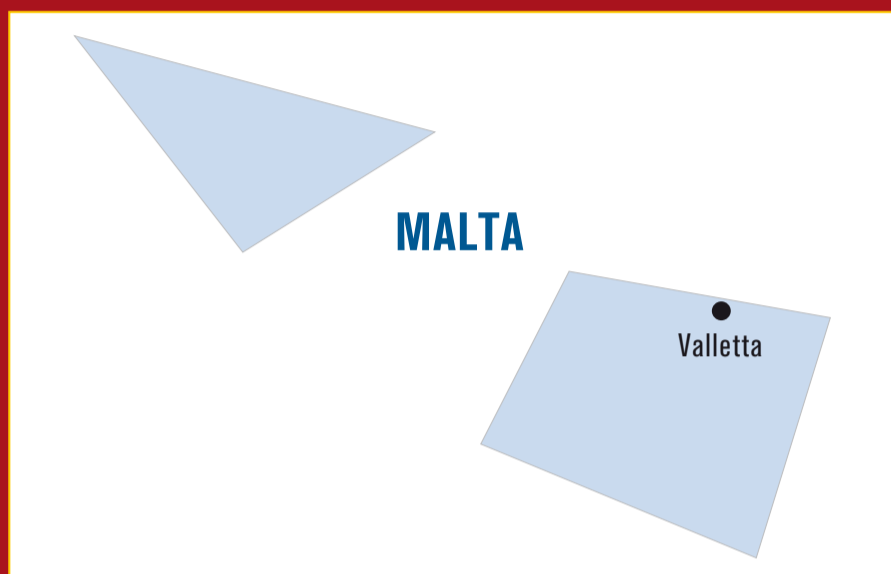




## Platform Information

# SKOP

## Solidarjetà u Koperazzjoni



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### Secretariat staff, board and members

No paid staff | SKOP might be benefiting from a government scheme that “loans” a full-time public officer to an NGO to work for the rest of 2012. SKOP would not receive any funds as government keeps paying the salary of the employee directly | 4 board members | 18 members (5 associate members)

### Annual budget of the platform: sources of financing and main expenses

For 2011 the total **budget** was EUR 7000 (2010 – EUR 31300, 2009 – EUR 31200, 2008 – EUR 37000) |

**Current sources:** At the moment, SKOP has no income. Until June of 2011, its funding was project-based, as follows (Jan 2010 – Jun 2011): European Commission (73%), Re-imbursements for participation to events abroad (26%), membership fees (1%) | **Expenses 2010:** Human Resources (44%), Activities (23%), Events abroad (26%), CONCORD membership (3%), Office costs (4%)

### Involvement in Development Cooperation/ Development Education projects

For the period Jan 2010 – Jun 2011, SKOP was engaged in the networking and capacity building strand

of the NSA-LA | Now partner for TRIALOG V and the GCAP proposal for the DEAR call of 2011.

### Working groups of the platform

AidWatch | SKOP is in the process of reactivating the Development Education WG and the Volunteer Sending WG. Moreover, one of SKOP's members (Integra Foundation) is now the national focal point for the Beyond 2015 campaign and for PCD issues.

### Involvement in CONCORD working groups

AidWatch | Beyond 2015 | PCD

### Successes of last year

The AidWatch WG's advocacy on aid transparency paid dividends as the issues were not only taken up by the media, but were also the focus of correspondence between the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (the office responsible for NGOs in Malta) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The CVO lambasted the Ministry for its total lack of transparency in administering the ODA funds channelled through civil society as well as for the lack of clear criteria for the selection of such projects.

### Main challenges

Financial sustainability

### Strategic aim

Secure financial income, Strengthening networking between members, Strengthening/reactivating the national working groups

### Main events planned for 2012

Putting in place secretariat | Continue with advocacy

### Relationship with the MFA and other donors

The MFA does not believe in a framework for cooperation and provides close to no financial support. The relationship is not fruitful as the Ministry considers CSOs as mere implementers of its ODP rather than fully fledged partners that should be involved in the drawing up of strategies and action plans. The operations of the Development Unit within MFA are dictated by political considerations and advocacy efforts with the Ministry bear next to no fruit.