



## **Policy Brief for Malta**

### **KEY ACTIONS OF THE PROMETEUS REGIONAL ACTION PLAN**

#### ***- FINANCIAL INCENTIVES***

Scrappage Subsidy Scheme is therefore intended to incentivize:

- ✓ the provision of supporting services and for the upgrading of facilities of electric vehicle service garages established within EV car importers and vehicle leasing operators;
- ✓ the introduction of new Plug-In Electric vehicles, purchase of Electric Category M1 and N1 vehicles, electric quadricycles, pedelecs, electric motorcycles, electric mopeds and electric tricycles falling under categories L1e, L2e, L3e, L5e, while at the same time reducing the number of older conventional motor vehicles from the road.

#### ***- THE DEPLOYMENT OF ELECTRIC BUSES ON THE MALTESE ISLANDS***

Cooperation among the Maltese National Electromobility Platform/Transport Malta Sustainable Mobility Unit, the Ministry for Gozo and the Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Capital Projects to deploy a fleet of electric buses on the island of Gozo:

- ✓ SMITHS (Sustainable Multi Intermodal Transport Hubs) project funding of €8M secured;
- ✓ Specific attention to a main busy hub.

#### ***- INSTALLATION OF E-VEHICLES' ROADSIDE CHARGING PILLARS***

Installation of a more extensive network of charging pillars around the Maltese islands, via a cooperation among Transport Malta Sustainable Mobility Unit, the Ministry for Infrastructure, Transport and Capital Projects and the Ministry of Finance:

- ✓ The Ministry of Finance and EU funds provide the funding
- ✓ Full installation to be completed by the first half of 2020.

## **KEY MESSAGES FOR POLICY MAKERS**

### **- *Key messages for policy makers on financial incentives***

There has to be a clear Government commitment to provide incentives, and a clear scheme to cover different categories of electric vehicles. Also, incentives work well in synergy with scrappage subsidies, in order to facilitate the uptake of sustainable forms of mobility. Incentives should start from the basic and expanded and tweaked over a period of time after an analysis of the results, addressing also support services and not only the purchase of vehicles per se.

### **- *Key messages for policy makers on the deployment of electric buses***

The main messages are to secure funds and start providing central routes, expanding after the initial uptake and consolidation of the service. In the case of Gozo, the main focus is on addressing the traffic congestion in and around area main busy transport hub and the neighboring villages.

### **- *Key messages for policy makers on installation of e-vehicles' roadside pillars***

There has to be a clear commitment to work holistically on the issue, from the point of view of urban and transport planning in an effective synergy with the monitoring of demographic development. Also, the installation of e-vehicles' roadside pillars has to take place as one of the paramount steps to facilitate the behavioural change towards electric mobility and to assuage range anxiety issues.-