

WELCOME TO MCAST

MCAST

- MCAST is the major Vocational Education and Training Institution in Malta
- About 12,000 students attend MCAST
- There are 6,700 full time students and 5,000 part time students
- There are over 165 full-time courses run by 3 Colleges
- There are over 300 part-time courses



- Three colleges:
- The Foundation College
 - > Levels 1, 2, 3
- The Technical College
 - > Level 4
- The University College
 - > Level 5, 6, 7



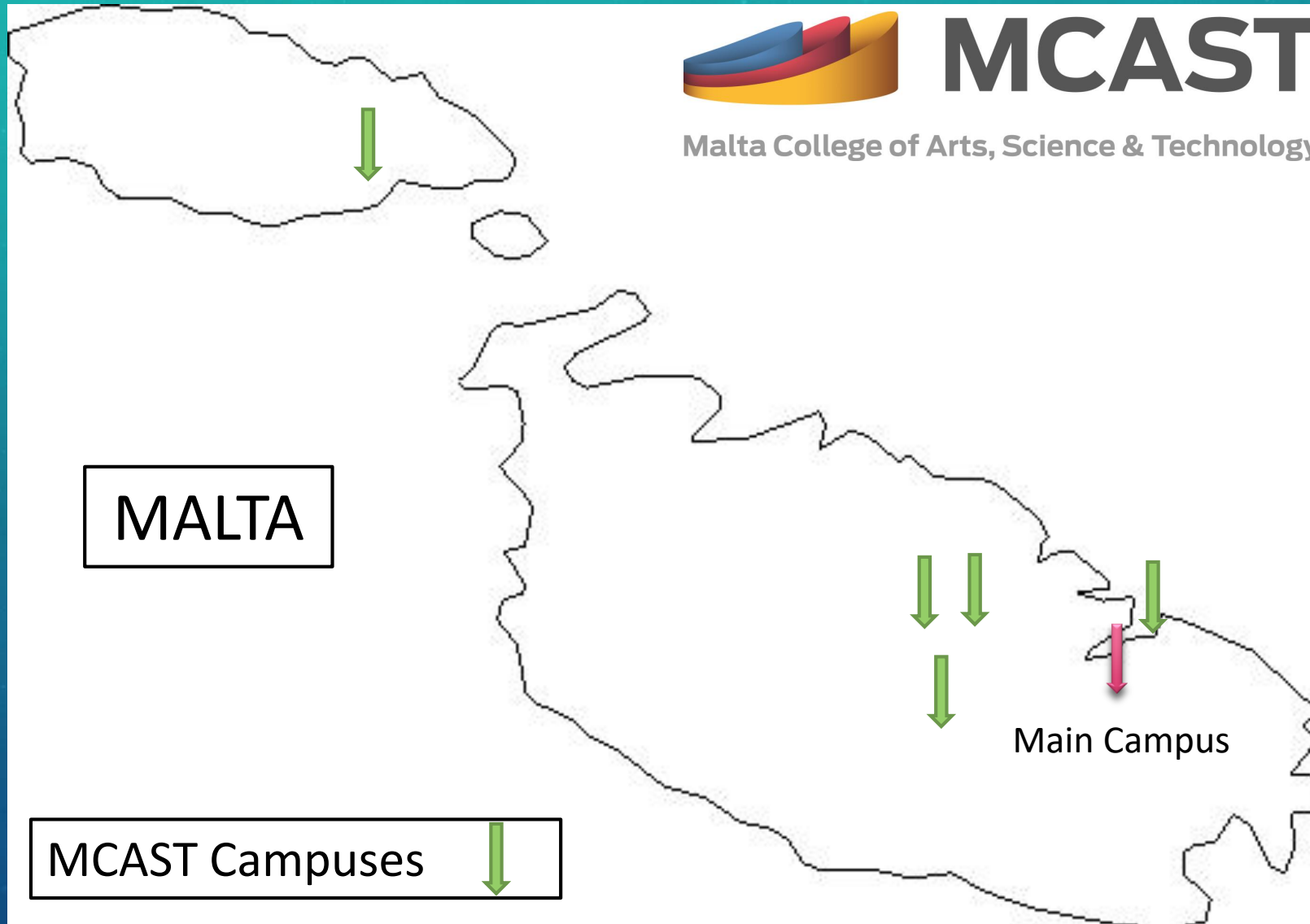
The six Institutes constituting MCAST are the following:

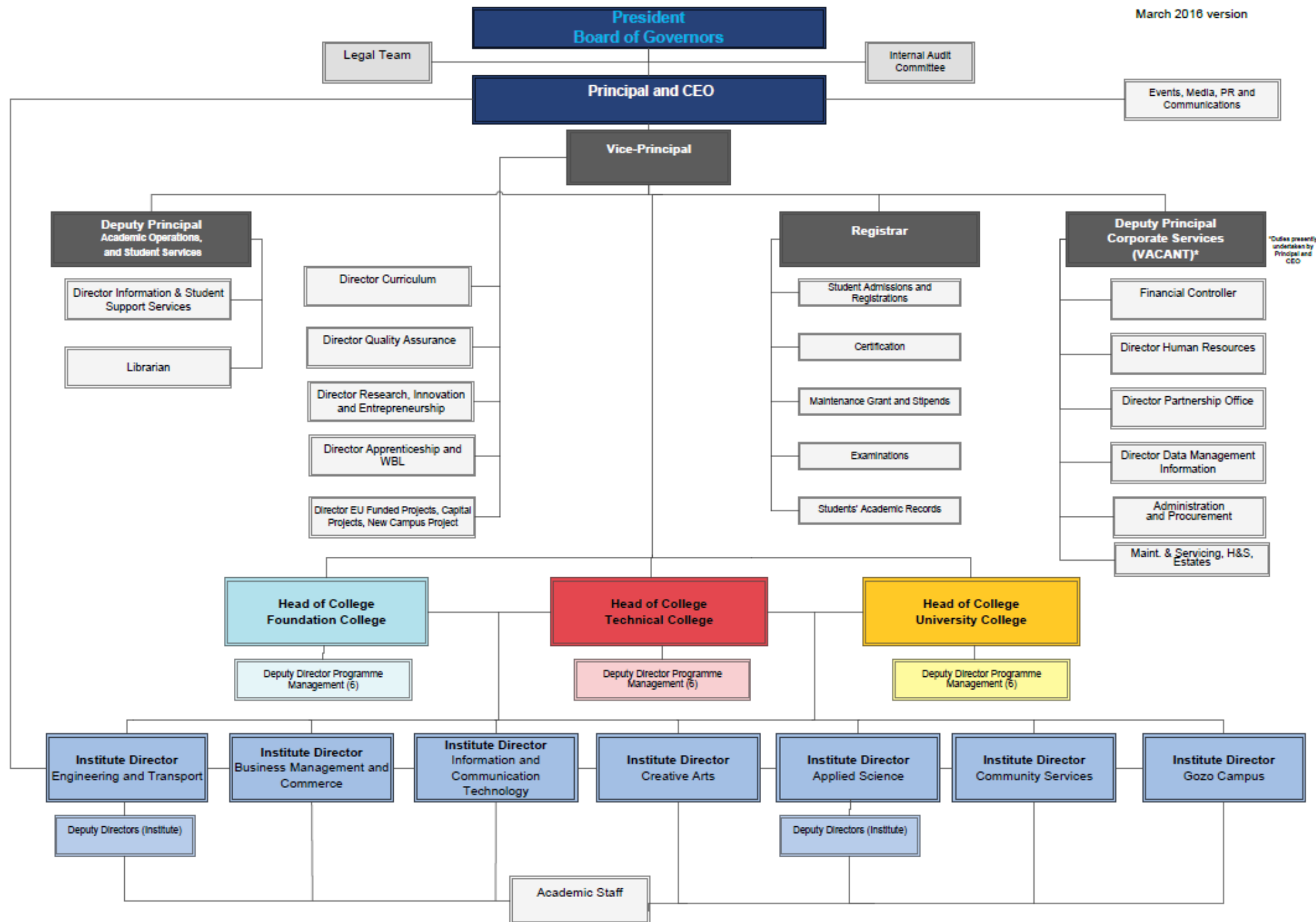
- Institute of Applied Sciences
- Institute for the Creative Arts
- Institute of Engineering & Transport
- Institute of Business Management and Commerce
- Institute of Community Services
- Institute of Information and Communication Technology
- ... and the Gozo Campus



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Malta College of Arts, Science & Technology





MCAST and its commercial arm MG2I (MCAST Gateway to Industry) collaborate closely with local industries to ensure that the knowledge, skills and competencies within the curricula are appropriate and relevant to a dynamic and forward-looking economy.



This relationship stimulates the College's success - training programmes are flexible, relevant and responsive to the aspirations of students and the needs of industries, which are constantly evolving to meet the challenges of a changing global economy.

MG2I in particular is very responsive to industry needs and regularly sets up training courses to address the particular needs of industry. It should be noted that the major part of MCAST's lecturing staff hails from the industry itself and therefore provide invaluable knowledge and experience to the trainees.



Another important point to bear in mind is that the majority of MCAST's training courses are certified and accredited under the ECVET system (European Credit Transfer System for Vocational Education and Training) making MCAST's programmes valid internationally.

MCAST MQF LEVEL 1-7 COURSES

- MCAST is accredited with the National Commission for Further and Higher Education (NCFHE) and is aligned with the Malta Qualifications Framework and the European Qualifications Framework;
- MCAST offers a range of courses from Level 1 to Level 7 of the National Qualification Framework catering for the needs and potential of a wide range of youths.;
- 2015/2016 – 165 full time courses

6	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	
5	UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	VET HIGHER DIPLOMA
4	MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE ADVANCED LEVEL INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	VET DIPLOMA
3	GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL 3 SEC Grade 1-5	VET LEVEL 3
2	GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL 2 SEC Grade 6-7	VET LEVEL 2
1	GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL 1 SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE	VET LEVEL 1

Courses at level 3 and 4 having a dual function, allowing for both employment at technical/operational level and also academic progression to Levels 5 and 6

SCHOLASTIC YEAR 2014-2015: 6597 FULL TIME STUDENTS

6	BACHELOR'S DEGREE		352
5	UNDERGRADUATE DIPLOMA UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE	VET HIGHER DIPLOMA	1190
4	MATRICULATION CERTIFICATE ADVANCED LEVEL INTERMEDIATE LEVEL	VET DIPLOMA	2737
3	GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL 3 SEC Grade 1-5	VET LEVEL 3	1407
2	GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL 2 SEC Grade 6-7	VET LEVEL 2	821
1	GENERAL EDUCATION LEVEL 1 SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE	VET LEVEL 1	90
			Pathway => 50

FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT

- MCAST offers a formative assessment policy which focuses on assessment methods based on learning outcomes which clearly highlight the knowledge, skills and competences students are expected to achieve, many times linked to practical, real life work scenarios.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

- A focus on student support services also enables MCAST to engage in a positive manner with at-risk youths.



FUTURE CHALLENGES: CURRICULUM

- ESF projects 1.130 and 3.102 were undertaken to bring about major changes to the curricular provision at MCAST.
- These two projects have helped redevelop all courses from Pathway, Level 1, 2 and 3 to national VET qualifications. The MCAST courses at level 4 and 5 have also been revised.
- As a result VET has also been introduced at Secondary Level schooling. This change can also look towards providing VET qualifications in the compulsory education sector.

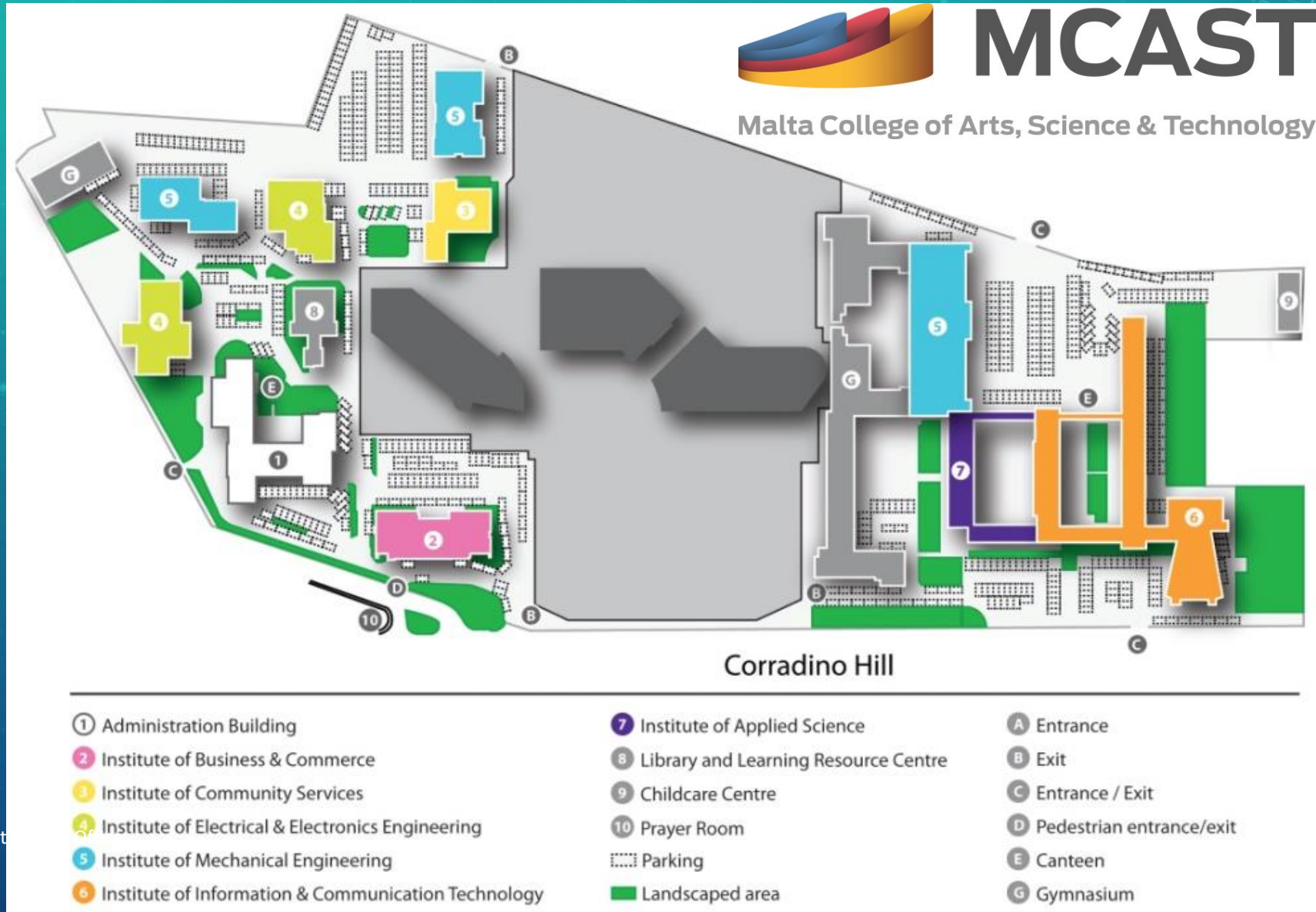
FUTURE CHALLENGES: APL AND E-LEARNING

- ESF 2.139 – aims to develop blended learning, the accreditation of prior learning and the accreditation of prior experiential learning
- MCAST shall be selecting a number of current training programmes and it shall be restructuring them so that students can engage in a number of training modules from home (through e-learning options such as online course notes, broadcasted lectures, teaching material adapted for distance learning, forum discussions etc).
- MCAST shall be developing a software system to recognise prior experiential learning and assign to it an appropriate level and credit value.

FUTURE CHALLENGES: NEW CAMPUS

- €130 million investment by EU and Central Government;
- Phase 1 Institute of Applied Science, Institute of Business and Commerce, Students' House have been completed and are fully operational;
- Phase 2 will incorporate the Library and Learning Resource Centre as well as the Institute of ICT;
- Further phases will bring all Institutes onto one campus.

THE NEW CAMPUS













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