

Malta has a highly centralised health system. The Ministry for Health is responsible for governance, regulation and financing of the health system, and is the main provider of public health services. The Ministry also played a central role in leading Malta's COVID-19 pandemic response (from State of Health in the EU · Malta · Country Health Profile 2021 see https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021_chp_malta_english.pdf) A large part of Malta's Recovery and Resilience Plan is dedicated to building and improving digital health tools and capacity or at infrastructural improvements, including the establishment of a new Maltese Blood, Tissue and Cell Centre to meet the country's needs for blood, tissue, and cell therapies. Malta continues to make antimicrobial resistance prevention and containment efforts. Malta implemented a Strategy and Action Plan for the Prevention and Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance for 2020-28. The strategic aims of the Plan are to strengthen infrastructure, surveillance, coordination and legislation to address AMR challenges; to foster awareness of and education on AMR; to ensure appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use; to improve infection prevention and control practices; and to support research and innovation in the field of AMR (from State of Health in the EU · Malta · Country Health Profile 2023 see https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2023-12/2023_chp_mt_english.pdf)

R&I Policies and Strategies

The information is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.

Country has a dedicated strategy for research and innovation related to pandemic threat?

R&I strategy URL

Country has an open science portal with information on publicly financed scientific research?

R&I portal

Country has R&I webpage on [COVID-19; MPox; Antimicrobial resistance (AMR); Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) threats; Other WHO viral risks; Others]

Website open science/ open data initiative with respect to pandemic threats, such as COVID-19 open

Name

URL

Short Description

Country has coordinating structures to link public health needs and research needs?

Coordinating structures URL

R&I Infrastructures, Initiatives and Clinical Trials

The initiatives are listed in alphabetical order, the list is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.

Country has the following research infrastructure for infectious diseases and outbreaks available, or under construction [BSL 3; BSL 4; Emergency intervention units; Clinical trial units; High level isolation units; High level isolation transport; Open genome deposits for viruses; Open genome deposits for bacteria; Open genome deposits for AMR; Reference centres of excellence; Other]

Name Infrastructure	Type Infrastructure	URL	Max Capacity	Available for	Open to
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Country supporting the participation to the following ESFRI initiatives relevant for infectious diseases

[BBMRI; EATRIS; ECRIN; ERINHA, MIRRI; Other]

Website network of clinical trials (e.g. to facilitate the access to clinical trials) the country is involved in

Malta is (or has been) part of the following initiatives (as country or via an organisation in Malta)

CORDIS ID	Acronym	Name	Url
	Aedes Invasive Mosquito (AIM) COST Action		https://www.aedescost.eu/
	ESAC-Net	European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Consumption Network	https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/partnerships-and-networks/disease-and-laboratory-networks/esac-net
	EU-JAV	EU Joint Action on Vaccination	https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/projects-details/31061266/801495/3HP
	EU-WISH	Wastewater Integrated Surveillance for Public Health	https://www.eu-wish.eu/
	EVD-LabNet	Emerging Viral Diseases-Expert Laboratory Network	https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about-us/partnerships-and-networks/disease-and-laboratory-networks/evd-labnet
	NDC	Pan-European Network for Disease Control	https://www.who.int/europe/news-room/events/item/2024/04/22/default-calendar/inaugural-meeting-of-the-pan-european-network-for-disease-control
101018317	PHIRI	the Population Health Information Research Infrastructure	https://www.phiri.eu/
	SHARP JA	Joint Action on Strengthened International Health Regulations and Preparedness in the EU	https://thl.fi/en/web/thl/research-and-development/research-and-projects/joint-action-on-strengthened-international-health-regulations-and-preparedness-in-the-eu-sharp-ja
825671	SONAR Global		https://sonar-global.eu/
	UNITED4Surveillance		https://united4surveillance.eu/
	ZODIAC	Zoonotic Disease Integrated Action (IAEA)	https://www.iaea.org/services/zodiac

Budget mobilisation mechanisms and funding sources

The information is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.

Basic Research

url
funding for basic research accessible for industry?
source of funding

Applied Research

url
funding for applied research accessible for industry?
source of funding

Translational Research

url
funding accessible for industry?
source

Clinical Research (in general)

url
funding accessible for industry?
source of funding
phase funded?

Clinical Research (in pandemic phase)

url
accessible for industry?
source of funding
phase funded ?

Innovation Projects

url
funding for innovation projects accessible for industry?
source

Flexible funding possible in case of emergency?

R&I actors, authorities and activated processes that are activated in case of a health threat

The actors are listed in alphabetical order, the list is not exhaustive and should be updated regularly.

[R&I actors, authorities and ministries involved in case of an outbreak; mobilisation processes of research forces; (existing) national or regional structures that advise governments on R&I during emergencies; administrative procedures to diminish the administrative burden for researchers and funding administrations; assessment of research outputs produced during a crisis; incentives ensuring qualitative scientific dissemination during a crisis; mechanisms to identify promising therapies or medical products for pandemic preparedness that are in the pipeline; international scientific collaboration in case of an outbreak]

Name	Description	url
Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability within Ministry For Education And Employment		https://researchandinnovation.gov.mt/rch%20and%20Innovation.aspx
Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Unit (IDCU)	IDCU is the national centre responsible for the surveillance, prevention, and control of infectious diseases in Malta	https://hpd.gov.mt/idcu
Malta Council for Science and Technology		https://mcst.gov.mt/
Ministry of Health		https://health.gov.mt/

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