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|  | **Project Proposal** |

**EUROPEAN MARITIME, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FUND (EMFAF)**

**Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (Common Provision Regulation)**

**Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 (EMFAF)**

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| Call | SO1.6/9/2025/EMFAF |
| Programme | European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) |
| Priority | 1- Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources |
| Reference Number | (assigned by the MA) |

**DEADLINE: 27/06/2025 at noon**



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| **⚠ IMPORTANT NOTICE**  The Form consists of two parts:  • Part A contains structured administrative information.  • Part B is a narrative technical description of the project.  All data and documents will be treated as confidential.  Personal data will be handled in accordance with EU Regulation 2018/17252 to ensure compliance with the principles of transparency, proportionality, impartiality and legality.  **Character limits**:   * most sections contain indication of the maximum number of words allowed. * minimum font size: Calibri Light 10 pt * page size: A4 * margins (top, bottom, left and right): at least 15mm (not including headers & footers).   Please abide by the formatting rules. Keep your text as concise as possible. Do not use hyperlinks to show information that is an essential part of your application.  All submitted project proposals will be acknowledged.  The Applicant must respect the following instructions:  \* Applications should be type written and signed in BLUE INK including:  \* 1 scanned copy duly completed and signed by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the applicant. Each page must be initialised by the project leader; and 1 copy in Word format. It is important that the full application form, including all annexes, are provided.  Applications should be submitted electronically on the Structural Funds Database available at **sfd.gov.mt/application** by not later than 27th June 2025 **noon**. |

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# **Part A - Administrative Part**

## Project Details

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| **Project Title** | *Name of the Project* |
| **Start Date** | *Enter date by when the project is estimated to start.* |
| **End Date** | *Enter date by when the project is estimated to be concluded.* |
| **Total Project Eligible Cost** | EUR (the total project value is to be included) |
| **Summary**  *Note: This will be presented in the published list of the Managing Authority.* | *Provide a summary on the project.*  *The summary shall include a broad description of the project idea, that is, the basic rational for implementing the proposed project. A brief description of the aims, objectives, main activities and expected results.* |
| **The project relates to:** | 01 - Marine  02 - Inland  03 - Both  04 - N/A |
| **The project contributes to:** | 01 - Fisheries  02 - Aquaculture  03 - Processing  04 - Tourism  05 - Environment  06 - Maritime (except fishing and aquaculture)  07 - Integrated/multisector  08 – Other |

## Lead Applicant

*In the fields below, the Applicant is to include information on the Applicant Organisation.*

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| **Name** |  |
| **Legal Status** | 07 - Public body  08 - Research centre / university / scientists  09 - Non-governmental organisation (NGO) / association  15 - Natural persons  16 - Other |
| **Gender** | 01 - Natural person – male  02 - Natural person – female  03 - Natural person – non-defined gender  04 - More than one natural person, family  05 - More than one natural person, predominately male  06 - More than one natural person, predominately female  07 - N/A. (in the case of legal persons) |

## Contact Details

*In the fields below, the Applicant is to include information on the Project Leader of the proposed project. Only one project leader responsible for the project.*

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| **Project Leader** |  |
| Position within the Organisation |  |
| E-mail address |  |
| **Main Contact Person[[1]](#footnote-2)** |  |
| Position within the Organisation |  |
| E-mail address |  |

## VAT Status

*In the fields below, the Applicant is to include information on the Vat Status of the Applicant Organisation*

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| **VAT Number (if applicable)** |  |
| **Does the project include activities which may give rise to sales on which VAT is charged?** | YES NO |
| **Can the organisation recover VAT on expenditure incurred?** | YES NO |

## Experience in EU-funded and / or similar[[2]](#footnote-3)projects

*In the fields below, the Applicant is to indicate whether the Organisation has already been involved in or awarded an EU or similar projects.*

Has the lead applicant implemented EU funded or similar projects?

YES NO

## Similar proposals

Has this proposal (or a similar one) been submitted in the past in response to a call for proposals under any EU or other funding programme, other than the current call, including for the feasibility and preparatory phases?

YES  NO

If yes, please provide the following details (*add rows as necessary*):

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| **Name of the Programme** | **Reference Number** | **Status of the Proposal** |
|  |  | Submitted/ Under Evaluation/ Awarded (drop down) |
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Were any loans or equity support received from European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund or any other local or international financial institutions to implement the activities included in this proposal?

YES  NO

If yes, please provide the following details (*add rows as necessary*:

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| **Name of Financial Support received** | **Name of Financial Institution** | **Date of Submission/Approval** | **Amount requested (EUR)** | **Amount granted (EUR)** |
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## Project Partnership – Beneficiary

*The Applicant should indicate whether a partner organisation/s will be involved in the proposed project. The proposal should identify the added value of involving partners in the project and the mutual benefit of said partnership.*

Does this project include partners (local or transnational)?

YES NO

If the project includes partners, please include the following details for each partner *(copy the table below for each partner).* A letter of intent for each partner is to be annexed under the “Section 10: List of Attachments”.

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| **Legal Name of the Partner Organisation** |  |
| **Legal status** |  |
| **Contact person** |  |
| **Transnational / Local Partner** | Transnational Local |
| **Legal Address** |  |
| **Phone number** |  |
| **E-mail address** |  |
| **Role and value added of the partner organisation in the Project** |  |
| **Mutual benefit of the partnership** |  |
| **Will the partner organisation receive funding from the project?** | YES NO |
| **Will the partner contribute towards the co-financing of the project?** | YES NO |

## State Aid

*EU State Aid rules apply to projects which involve any direct (or indirect) financial support from the public sector to commercial enterprises or organisations carrying out an economic activity, or if in some way the assistance involved distorts trade or threatens competition within the Community. Applicants should note that State Aid is determined by the nature of the project and not necessarily by the nature / status of the organisation.*

*ALL Applicants of EMFAF assisted projects must ensure compliance with State Aid rules. If the rules are breached (even after the project ends), any grant (even if already paid) may have to be recovered. Applicants should note that the project proposals that involve State Aid will be considered, provided that the Applicant agrees to implement the project in line with the applicable State Aid Rules. Applicants should also note that the involvement of State Aid is not necessarily tied to the legal status of the Applicant but to the nature of the activity. In this regard, early discussions with the State Aid Monitoring Board (SAMB) and/or experts on State Aid of the Applicant’s choice are encouraged to clear the State Aid position. Any evidence of correspondence between the Applicant and SAMB should be annexed to the application form.*

Does this project involve State Aid? [[3]](#footnote-4)

YES  NO

# **Part B – TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

## Project Description

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| **Which need is the project addressing?** | |
|  | Enhanced protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems through the provision of support to fishers for the collection of lost fishing gears and marine litter from the sea and investments in ports or other infrastructure to provide adequate reception facilities for lost fishing gears and marine litter collected from the sea |
| **Why is the project being proposed and how does it address national and European priorities?**  *Here the Applicant is to carry out a need assessment. This assessment is the study of a problem. It entails the collection of data and opinions from varied reliable sources. The aim is to support effective recommendations about what should be done to solve such problem. This will enable the Applicant to establish the importance of the proposed actions. Hence, such assessment must address the development need (s) derived from the Programme and how the project is expected to solve a clearly defined and presented need(s). The discussion must be supported by quantitative and qualitative analysis from official statistical sources. Consequently, the Applicant is to provide further justifications on the project coherence with National, sectoral and EU policies as to what extent the project is addressing such priorities.*  *Explain the effects of the projects from the perspective of EU interest and how it contributes to the objectives set out at European Level.* | |
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| **What are the specific objectives of the project?** | |
|  | 1.6 – Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems |
| **How does the project address the indicated specific objectives?**  *The Applicant is to select the relevant Specific Objective/s as published in the Call. The Applicant must ensure that the proposal is addressing one of the listed Specific Objectives in order for the application to be Eligible. The Applicant should demonstrate the desired change that the project should bring about and how through its implementation, the project will contribute towards the Specific Objective as identified in the relevant Priority in the Programme. The objectives should be SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-bound).* | |
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| **Which type of action is the project fulfilling?** |
| Actions to achieve or maintain a good environmental status of the marine environment as set out in Article 1(1) of Directive 2008/56/EC.  Actions targeted at the collection of lost fishing gears and the passive collection of marine  litter from the sea in line with the Single Use Plastic Products Strategy for Malta 2021-2030 and in line with the Prioritised Action Framework (PAF) for Natura 2000 in Malta (2021-2027). |
| **Which type of intervention is the project fulfilling?** |
| 01 – Reducing negative impacts and/or contributing to positive impacts on the environment and contributing to good environmental status  06 – Contributing to a good environmental status through implementing and monitoring of marine protected areas, including Natura 2000 |

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| **Which type of operation is the project fulfilling?** |
| 26 – Retrieval and/or disposal of marine litter  27 – Environmental services  41 – Reduction and prevention of pollution/contamination |

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| **Will the project lead to an increase in the gross tonnage of fishing vessels for the purposes of improving safety, working conditions or energy efficiency? (Applicable only to Article 19 of the EMFAF Regulation)** |
| YES  NO  NA |
| If yes, please provide further details and describe the fleet segment(s) of origin of the gross tonnage allocated to the vessel benefitting from the operation as presented in the annual report foreseen under Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No. 1380/2013 |
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| **Does this project contribute to small-scale coastal fishing (SSCF)?** |
| YES  NO |
| If yes, please provide further details. |

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| **Does this project contribute to the landing obligation as per Article 15 of the Common Fisheries Policy, Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013?** |
| YES  NO |
| If yes, please provide further details. |

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| **Does this project contribute to climate change?** |
| YES  NO |
| If yes, please provide further details. |

*The Applicant must select the expected result as derived from the Programme. Following this selection, the Applicant is to indicate who are the target groups that will have a direct or indirect impact/interest in the proposed actions. The choice of target group/s is solely limited to the target group/s identified at Programme Level.*

*The Applicant is to explore other targets that will be the result from the actions/activities. If no other targets are envisaged the Applicant is to input N/A in this question*

*Following the identification of the result and the target groups affected by this result, the Applicant is to explain the tangible and intangible results of the project. What are the expected benefits that the project intends to achieve and how such results will contribute to the achievement of the Programme expected result(s) under that specific Priority. If project partners are involved, evidence how they will contribute to the achievement of the Expected Results should also be demonstrated. The explanation should demonstrate the link between the needs, the project objectives which will be addressed through the project results*

*The Applicant should explore how the desired results will aim to trigger change and/or innovation. Furthermore, the Applicants are encouraged to explore innovative results/solutions from the proposed actions.*

*The Applicant is to assess whether the proposed actions are contributing to the fulfilment of the* ***enabling conditions****. Applicants are to refer to Section 4 of the Programme in order to make reference to listed Horizontal Enabling Conditions (which covers generic areas and not linked to particular specific objectives) and the Thematic Enabling Conditions (which are linked to different specific objectives tied to the specified area).*

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| **What are the expected results?** | |
|  | Better protected and/or restored aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems |
| **Target Groups** | |
|  | Public authorities/entities, including, as applicable, ERA, DFA competent authorities responsible for investments related to infrastructure, regional entities, competent authority for Planning, Wasteserve Malta, amongst others |
|  | Local Councils |
|  | Fishers including small-coastal fishers, fishing cooperatives and associations |
|  | Non-Governmental 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 general public |
| **What are the tangible and intangible results from the project? [[4]](#footnote-5)** | |
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| **Is the project contributing to the fulfilment of the enabling conditions listed under Section 4 of the Programme? If in the affirmative, how is it fulfilling the criteria?** | |
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## Project Plan

*To compile this section, Applicants are requested to fill in the details in the tabulations below.*

*The Applicant is expected to group the key components/activities/actions of the project in work packages. For each work package, the applicant needs to provide a brief description of the project component/activity/action, key information on the main tasks of each project component, the timeframe for the implementation, the specific target groups, the expected output for each work package and how will the outputs be quantified and verified. Additionally, specifically for infrastructural projects, Gantt charts and site plans or area of intervention/s including technical designs, maps, diagrams and drawings are to be annexed under “Section 10: List of Attachments”.*

*Work Package 1 shall focus on how the project will be managed including checks and controls in place to ensure that the project is implemented on time and within the parameters defined in the grant agreement.*

*Each project shall**have work packages (including Work Package 1 on project management).*

### 10.1 Work Packages

The MA reserves the right to discuss and adopt any of the forms of financing available in the CPR under Article 53(1)

Work Package 1: Project Team

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Work Package 2: [SUBJECT]

*This section is to be replicated for additional work packages. The horizontal principles are to be reproduced with each wok package. To open in Excel, right click on the object, click on ‘Worksheet object’ and select ‘Open’.*



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| **Fundamental Rights and Equality principles**  **Identify how the horizontal principles mentioned below are considered. What measures are planned throughout the project design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and evaluation stages to ensure that the principles are safeguarded?**  *Applicants are to link the identified measures with the specific activities this work package* | |
| **Gender Equality** | *The Applicant should explain how equality between men and women, integration of the gender perspective and gender mainstreaming are taken into account and promoted throughout the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and closure of projects.* |
| **Equal Opportunities** | *The Applicant should take into consideration appropriate steps to ensure equal opportunities independent from gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation throughout the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and closure of projects.* |
| **Non-discrimination including accessibility for persons with disability** | *The Applicant should explain how measures are put in place during the design, implementation, monitoring, reporting and closure of projects to prevent discrimination in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities and ensure access for all.* |
| **Sustainable Development**  **What are adopted to ensure contribution towards Sustainable Development?**  *Applicants are required to demonstrate that they have considered sustainable development areas at all stages of the project and how contribution will be mainstreamed throughout the projects’ aims and operations. Reference to the relevant strategies justifying the contribution of the project should also be provided below.* | |
| **Economic Growth** | *The Applicant should outline their project contribution to economic growth through the potential contribution towards the local economy/industry.* |
| **Social Cohesion** | *The Applicant should outline the project contribution towards social cohesion through potential skill development as a result of the project and generation of employment.* |
| **Environmental Sustainability** | *The Applicant should outline the proposal’s ability to demonstrate that it is compatible with requirements under European and National legislation, including an adequate description of effective measures to achieve environmental sustainability.* |

**Quantitative outputs of the Project**

*In the tables below indicate the output and results that will be achieved as a result of the implementation of the activities in this workplan as part of this project.*

*Please ensure that the figures included in the table below are reasonable, in line with the objectives of the project and may be measured and verified. It is strongly recommended that Applicants refer to the Indicators Guidance Notes issued with the call on how to address the indicator sections.*

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| **OUTPUT INDICATORS** | **Measurement Unit** | **Milestone 2024** | **Target 2029 and/or End of operation** |
| COO1 – Number of operations | Number |  |  |
| **RESULTS INDICATORS** | **Measurement Unit** | **Target 2029 and/or End of operation** | |
| CR09.1 – Actions addressing by operations contributing to a good environmental status, protecting, conserving, and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems | km2 | **(optional)** | |
| CR10 – Actions contributing to good environmental status including nature restoration, conservation, protection of ecosystems, biodiversity, animal health and welfare[[5]](#footnote-6) | Actions | **(mandatory)** | |
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| **Method of Quantification** |
| **Detailed description of the methodology used to quantify each respective indicator targets. Reference should also be made to any reference documents (if and as applicable), from which any baseline figures are being sourced. Kindly ensure that the respective indicator names are listed and are clearly linked to the different methodology descriptions to be provided for each indicator. For better clarity, kindly start by listing the output indicator/s , followed by the result indicator/s.** |
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| **Method of Verification** |
| **Detailed description of the methodology, data sources and/or documentation to be utilised to verify and provide proof of the attainment of the respective indicator targets. Kindly ensure that any documentation that will be referenced can be made available to the Managing Authority, both at implementation stage and at project completion stage, as required for the periodical verification and reporting of indicators. For guidance, please refer to the document ‘*Guidance Notes for Indicators’* available on the web portal fondi.eu.**  **Kindly ensure that the respective indicator names are listed and are clearly linked to the different verification sources to be provided for each indicator. For better clarity, kindly start by listing the output indicator/s , followed by the result indicator/s.** |
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*The Applicant is requested to indicate if the project is complementary to any other project already financed or to be financed through other funding streams. Furthermore, analysis to be made if the proposed project have the ability to complement other interventions carried out within the area in order to have enhanced territorial difference. The Applicant is recommended to go the Fund Programme in order to assess the complementary actions within other priorities.*

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| **How do the project results complement or build on the results of past activities carried out in the sector, including those carried out by other organisations?**  **Can the project generate complementary funding?** |
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### 10.2 Project Implementation schedule

The project implementation schedule should include the amount that will be disbursed per Quarter in Euro ( € ).

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### 10.3 Project Implementation status

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| *In the box below, indicate the status of the procurement procedures envisaged under this project per WP. The Applicant is to indicate the total number of procurements at each level. The details are to be included as to the procurement description, the timeframes, the contracted amounts etc.* | | | |
| **Type of procurement** | **Status of procurement** | **Number of procurements** | **Details** |
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|  | **Total no of procurement procedures** |  |  |

Under the column *Status of procurement*, the Applicant is to indicate the status of the related type of procurement by choosing from the list below:

* Design
* Drafted
* Launched
* Evaluation
* Appeals
* Contracted
* Being implemented

## Risks

*Any adverse event which may impinge on the smooth and efficient implementation of the project must be identified at this stage. These events will impose a risk on the project. The risks were categorized as per below:*

* *Financial Risks*
* *Implementation Risks*
* *Capacity Risks*
* *Legal Risks*
* *Logistical Risks*
* *Procurement Risks*

*The Applicant is to explain the risks associated with the project and provide the mitigation and/or preventive measures as well as the actions to be taken in case an adverse event occurs. By assessing risk, one is not looking to avoid it, but rather, to understand the nature of that risk, be reassured that the Applicant takes steps to minimise the risk and has options to deliver at least part of the project, should something happen to affect the project.*

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| **What are the critical risks, uncertainties or difficulties related to the implementation of your project, and your measures/strategy for addressing them?** | | |
| **Risk Type** | **Description** | **Mitigation Measures** |
| Choose an item. |  |  |
| Choose an item. |  |  |

## Communication

*Communication and visibility activities should contribute to the promotion of gender, equality, and non-discrimination. Communication materials should use gender inclusive language and positive visual representations. E.g.: when developing videos or leaflets ensure that persons, in all their diversity, are equally represented in a non-stereotypical fashion and portrayed in active empowered roles. In addition, consider using communication channels that are accessible to the general audience, to persons with disabilities, or people from marginalised groups.*

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| **Applicants are required to implement minimum visibility requirements when implementing EU-funded projects to acknowledge the support received in line with the parameters established in Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Please tick as applicable.** | |
| Provide on the beneficiary’s official website, where such a site exists, and social media sites, a short description of the operation, proportionate to the level of support, including its aims and results, and highlighting the financial support from the EU. (ALL PROJECTS) | Confirm |
| Provide a statement highlighting the support from the EU in a visible manner on documents and communication material relating to the implementation of the operation, intended for the public or for participants.  (ALL PROJECTS) | Confirm |
| Display at a location clearly visible to the public at least one poster of a minimum size A3 or equivalent electronic display with information about the operation highlighting the support from the Funds. Where the beneficiary is a natural person, the beneficiary shall ensure, to the extent possible, that appropriate information is available, highlighting the support from the funds, at a location visible to the public or through an electronic display.  (ALL PROJECTS) | Confirm |
| Display durable plaques or billboards clearly visible to the public, that present the emblem of the EU in accordance with the technical characteristics laid down in the Guidelines on the Communication and Visibility requirements for projects co-financed through EU Funds, as soon as the physical implementation of operations involving physical investment starts or purchased equipment is installed, in respect of the following:  (i) operations supported by the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund the total cost of which exceeds EUR 500,000;  (ii) operations supported by the ESF+, the JTF, the EMFAF, the AMIF, the ISF or the BMVI the total cost of which exceeds EUR 100,000; | Confirm  Not applicable |
| For operations of strategic importance and operations the total cost of which exceeds EUR 10,000,000, organising a communication event or activity, as appropriate, and involving the Commission and the responsible Managing Authority in a timely manner. | Confirm  Not applicable |

*Applicants are to keep in mind that EU funded projects must ensure that adequate publicity is given to the project with a view to:*

* *Make potential participants aware of the opportunities offered/created;*
* *Make the general public aware of the role of the European Union and European Funding;*
* *Ensure transparency of the assistance concerned; and*
* *Increase visibility and awareness*

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| **What are the communication and dissemination activities planned, other than the obligatory communication requirements included above, to promote the activities/results of the project? In your reply indicate to whom, which format and how many communication actions will be undertaken. Indicate how you will reach the target groups, relevant stakeholders, policy-makers and the general public and explain the choice of the dissemination channels.** |
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## Financial Sustainability

*The Applicant should ensure that the longer-term financial sustainability of the project is considered. The financial sustainability assessment consists of verifying that the project will have sufficient funds to meet its financial obligations, whether these funds come from user charges or budget sources. Under this section, the project’s capacity to achieve financial sustainability should be demonstrated.*

*Furthermore, the Applicant is to assess the financial profitability which involves the comparison of the costs (the operating and investment expenses) and the revenues resulting from the project.*

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| **How will the project be sustained when EU support ends?**  *Specific explanation should be provided on the expenditure and organisational structure and resources which will be enabled especially in those instances where the Government is not financing the project and the financial position of the organisation is not congruent with the annual operational costs required to maintain the activities proposed after the EU funding support ends.* |
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| **What are the annual operational costs required to sustain the project after EU support ends?**  *Please include calculations of the annual (operational) costs involved in sustaining the project, as indicated in* “*Section 10: List of Attachments”.* |
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## Revenue Generation

*Within this section the Applicant is expected to explain the financial element of the project.*

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| Is the project expected to generate revenue? | | |
| YES  NO | | |
| If yes, please specify the source of revenue that will be generated: | | |
| Charges to Users | |  |
| Entrance Fees | |  |
| Rent | |  |
| Feed-in-Tariff/Cost Savings | |  |
| Participation Fees | |  |
| Copyright charges on publications | |  |
| Development and sale of products | |  |
| Other (if other please specify below) | |  |
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| **Financial Studies – Applicable only for Infrastructural Projects** | | |
| Which financial studies were conducted in preparation for this project proposal? Studies are to be included under *Section 10: List of Attachments* | | |
| * *Financial Assessment (in the case of revenue-generated projects up to EUR 1,000,000)* * *Financial Feasibility Study (for all projects from €1,000,001 up to EUR 5,000,000)* * *Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) (for all projects exceeding EUR 5,000,001)* | | |
| Financial Assessment |  | |
| Independent Financial Feasibility Study |  | |
| Independent Cost Benefit Analysis |  | |
| Other (if other please specify below) |  | |
| Not applicable |  | |

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| **Revenue Generation** | **Discounted values (€)** | **Discounted values (€)** |
| Total investment cost |  |  |
| Total investment cost of which eligible cost (EC) |  |  |
| Discounted investment cost (DIC) |  |  |
| Discounted net revenue (DNR) |  |  |
| Determine the grant (please refer to the relevant section in the Call Document |  | |

## Financial Capacity

*In this section, the Applicant is to indicate who will be contributing the co-financing element of the project. Projects benefitting from EU Funds have a co-financing rate.*

*For EMFAF proposals the rate is 70% EU Funds and 30% MT Funds*

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| How will the project be co-financed? |
| Government funding Third party resources |

## Planning Permits and Environmental Assessments

*In this section, the Applicant should indicate whether any component of the project is subject to the below assessments and/or require any permits. It is strongly recommended that the Applicant discusses with the relevant Authority (Planning Authority, ERA etc) any obligations that will ultimately impact implementation. Such correspondence is to be attached with the Application Form as means of verification.*

*The Applicant should bear in mind that the procurement of certain equipment may require an environmental permit. Infrastructural development may also require such permits.*

*Tick the table below according to the type of permits or assessments required for any of the activities included in the project.*

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| **Permits or Assessments** | *Tick the respective box* | | Details i.e. Tracking Number, Permit number etc. |
| Planning Permit | Yes | No |  |
| Environmental Assessment | Yes | No |  |
| Environmental Operational Permit | Yes | No |  |
| The project is a result from a plan or programme falling within the scope of the SEA Directive (2001/42/EC) | Yes | No |  |
| Environmental Impact Assessment (85/337/EEC) | Yes | No |  |
| Impact or effect on a site included/intended to be included in a Natura 2000 network | Yes | No |  |
| Other environmental assessments which may be required under national legislation or specialised assessment pursuant to thematic EU Directives | Yes | No |  |

## List of Attachments to be submitted with the Project Proposal

*It is the responsibility of the Applicant to ensure that all the necessary documents mentioned throughout the Application Form/Guidance Notes are included under this Section.*

| **Document Description** | **Attachments** |
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| Infrastructural projects: Gantt charts and site plans or area of intervention/s including technical designs, maps, diagrams and drawings |  |
| Letter of Intent for Partner Organisation (where applicable) |  |
| FA/FFS/CBA studies (where applicable) |  |
| Calculations of the annual (operational) costs |  |
| Evidence that the beneficiary has the financial capacity to cover its share of the co-financing (30%) of the project's total eligible cost. Acceptable documentation may include bank statements or equivalent records, supported by financial documents and signed by a Financial Controller. |  |
| Documentation demonstrating the applicant's eligibility for this specific call. The submitted documents should clearly indicate the legal status of the beneficiary. |  |
| Valid VO registration certificate including VO number (where applicable) |  |
| Latest audited accounts (not applicable for public entities) |  |
| Other supplementary documentation |  |

## Declaration -

*The Applicant is requested to read through the below statements and confirm that the Applicant will abide with the stipulated declarations. If the information is found to be false or deliberately misleading, any EU Funds awarded may be withdrawn and any funds paid may be recovered from the Applicant organisation completing this form. The Application Form (including the below declarations) is to be signed, stamped, and dated by the assigned Project Leader and endorsed by the CEO/Head of Organisation. In the case of Public Sector Organisations, all Application Forms must be endorsed by the Permanent Secretary.*

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| We declare that the entries in this Declaration form, the details in the whole Project Proposal which is being submitted and any other annexes enclosed are, to the best of our knowledge and belief, correct. |  |
| We declare to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal. |  |
| We confirm that the status of operation is either ongoing[[7]](#footnote-8) or has not yet started as per Article 63 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, unless otherwise allowed by the specific regulation. |  |
| We confirm that in the case where the proposed project has started before the submission of an Application for funding to the Managing Authority, applicable law was complied with. |  |
| We declare that the proposed project does not include activities which were part of an operation subject to relocation in accordance with Art 66 of Regulation No 2021/1060 which would constitute a transfer of a productive activity in accordance with point (a) of Art 65(1). |  |
| We confirm that the proposed project is not directly affected by a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement under Art 258 TFEU that puts at risk the legality and regularity of expenditure or the performance of operations. |  |
| We declare to be fully compliant with the eligibility criteria set out in the Call. |  |
| We declare to have the financial and operational capacity to implement the proposed project. |  |
| We confirm that we are not aware of any reason why the project may not proceed or be delayed and the commitment can be made within the timescales indicated in the Programme to which this project relates. We acknowledge that the application will be subject to regular monitoring/auditing/evaluations and undertake to keep records for this purpose in line with instructions received from the Managing Authority and as described in any manuals and guidance provided by the Managing Authority/other stakeholders, as applicable. |  |
| We declare that this project and any of its components is not being supported through other community and/or EU Funding and that we will abide by the principle of good governance and the Public Contracts Regulation on matters related to procurement as applicable. We also declare that we will use fair, transparent, and competitive procedures in any employment contracts. |  |
| We declare that the Applicant and/or project partners are not in an exclusion situation in accordance with Art 136(1) and Art 141(1) of 2018/1046 Financial Regulation and CPR Art. 73 (2)(i). |  |
| We declare that the proposed project which falls under the scope of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council are subject to an environmental impact assessment or a screening procedure and that the assessment of alternative solutions should have been taken in due account, on the basis of the requirements of that Directive, if applicable to the project. |  |
| We also declare that by submitting this application, we are hereby giving our consent for the publication of information related to the organisation and the project (including its budget) as required by the applicable EU Regulations. |  |
| We declare that the results and statistical data obtained from this project will also be shared with the relevant national competent authority responsible for environmental matters and the management of natural resources. |  |
| We declare to abide to the durability clause enshrined in Art. 65 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. I also understand that if the information included in the Application Form is found to be not factually correct, the project application may be rejected. |  |
| We confirm that for those infrastructural investments contributing to climate proofing, such investments have an expected lifespan of at least five years, if applicable to the project.[[8]](#footnote-9) |  |
| We agree to allow the Managing Authority to access all data necessary to be able to carry out its duties in line with Regulation (EU) 2021/1060. Personal data transmitted to the Managing Authority and any other stakeholders within the scope of implementation, monitoring, evaulation and visibility/communication requirements for projects being co-financed by the respective EU fund is processed, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and any subsequent amendments. |  |
| We declare that the proposed project is being/will be implemented within the eligible territory (Republic of Malta) and its direct benefit |  |
| We declare that the Applicant complies with the Common Fisheries Policy rules *(if applicable)* |  |
| We declare that this project is in line with applicable criteria identified under Article 11 of the EMFAF Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1139 *(if applicable)[[9]](#footnote-10)* |  |
| We declare that this project does not fall under Article 13 of the EMFAF Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1139 |  |
| We declare that this project is in line with Article 25 of the EMFAF Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1139 |  |

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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | Project Leader  *(Name and Surname in block letters)* |  | Signature and Stamp | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | | CEO / Head of applicant Organisation  *(Name and Surname in block letters)* |  | Signature and Stamp | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | | Permanent Secretary  *(Name and Surname in block letters)* |  | Signature and Stamp | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | | Date |  |  | |

1. Must be different from the Project leader. Assists project leader in ensuring smooth communication flows between the organisation and the relevant stakeholders. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Other funding include: nationally funded projects, EEA/ Norway, Swiss Funds, ESF and ERDF, Horizon Europe. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. At project evaluation stage, the Project Selection Committee (PSC) will carry out the necessary checks with SAMB to verify whether the project involves/ does not involve State Aid. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. Assets can be tangible or intangible. An intangible asset is a non-monetary asset that cannot be seen or touched. Tangible assets are physical assets that can be seen, touched and felt.  [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. The applicant should note that Result Indicator CR10 is mandatory for this specific call, whereas CR09.1 is optional. This means that the proposed actions in this project application must address CR10, but may also, directly or indirectly, contribute to CR09.1. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. This data can be provided through a separate excel table containing the exact text. Such table is to be annexed to the application form. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. In line with Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, expenditure shall be eligible from 1st January 2021 till 31st December 2029. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
8. Not applicable to this call. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
9. Not applicable to this call. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)