



**PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL:  
EUROPEAN MARITIME FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FUND PROGRAMME  
FOR MALTA 2021-2027**

The Ministry responsible for EU Funds is pre-announcing the following calls under the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund Programme 2021-2027:

**Actions Addressing Marine Litter**

- **Priority 1: Fostering Sustainable fisheries & the restoration & conservation of aquatic biological resources**
- **Specific Objective 1.6 – Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems**

This call will be encouraging interventions that protect and restore aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems. This aims to involve eligible applicants for the collection of lost fishing gears and marine litter, in line with the ambitions of the Single-Use Plastic Products Strategy for Malta 2021-2030, EU's Strategy for plastics in a circular economy and the Single-use Plastics Directive (SUP) (EU) 2019/904.

Eligible applicants for the call are:

- Public authorities/entities
- Local Councils;
- Fishers including small-coastal fishers, fishing cooperatives and associations;
- Non-Government Organisations (NGO's) involved in marine/fisheries/nature protection;
- Entities and research institutions involved with research/ studies/ assessments in the marine environment and similar.

The actual launch of the call, the Application Form and other supplementary documentation will be published in April 2025 and can be accessed at <https://fondi.eu/>.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to refer to <https://fondi.eu> for the EMFAF Programme for Malta, as well as any updates related to EU funding calls.

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