding of EU competitiveness, innovation, environmental policies and related funding programmes. He has been involved in over 30 EU funded projects. His research interests are mostly in the area of environmental conservation psychology and sustainable development. Brian is a PhD candidate at the Institute of Earth Systems and holds an MSc. in Sustainable Environmental Resource Management, an MSc. in Science and Technology, a Masters in Business Administration, and a Bachelor of Psychology.

**Ing. Kevin Alamango** is our consultant engineer responsible for the deliverables of technical work packages. He graduated as a Mechanical Engineer from the University of Malta in 1998 and obtained his MBA from Henley Business School in the United Kingdom. Ing. Alamango is a warranted engineer and obtained Six Sigma Certification in 2002. With a strong Research and Development background Kevin has substantial experience in product and process development in the medical device manufacturing industry. Leading the team of R&D Engineers and technicians at Baxter Malta for a number of years, Ing. Alamango has managed multi-national R&D programs ranging in scope from new product development to cost reduction programs, capacity expansion and profit maintenance. Kevin is currently reading for an MSc. in Building Services Engineering with Sustainable Energy at the University of Brunel in the United Kingdom.

**Stefan Schaa** graduated from the University of Applied Sciences Bremen, Germany with a degree in Political Science and Management, (Dipl. Pol.) and with a M.A. in European Politics, Economics and Law from the University of Malta. His key areas of interest are energy policy analysis, legislation, and the implementation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency options in Europe and the Mediterranean region. He previously worked at the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences as research assistant in the field "Transnational Relations and Political Theory". At Projects in Motion, Stefan is responsible for managing a number of EU energy research and dissemination projects and has experience as a trainer at energy efficiency workshops. He is currently responsible for the national implementation of various sustainable energy and eco-innovation projects at PiM.

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