

Project Proposal

EUROPEAN MARITIME, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FUND (EMFAF)
Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (Common Provision Regulation)
Regulation (EU) 2021/1139 (EMFAF)

Call	SO1.1/16/2025/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)

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DEADLINE: 10/10/2025, 31/12/2025
31/03/2026, 30/06/2026, 30/09/2026, 31/12/2026 at noon
Early closure or further extension of the call is at the discretion of the Managing Authority.

This is an open-rolling call until 31st December 2026.

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 PDF version 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 **10th October 2025, 31st December 2025, 31st March 2026, 30th June 2026, 30th September 2026 and 31st December 2026 at noon**. Early closure or further **extension** of the call is at the discretion of the Managing Authority.

The Managing Authority reserves the right to update the call documents depending on the developments and emerging needs.

Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) are being used in view of the mandatory business plan supporting the activity proposed. Additional SCOs may be introduced during the call. Applicants are to make use of advisory/consultancy services for the compilation of the business plan. List of consultants is available on: <https://fondi.eu/programme/european-maritime-fisheries-and-aquaculture-fund/>

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Guidance Notes to the Application Form

- Applications are being received from fishing vessel owners for diversification not related to commercial fishing activities.

Diversification of fishing activities will target the development of complementary activities, which may support investments contributing to the diversification of the income of fishermen.

Endeavours may also be aimed at the retrofitting of Small-Scale Coasting Fishing (SSCF) vessels for activities complementary to commercial fishing, thus increasing the potential for ancillary employment opportunities on land.

A non-exhaustive list of eligible investments is being reproduced below. Any other investments may be financed if they are eligible within the EMFAF Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139:

- A. Investments on board with the aim of creating a business
- B. Angling tourism or any initiative linked to tourism
- C. Catering establishment related to fishing activity
- D. Environmental services related to fishing
- E. Educational activities concerning fishing
- F. Other activities in line with the Operational Programme and Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139.

Ineligible activities

In line with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139, the following activities shall **not** be eligible under the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (2021-2027):

- Activities increasing the fishing capacity of a vessel or equipment increasing the ability of a vessel to find fish;
 - The construction, acquisition or importation of fishing vessels;
 - 'In-kind' contributions;
 - Preventive or scheduled maintenance of any part of the equipment which keep a device in working order;
 - Basic hull maintenance;
 - Activities physically completed or fully implemented before the application for funding is submitted by the potential beneficiary to the Managing Authority, irrespective of whether all related payments have been made by the potential beneficiary;
 - Investments on board fishing vessels necessary to comply with the requirements under Union law in force at the time of submission of the application, including requirements under the Union's obligations in the context of RFMOs;
 - Investments on board fishing vessels that have carried out fishing activities for **less than 60 days in the two calendar years** preceding the year of submission of the application for support, if the project involves investments on board of the fishing vessel.
- In line with Article 11 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139, operators that committed serious infringements shall **not** benefit from financial assistance from the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (2021-2027). The duration of the inadmissibility period shall

be proportionate to the nature, gravity, duration and repetition of the serious infringement, offence or fraud. Operators applying for support must agree to give consent to the Managing Authority to confirm with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture that:

- The fishing vessel license does not have any penalty points assigned to it and that the operator concerned has not committed serious infringements under Article 42 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 or Article 90 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 or under other legislation adopted by the European Parliament and the Council within the framework of the CFP;
- The operator concerned has not been involved in the operation, management or ownership of a fishing vessel included in the Union IUU vessel list as set out in Article 40(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, or of a vessel flying the flag of countries identified as non-cooperating third countries as set out in Article 33 of that Regulation;
- The operator concerned has not committed any of the environmental offences set out in Articles 3 and 4 of Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, where the application for support is submitted under Article 27 of this Regulation

In case any of the above is identified, the application form shall be considered as non-eligible.

- In line with Article 41 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139 and Annex III of the same Regulation, a maximum intensity of public aid of 50% with a maximum capping of € 75,000.00. Therefore, applicants are required to finance the remaining 50% of the expenditure.
- In line with Article 65 of Regulation (EU) No 2021/1060, a beneficiary shall repay the contribution from the Funds if within five (5) years following the submission of the accounts in which the last expenditure of the operation is included, any of the following has occurred:
 - a cessation or transfer of a productive activity outside the Maltese Islands;
 - a change in ownership of an item;
 - a substantial change affecting its nature, objectives or implementation conditions which would result in undermining its original objective

The Application Process

- All applications must be made on the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) application form. The form must be submitted in electronic format.
- All applications must be completed in full, signed and dated by the applicant. Supporting documentation should be invariably attached to the completed application form.
- A checklist of attachments is included in the application form. For the application to be considered complete, all attachments marked obligatory are to be submitted with the application form by the deadline. Any required documentation not submitted with the application form shall have to be submitted by the applicant within 5 working days from the Managing Authority's request. Only complete applications will be considered by the Project Selection Committee.
- Deadline – rolling call: **10th October 2025, 31st December 2025, 31st March 2026, 30th June 2026, 30th September 2026 and 31st December 2026 at noon. Early closure or further extension** of the call is at the discretion of the Managing Authority.

- All applications are to be delivered **electronically** to the Managing Authority on the Structural Funds Database available at sfd.gov.mt/application.
- Information sessions for prospective applicants will be announced by the Managing Authority.

The Selection Process

- An independent Project Selection Committee has been purposely set up, to assess all proposals received, determine their eligibility and assess those eligible proposals against the relevant selection and award criteria. The Project Selection Criteria has full power and authority to consider and/or select applications for funding during the project appraisal process.
- The Project Selection Committee shall award marks, to each individual proposal, according to the selection criteria. Proposals shall then be ranked according to the marks obtained.
- In order to qualify for selection, proposals need to obtain at least 50% of the total marks available obtaining a pass mark in each criteria. Proposals will be ranked according to marks and funds allocated to those proposals which obtain the highest marks. Other proposals which obtain the pass mark, but which are not funded, will be placed on a reserve list according to marks obtained and funding offered, if and when, funds become available. The marks are indicated in each section. Additional 10 Marks are allocated for the overall quality of the application form.
- A copy of the Admissibility and Selection Criteria is attached to this application form.
- The Managing Authority shall inform all applicants about the outcome of the selection process. Aggrieved applicants shall have the right to appeal within five (5) working days from the letter of rejection by the Project Selection Committee, which shall be sent to the applicant both in paper and electronic format. Appeals shall be sent to the following postal address:
c/o Office of the Prime Minister-European Funds, Equality/ Reforms and Social Dialogue
Tal-Pilar31B, Marsamxett Road,
Valletta VLT 1850,
Malta
psab.eufunds@gov.mt
- As a result of the call, the Project Selection Committee intends to select and co-finance operation/s in line with Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139, for a maximum public eligible amount of €500,000. The Managing Authority reserves the right to decrease or increase the indicative allocation.
- Applicants are advised to make use of advisory/consultancy services. List of consultants is available on: <https://fondi.eu/programme/european-maritime-fisheries-and-aquaculture-fund/>

Overview

In line with monitoring and evaluation obligations established by Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 (CPR) and Regulation (EU) 2021/1139, the Programme for Malta for the period -2021-2027 – *European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund* is based on a number of output and result indicators which are to be reached by the year 2029 (target year).

What are indicators and why are they needed?

Simply put, indicators are a tool to measure:

- the progress experienced by a project (henceforth referred to as ‘operation’) during the course of its implementation;
- the final achievements and deliverables produced by an operation following its full implementation.

Indicators are an integral part of the Managing Authority’s (MA) monitoring process and reflect the evolving implementation that is taking place vis-à-vis the respective operations. Monitoring of outputs and direct results allows the MA to observe whether the intended effects of the Programme are being delivered, whether outcomes are being achieved and whether implementation is on track.

Within the context of EU funds, there are both output and result indicators. Output and result indicators are set for each, and every Specific Objective (SO) listed in the Programme. Output and result indicators are defined as follows:

- Output indicators relate to operations supported. An output is what is directly produced/supplied through the implementation of an operation. On the basis of Article 2(13) of the CPR, an output indicator refers to an indicator which measures the specific deliverables of the operation.
- Result indicators aim to track progress relevant to the objectives of the programme. Result indicators track changes sought which might be brought about by an operation. In line with Article 2(14) of the CPR, a result indicator refers to an indicator which measures the effects of the operations supported, with particular reference to the direct addressees, population targeted or users of infrastructure. In addition to this, Common indicators of the EMFAF can be found in Annex 1 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1139.

Every operation is obliged by the EU Regulations to achieve a number of output indicators, and to contribute to the Programme’s result indicators. In this context, Applicants must ensure that the project has clearly identifiable and measurable targets that contribute to one output indicator and at least one result indicator. The indicators are set in the Programme under the respective SO relative to the Call for Project Proposals.

Output Indicators

As previously defined, output indicators quantify the direct deliverables that can be measured following the implementation of a specific operation. Output indicators quantify the number of operations under that respective SO. The methodology for all common output indicators was established at EU level.

Result Indicators

Result indicators measure the direct impact/change resulting from the interventions being funded through the Programme vis-à-vis the national context. Whilst output indicators are a measure of what was 'created' as a direct result of the intervention, result indicators focus more on the overall effects of the operations. Result indicators therefore tend to measure broader and more detailed issues, such as the number of Jobs Maintained. Similar to output indicators, the methodology for all result indicators was established at EU level.

Result indicators are therefore similarly linked to the implementation of operations and are to be achieved by the end of the operation and/or by the end of the 2029. Each applicant needs to include a minimum of one result indicator as part of the project Application Form.

Unlike output indicators, result indicators do not include milestone (2024) targets. Additionally, Result indicators include a baseline and a reference year. The baseline is set at zero since result indicators have to always be linked to the support of the Fund and therefore contextual information about the situation prior to the Programme is not relevant. The methodology for result indicators has been prescribed by MA in line with the European Commission's Indicator Fiches. However, beneficiaries are instructed to provide an explanation of the methodology used to determine the calculations to measure their indicator achievements.

Depending on the indicator and its methodology, the achieved values for result indicators will be collected either:

1) during implementation; 2) upon completion of the operation; or 3) within 12 months after the completion of the operation.

Understanding the Indicator Targets Set in the Programme

Whilst each respective operation will be expected to contribute to an output and a result indicator/s on an individual basis, the Programme indicator targets reflect the cumulative target to be achieved by the various operations financed under a particular SO. For both output and result indicators, the MA thus aggregates the indicator values achieved by each operation to then achieve the Programme's targets.

In this regard, Beneficiaries have a sole responsibility in ensuring that the committed targets for their respective operations are achieved, for Malta to successfully reach the Programme's indicator targets.

List of Indicators by relevant Specific Objective

(Applicants are expected to choose the output indicator and result indicator/s from the following list. Target values are at Programme level, i.e., each operation needs to contribute a fraction of that target. Exceptions apply in instances where only one operation is to be funded under a SO, in which case the operation will be expected to meet the full OP target.

Call 16 : SO1.1/16/2025/EMFAF – Specific Objective 1.1: Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities

Type of Action: Diversification not related to commercial fishing activities

Specific Objective 1.1					
Specific Objective	Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities				
Indicator type, Code & Name	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value (only for Result indicators)	Baseline Year (only for Result indicators)	Milestone (2024)(only for Output indicators)	Target (2029)
Output Indicator CO01 Number of operations	number	/	/	16	47
Result Indicator CR03 Businesses created	entities	0	2021	/	16
Result Indicator CR14 Innovations enabled (number of new products,	number	0	2021	/	24

services, processes, business models or methods)					
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Indicator Definitions

Output Indicators:

1. Number of operations benefitting from EMFAF support:

This output indicator refers to the total number of operations benefitting from EMFAF support as implemented under this Specific Objective. This is the only type of output indicator under the EMFAF. The target value for the number of operations for each specific objective is outlined in the EMFAF programme, which is the sum of all operations to be implemented for that specific objective. In this regard, milestones for output indicators shall be measured in terms of the number of operations under implementation by end 2024 as further defined hereunder:

The milestone and target for an output indicator shall refer to the values achieved by operations, where all the actions leading to outputs have been implemented in full, but for which not all the related payments have necessarily been made, or to the values achieved by operations which have been started, but where some of the actions leading to outputs are still ongoing, or to both.

Moreover, targets for output indicators are defined as the number of completed operations by end 2029. EMFAF output indicators demonstrate their full explanatory potential in combination with Infosys.

Result Indicators:

Result indicators are a predefined set of indicators, along specific thematic categories, included in Annex 1 of the EMFAF regulation. They aim to demonstrate the gross effect of the EMFAF programme and are common to all Member States. As in the case of output indicators, result indicators are also set out under Annex 1 of the EMFAF Regulation, which provide for the possibility to have comparable and coherent indicators between the different Member States. All interventions supported by the EMFAF are required to report on common result indicators.

Supporting Documents for Verification of Indicators:

CR03 – Businesses created: For the component 'Diversification not related to commercial fishing activities', declaration from the auditor/ accountant or the tax return showing the business created will need to be provided.

CR14 - Innovations enabled (number of new products, services, processes, business models or methods): Technical report providing a description of the number and type of innovations undertaken, as funded by EMFAF. For the component 'Diversification not related to commercial fishing activities', the report may be accompanied by before and after photos, providing visual evidence of the investment, along with a copy of the Provisional Acceptance Certificate.

Closing Remarks

The success of EMFAF operations is defined as the achievement of the related output indicators by a) 2029 for targets set or, b) 2024 for milestones set for 2024. Result indicators are to be achieved by end 2029.

When compiling and gathering data for the indicators, the necessary audit trail should always be in place. The applicant should note that failure to deliver on the agreed indicators could result in EU Funds to be withdrawn by the Managing Authority and/or reimbursed in full by the beneficiary.

Part A - Administrative Part

Project Details

Project Title	<i>Name of the Project</i>
Start Date	<i>Enter date by when the project is estimated to start.</i>
End Date	<i>Enter date by when the project is estimated to be concluded.</i>
Total Project Eligible Cost	EUR (the total project value is to be included)
Summary <i>Note: This will be presented in the published list of the Managing Authority.</i>	<i>Provide a summary on the project. The summary shall include a brief description of the investments being applied for.</i>
The project relates to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01 - Marine
The project contributes to:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 01 - Fisheries

Lead Applicant & Contact Details

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

Applicant's Name & Surname¹	
Legal Status of Applicant	<input type="checkbox"/> 04 - Private enterprise – micro <input type="checkbox"/> 05 - Private enterprise – SME (Small or medium-sized enterprise) <input type="checkbox"/> 06 - Private enterprise - large <input type="checkbox"/> 15 - Natural persons
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> 01 - Natural person – male <input type="checkbox"/> 02 - Natural person – female <input type="checkbox"/> 03 - Natural person – non-defined gender <input type="checkbox"/> 04 - More than one natural person, family <input type="checkbox"/> 05 - More than one natural person, predominately male <input type="checkbox"/> 06 - More than one natural person, predominately female <input type="checkbox"/> 07 - N/A (in the case of legal persons)
Legal Name of Applicant Organisation (if applicable)	
Registration No. of applicant organisation (if applicable)	
E-mail address	

¹ The Applicant means the Project Leader. For this call, the Applicant means the owner of the vessel or authorised co-owner in case of multiple vessel owners.

Include Name of the Project
Include the Name of the Lead Applicant of the Project

Website address (if applicable)	
Postal address	
Tel. No.	
Main Contact Person²	
Position within the Organisation	
E-mail address	
Tel. No.	

Additional Information

Applicant's Date of Birth	
Job Title and Description	
Please provide information on its main activities and the number of employees (whether self-employed or employed) working on board the vessel together with their assigned responsibilities.	
Vessel Registration No.	
State the number of years that the vessel concerned, and its related fishing activities, has been in operation	

VAT Status

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

VAT Number (if applicable)		
Does the project include activities which may give rise to sales on which VAT is charged?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Can the organisation recover VAT on expenditure incurred?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

² Can be different from the Project leader. Assists the Project Leader in ensuring smooth communication flows between the organisation and the relevant stakeholders. For instance, an accountant, engineer or surveyor.

Owner/s of the fishing vessel

In case of multiple owners, co-owners are to complete the declaration below, whereby authorising the applicant to submit an application form on their behalf, and if successful in obtaining funding, enter into a grant agreement with the EMFAF Managing Authority.

I, the undersigned, hereby authorise the applicant to act on my behalf in entering into a grant agreement with the EMFAF Managing Authority for the purposes of the Investments on board scheme, and further authorise the applicant to receive, on my behalf, grant aid due from my participation in the scheme. In signing this form, I agree to the terms and conditions of the scheme and declare that the information provided is true and accurate.

Name of Vessel Owner/s	Address of Vessel Owner/s	I.D. Card No of Vessel Owner/s	Signature of Vessel Owner/s

Part B – TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Project Description

Which need is the project addressing?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Providing support to employability and labour mobility in coastal communities which depend on fishing and aquaculture, including the diversification of activities within fisheries and into other sectors of maritime economy.
Description of the Operation	
<p>Describe, in detail, the proposed operation for which assistance is being requested, specifying its main characteristics and objectives, taking into consideration energy efficiency and the mitigation of climate change³. The description of the Project shall include the following criteria:</p> <p>Identify how the proposed project maximises the contribution to EU Key priorities as per programme objectives and results – Maximum 20 Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project's ability to foresee support for investments on board fishing vessels - Extent of the project to improve health, safety and working conditions - Extent of the project to implement energy transition measures - Extent of the project improves the preservation of catches and increases product value and quality - The extent of the projects invest in selective fishing gear <p>Identify how the proposed project provides contribution to the programmes types of actions, interventions and commitments – Maximum 20 Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project's ability to demonstrate its contribution to Malta Low Carbon Development Strategy and the Energy Partnership by adopting more fuel- efficient vessels, renewable energy resources and to reduce fuel consumption and emissions - Project's ability to contribute to conservation measures in the fisheries sectors (where applicable) - Project's ability to contribute to fisheries management and conservation and in so doing complement other actions included in the programme (where applicable) <p>Identify the ability of the project to enhance the innovation in the sector – Maximum 5 Marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects ability to mobilise complementary funding/ actions to achieve the expected results - Projects ability to promote innovative solutions to achieve the expected results 	

What are the specific objectives of the project?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1.1 – Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities

³ Investments being applied for 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. What are the expected benefits that the project intends to achieve? 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.

Which type of action is the project fulfilling?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diversification
What is the main target of the project?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diversification of the income of fishermen through the development of complementary activities.
What is the type of investment being proposed for this project?
<input type="checkbox"/> Investments on board with the aim of creating a business
<input type="checkbox"/> Angling tourism or any initiative linked to tourism
<input type="checkbox"/> Catering establishment related to fishing activity
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental services related to fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational activities concerning fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Other activities in line with the Operational Programme and Regulation (EU) No 2021/1139.

Which type of intervention is the project fulfilling?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 02 – Promoting conditions for economically viable, competitive and attractive fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors

Which type of operation is the project fulfilling? <i>Choose the most appropriate (only one)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 – Investments to support business development (strategy development, administration, equipment)
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 – Other business-diversification operations not involving fisheries, aquaculture, or innovation
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 – Development of product innovation
Does this project contribute to small-scale coastal fishing (SSCF)?
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide further details.

Does this project contribute to the landing obligation as per Article 15 of the Common Fisheries Policy, Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013?
YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide further details.

Quotations ⁴

Item / Activity	Description / Specifications	Quotation			
		Name of Supplier	Date of the request for quotation	Duration of validity of quotation	Price excluding VAT
					€
					€
					€
					€

If necessary, additional rows may be added.

⁴ **Three (3) quotations** for costs of more than € 5,000 (Excl. VAT) to be incurred must be attached to the application form. The applicant is to note that the amount of funding co-financed through the EMFAF can only be based on the **cheapest** quotation obtained. If the cheapest quotation is not chosen by the applicant, a justification would need to be provided. It would be the Project Selection Committee's prerogative whether to accept such justification or not. For costs of less than € 5,000, at least one quotation needs to be submitted at application stage.

What are the expected results?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased number of fishers, especially SSCF benefitting from public support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased number of modernised fishing vessels
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved resilience of fisheries including increased adaption for the sector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved knowledge of the local fisheries sector for enhanced decision-making complementing enhanced knowledge gathered through data collection activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved fishing port/landing infrastructure
Who are the Target Groups?	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishers (including SSCF)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sector related SMEs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fishery cooperatives
<input type="checkbox"/>	Young individuals seeking to enter the sector
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spouses/partners involved in fishing activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Public
Fundamental Rights and Equality principles – Maximum 5 Marks	
Gender Equality	<i>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.</i>
Equal Opportunities	<i>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.</i>
Non-discrimination including accessibility for persons with disability	<i>The Applicant should explain how measures are put in place to prevent discrimination in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities and ensure access for all.</i>
Sustainable Development – Maximum 10 Marks	
Economic Growth	<i>The Applicant should outline their project contribution to economic growth through the potential contribution towards the local economy/industry.</i>

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Social Cohesion	<i>The Applicant should outline the project contribution towards social cohesion through potential skill development as a result of the project and generation of employment.</i>
Environmental Sustainability	<i>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.</i>

Quantitative outputs of the Project – Maximum 10 Points

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.

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	
CR03 – Businesses created (number of operations)			
CR14 – Innovations enabled (number of new products, services, processes, business models or methods)			

Method of Quantification and Verification

Please **describe** the **methodology used to quantify** each respective indicator target.

Please **describe** the **methodology, data sources and/or documentation** to be utilised to **verify and provide proof** of the attainment of the respective indicator targets once the operation is completed.

Method of Quantification:

Method of Verification:

2.2 Project Implementation schedule – Maximum 10 points – Readiness

To open in Excel, right click on the object, click on ‘Worksheet object’ and select ‘Open’. Add years as necessary.

Year	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	2025	2025	2026	2026	2026	2026
Quarter	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December	January - March	April - June	July - September	October - December
Procurement																
Installation																
Completion																
Highlight the boxes according to the months in which the action/activity will be implemented. The Applicant is to add/delete as necessary, and the year is to be amended in line with the project forecasts. The Applicant is to fill in the financial forecasts per Activity.																

Risks

Describe any risks that might impact the implementation of the operation Identify also any measures implemented/to be implemented to mitigate the occurrence and/or impacts of these risks.

What are the **critical risks**, uncertainties or difficulties related to the implementation of your project, and your **measures/strategy** for addressing them?

Risk Type (risks can be financial, implementation, capacity, legal, logistical, procurement)	Description	Mitigation Measures

Communication

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.

Display a clearly visible durable **plaque** on the vessel, that present the emblem of the EU as soon as the physical implementation of operations involving physical investment starts or purchased equipment is installed

Confirm ☐

Financial Sustainability

The Applicant is to describe how the benefits of the project will continue to be delivered after grant support comes to an end and how the operation will be financially supported following completion (minimum of 5 years following the submission of the accounts in which the last expenditure of the operation is included ⁵), taking into consideration also costs in relation to any maintenance work expected. Describe what maintenance work will be required.

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.

How will the project be **sustained** when EU support ends?

What are the **annual maintenance costs** required to sustain the project after EU support ends?

Please include calculations of the annual (maintenance) costs involved in sustaining the project.

Added Value and Cost-Effectiveness – Maximum of 10 Marks

Describe the **added value** of the proposed operation and its **cost-effectiveness**.

Explain the post operating costs against the total project costs

How the project will respect the requirements on Durability under article 65(1) of the CPR

⁵ Refer to the National Eligibility Rules found on the Managing Authority's website (https://fondi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/2021_2027_National-Eligibility-Rules.pdf) and Article 11(2) of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1139.

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 completing this form.

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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
We declare to have the explicit consent of all applicants on their participation and on the content of this proposal (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>
We confirm that the status of operation is either ongoing ⁶ or has not yet started as per Article 63 of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, unless otherwise allowed by the specific regulation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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).	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
We declare to be fully compliant with the eligibility criteria set out in the Call.	<input type="checkbox"/>
We declare to have the financial and operational capacity to implement the proposed project.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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).	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>

⁶ In line with Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, expenditure shall be eligible from 1st January 2021 till 31st December 2029.

Authority and any other stakeholders within the scope of implementation, monitoring, evaluation 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
We declare that the Applicant complies with the Common Fisheries Policy rules	<input type="checkbox"/>
We declare that this project is in line with applicable criteria identified under Article 11 of the EMFAF Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1139 and declare that no fraud under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (2014-2020) was committed by the undersigned. Applications from operators that have committed serious infringements of the rules of the CFP are not admissible.	<input type="checkbox"/>
We declare that this project does not fall under Article 13 of the EMFAF Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1139	<input type="checkbox"/>
We agree to give consent to the Managing Authority to access the Applicant's Employment History from <i>JobsPlus</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>We agree to give consent to the Managing Authority to confirm with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The fishing vessel/s concerned have carried out fishing activities for more than 60 days in the two calendar years preceding the year of submission of the application for support; - The fishing vessel license does not have any penalty points assigned to it and that the operator concerned has not committed serious infringements under Article 42 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 or Article 90 of Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 or under other legislation adopted by the European Parliament and the Council within the framework of the CFP; - The operator concerned has not been involved in the operation, management or ownership of a fishing vessel included in the Union IUU vessel list as set out in Article 40(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, or of a vessel flying the flag of countries identified as non-cooperating third countries as set out in Article 33 of that Regulation; - The operator concerned has not committed any of the environmental offences set out in Articles 3 and 4 of Directive 2008/99/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, where the application for support is submitted under Article 27 of this Regulation - No modifications to the hull were made and engines have not been converted to run on biofuels 	<input type="checkbox"/>

Checklist of Attachments -

1 original, signed, and dated Application Form (including a copy of any supporting documentation and annexes) submitted electronically – Obligatory	<input type="checkbox"/>
License of Fishing Vessel – Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of Registry (Transport Malta) – Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Survey Report including Certificate of Seaworthiness issued by a recognised Surveyor – Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy of Insurance – Required if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Plan – Obligatory	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter of Intent (in case of partnership) – Required if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certified documentary evidence proving ownership of the vessel and the engines thereof – Required	<input type="checkbox"/>
Director's Approval for use of fishing vessel for a secondary purpose – <i>Required IF applicable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In case the applicant is a <u>private individual/self-employed</u> , the following documentation should be submitted – Required only if applicable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration by the individual and his/her accountant attesting that liquid funds are available to match the private financing (if applicable) 2. A bank letter of intent or a bank sanction letter, if private share is to be financed by a loan (if applicable) 3. Profit & Loss Statement signed by the accountant of the last 2 financial years <p>In case of multiple vessel owners, the above documentation is to be submitted for each co-owner.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In case the applicant is a <u>private company</u> , the following documentation should be submitted together with the application form – Required only if applicable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration by legal representative and accountant attesting that funds are available to match the private financing 2. A bank letter of intent or a bank sanction letter, if private share is to be financed by a loan or equivalent. 3. Audited financial statements of the last 2 financial years 	<input type="checkbox"/>
In case the applicant is a start-up business in its <u>first year of operation</u> , the following documentation should be submitted together with the application form – Required only if applicable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration by legal representative and accountant attesting that funds are available to match the private financing 2. A bank letter of intent or a bank sanction letter, if private share is to be financed by a loan or equivalent. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
In case the applicant is a start-up business in its <u>second year of operation</u> , the following documentation should be submitted together with the application form – Required only if applicable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Declaration by legal representative and accountant attesting that funds are available to match the private financing 2. A bank letter of intent or a bank sanction letter, if private share is to be financed by a loan 	<input type="checkbox"/>
One (1) or Three (3) Quotations for costs to be incurred as applicable – Obligatory	<input type="checkbox"/>

Include Name of the Project

Include the Name of the Lead Applicant of the Project

Written approval by the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture in case of any modifications to the hull and in case of engines being converted to run on biofuels– <i>Required only if applicable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Photographic evidence of state of vessel before investment – <i>Required only if applicable</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any supporting documentation	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Date