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**Rural Development Programme for Malta
2014 – 2020**

**5th EAFRD Monitoring Committee
17th May 2019**



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Programme Implementation

Sub-measures Launched

Sub-measure	Launch Date	Budget allocation (Public, €)
1.1 - Support for Vocational Training and Skills Acquisition Actions	December 2018	3,600,000
2.1 – Support to help Benefiting from the Use of Advisory Services	May 2019	1,900,000
3.1 – Support for new participation in Quality Schemes	June 2017	4,140,000
4.1 – Support for Investments in Agricultural Holdings	January 2017	18,989,920
4.2 - Support for Investments in processing/marketing and/or development of agricultural products	November 2018	4,700,000
4.3 – Support for Investments in infrastructure related to development, modernisation or adaptation of agriculture and forestry	February 2017	29,373,509

Sub-measures Launched

Sub-measure	Launch Date	Budget allocation (Public, €)
4.4 – Support for non-productive investments	December 2016	22,440,000
6.1 – Business start up aid for young farmers	April 2017	4,300,000
10.1 – Payment for Agri-Environment-Climate Commitments	March 2016	6,000,000
10.2 – Support for conservation and sustainable use of genetic resources in Agriculture	May 2019	1,000,000
11.1 – Payment to Convert to Organic Farming Practices and Methods	April 2018	170,000
11.2 – Payment to maintain organic farming practices and methods	April 2018	30,000
13.3 – Compensation payment to other areas affected by specific constraints	February 2015	12,000,000
19 – LEADER	February 2016	6,500,000
20 – Technical Assistance	January 2016	5,190,768

Pre-launched Measures

Sub-measure	Budget allocation (Public, €)
6.4 – Support for Investments in creation and development of non-agricultural activities	3,850,000
16.2 – Support for pilot projects, and for the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies	3,000,000
16.4 – Support for horizontal and vertical co-operation among supply chain actors	375,000
16.6 – Support for cooperation among supply chain actors for sustainable provision of biomass	350,000

Re-launched Measure – Second Call

Sub-measure	Re-launch Date	Budget allocation (Public, €)
4.4 – Support for non-productive investments	March 2019	8,300,000

Sub-measure 1.1

- This sub-measure will provide funding for the provision of training courses for farmers.
- This call has focused solely on the provision of training courses for farmers that are subscribed to AECMs.
- In the coming months, additional calls will be launched for the organisation of other training courses that are not linked to AECMs.
- Sub-measure 1.2 and 1.3 should be launched by Q3 of 2019.

Sub-measure 2.1

- This sub-measure provides financial support to farmers that request advice from advisory services.
- Sub-measures 2.2 and 2.3 will be launched later on in 2019.

Sub-measure 3.1

- Sub-measure 3.1 provides support to farmers and groups of farmers joining quality schemes that serve as a guarantee of product quality.
- This measure was launched in June 2017.
- No applications have been received as yet.
- The sub-measure provides support for new participation in Malta's Products of Quality National Scheme as well as in the established EU quality schemes, such as organic farming.
- Sub-measure 3.2 will be launched in Q4 of 2019.



Products
of Quality
National
Scheme

Measure 4

- Sub-measure 4.1: applications received as from 11th January 2017, call for applications still open.
- Sub-measure 4.2 was pre-launched in August 2018 and applications were received from 1st November 2018.

Measure 4

- Sub-measure 4.3: applications received as from 14th February 2017.
 - This measure is now closed since it is fully committed.

- Sub-measure 4.4: applications received as from 5th December 2016.
 - The measure was closed in September 2018;
 - The second call has been relaunched in March 2019;
 - Applications for funding are still being received.

Measure 4

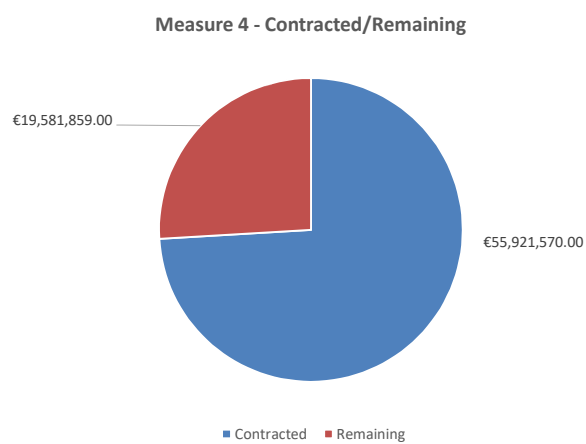
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Sub-measure	No. of Applications received	Funds Requested Public (€)	No. of Applications awarded	Funds Awarded Public (€)
4.1	156	12,880,754	83	7,411,032
4.2	19	6,354,614	0	0
4.3	31	35,166,558	30	34,570,689
4.4	196	19,689,778	106	13,939,849
Total	402	74,091,704	219	55,921,570

Selection Process

Sub-measure	No. of Applications Awarded	No. of Applications Rejected	No. of Applications under Evaluation
4.1	83	34	1
4.3	30	1	0
4.4	106	53	2
Total	219	88	3

Measure 4



Sub-measure 6.1

- This sub-measure aims to encourage entry of young farmers into the agricultural sector; support is provided for facilitating the first setting up (as head of holding) of the young farmer.
- Applications were received as from 4th April 2017.
- Throughout 2018, the MA, in collaboration with Malta College of Arts Science Technology (MCAST), has assessed the occupational skills and competence of applicants through 63 interviews.
- Approximately 16 applicants will require training and this will be carried out by MCAST as from October 2019.

Sub-measure 6.1

30/04/19

Sub-measure	No. of Applicants	Funds Requested (Public, €)	No. of Applicants awarded	Funds Awarded Public (€)
6.1	115	8,050,000	44	3,080,000

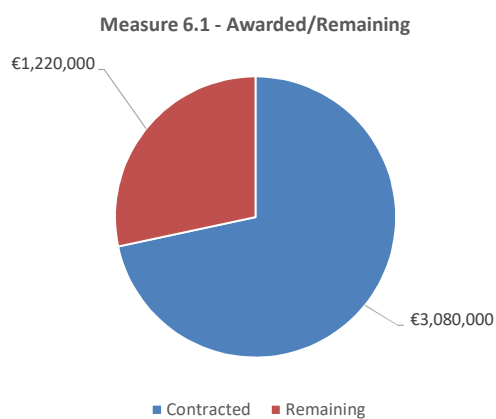
* 100 applications were received, however, some applications have been received from groups of young farmers, therefore, the number of young farmers actually requesting funding adds up to 115.

* 44 applicants were awarded, however, some of these applicants formed groups of farmers, therefore, of applications awarded adds up to 37.

Selection Process

Sub-measure	No. of Applications Awarded	No. of Applications Rejected	No. of Applications Pending
6.1	37	28	0

Measure 6.1



Sub-measure 6.4

- Support is targeted towards farmers who intend to diversify their income.
- The measure will be formally launched by end of this month

Sub-measure 8.5

- This sub-measure will finance afforestation initiatives;.
- The MA aims to launch this sub-measure by Q3 of 2019.

Sub-measure 10.1

- By end December 2018, the MA had launched and received applications for all AECMs that had been launched in the previous years.
- Applications were also received for sub-measure 5 that was launched in January 2018.
- The MA expects more new applicants in the next 2019 Campaign.

Sub-measure 10.1

AECM	No. of Applicants	Public (€) Annual	Area Claimed (Ha)
1	615	334,872	340.00
2	16	5,825.	8.30
3	13	38,679	61.42
4	19	69,401	46.40
5	126	405,202	213.00
6	264	89,411	127.40
Total	1,053	943,402	796.52

Sub-measure 10.1

Measure 10.1 – Contracted/Remaining



Sub-measure 10.2

- This measure supports the conservation and sustainable use and development of genetic resources in agriculture.
- This sub-measure was launched in May 2019 and the first batch of applications are expected by the MA by 18th July 2019.

Sub-measures 11.1 and 11.2

- Both sub-measures were launched in April 2018.
- Sub-measure 11.1 provides payment on a per hectare basis for farmers who are in the process of converting to organic farming.
- Sub-measure 11.2 provides payment on a per hectare basis for farmers who already practice organic farming.



Sub-measures 11.1 and 11.2

Sub-measure	No. of Applicants	Area Claimed (Ha)
11.1	4	3.41
11.2	2	2.91
Total	6	6.32

Sub-measure 13.3

- This sub-measure was launched in 2015.
- Support under this measure offers beneficiaries a simple, standard payment per hectare of agricultural land in order to help ensure that this land remains under agricultural management.
- This measure can be considered as 'committed'.

Sub-measure	No. of Applicants	Public Annual (€)	Area Claimed (Ha)
13.3	6,114	2,022,750	8,091

Summary – Land-based Measures

30/04/19

Sub-measure	Area claimed (ha)	Disbursement (Public, €)
10.1	796.52	2,171,406
11	6.32	2,357.72
13.3	8,091	6,574,502
	Total	8,748,266

Expenditure under this measure also includes AEM (M214) commitments and LFA (M212) from the RDP 2007 – 2013 transitional arrangements.

Measure 16

- All three sub-measures were pre-launched in April 2019:
 - 16.2 – Support for pilot projects, and for the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies
 - 16.4 – Support for horizontal and vertical co-operation among supply chain actors
 - 16.6 – Support for cooperation among supply chain actors for sustainable provision of biomass

Measure 19 (sub-measure 19.2)

Implementation of LDSs

- The LAGs started launching their first measures under sub-measure 19.2 as from Q3 2018.
- GAL Xlokk Foundation launched Action 4 in September 2018, 'Development of Green Infrastructure'.
 - Eleven applicants were contracted between December 2018 and January 2019. Beneficiaries will be benefitting from €0.62 million.
- Action 2, 'Strengthening a Healthy Cultural Identity', was launched in December 2018.
 - Sixteen applicants are expected to be contracted in Q2 2019, benefitting from €0.23 million.

Sub-measure 19.2

Implementation of LDSs

- In December 2018, Gozo Action Group Foundation launched, '*Develop an ICT media platform for the valorisation of Gozitan lifestyle concept*'.
 - One application was received however it was rejected. The call will be relaunched in Q2 2019.
- In March 2019, Majjistral Action Group Foundation launched its first measure, '*Development of Green Infrastructure*'.
 - Two applications were received and they are currently being evaluated by the respective committee. The LAG is adopting a 'rolling call' system, therefore, applications are still being received.

Sub-measure 19.3

Cooperation Activities

- Launched by the MA in November 2018.
- This sub-measure aims to finance cooperation projects between LAGs, between Malta and other EU member states or non-EU member state.
- Can also finance inter-territorial cooperation projects between Maltese LAGs.
- In April 2019, GAL Xlokk submitted its application.

Measure 19

Sub-measure	No. of Applications	Grant Amounts (€)
19.1	3 ¹	593,750
19.2	3 ¹	4,425,000
19.3	3 ¹	300,000
19.4	3 ¹	1,181,250
	Total	6,500,000

¹Three Local Action groups have been contracted and in view of this, all funding allocated towards this measure is deemed committed.

Measure 19

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Sub-measure	Disbursement (Public, €)
19.1	345,014
19.2	111,239
19.4	280,275
Total	736,529

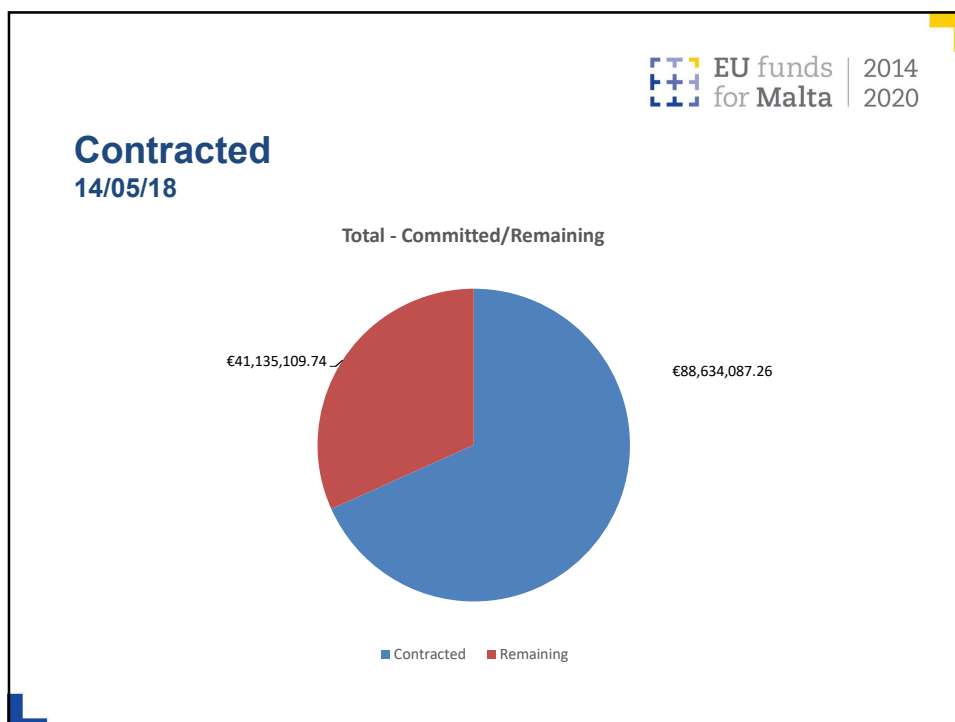
Schedule of Calls

Applications are being received through an 'Open Block Call procedure'

Measure	Measure Budget (Public Expenditure)	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6	Block 7	Block 8	Block 9	Block 10
1.1	€1.0 Million	11.01.19									
2.1	€1.9 Million	18.07.19									
3.1	€1.0 Million	28.07.17	30.10.17	11.12.17	23.04.18	25.09.18	12.02.19	04.06.19			
4.1	€25 Million	30.03.17	01.06.17	31.07.17	30.10.17	29.01.18	23.04.18	25.09.18	12.02.19	04.06.19	
4.2	€4.7 Million	28.02.19	02.07.19								
4.3	€10 Million	13.04.17	14.06.17	26.07.17	Closed						
4.4	€22.5 Million	28.02.17	27.04.17	03.07.17	05.10.17	11.01.18	09.04.18	11.09.18	30.04.19	02.07.19	
6.1	€4.3 Million	05.06.17	31.08.17	30.10.17	15.01.18	28.05.18	04.09.19	11.12.18	26.03.19	Closed	
10.2	€1.0 Million	18.07.19									

Contracted – Summary 30/04/19

Sub-measure	Public (€)
4.1	7,411,032
4.3	34,570,689
4.4	13,939,849
6.1	3,080,000
10.1 (+AEMs)	5,925,428
11.1	8,242
11.2	8,079
13.3 (+LFA)	12,000,000
19	6,500,000
20	5,190,768
Total	88,634,087



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Forecasts of N+3 and Performance Framework Milestones

N+3 assessment

- It is expected that the N+3 target is reached by end 2019.

Year	Target (EAFRD)	Actual (EAFRD)
2019	€39,276,769*	€26,738,484*

*Both values include €2,919,806.94 pre-financing which MT has received for 2014, 2015 and 2016, in line with Article 35 (1) of Regulation (EU) No.1306/2013.

Performance Framework

PA	Indicator	RDP 2018 Milestone	Indicative Progress till 31/12/18	Indicative Percentage progress
2	Public expenditure (€)	8,314,585	9,400,000	113.05%
2	Number of holdings supported	38	40	105.26%
2	Surface area upgraded farm access roads (sqm)	60,000	60,000	100.00%
3	Public expenditure (€)	1,835,707	0	0.00%
3	Number of holdings supported (M4.2)	5	0	0.00%
4	Public expenditure (€)	10,047,328	13,365,000	133.02%
4	Area under specific constraints (ha)	4,656.05	8,117.46	174.34%
4	Number of operations supported by M04	38	45	118.42%
5	Public expenditure (€)	5,058,728	5,515,000	109.02%
5	Agricultural and forest land (ha)	147	519	353.06%
6	Total Public Expenditure (€)	1,829,000	736,000	40.20%
6	Population covered by LAG	268,733	268,733	100.00%

Progress on the Indicator Plan

Indicator Plan

Target Indicator Name	Target Value 2023	Indicative Progress 30/04/19
T1: percentage of expenditure under Articles 14, 15 and 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 in relation to the total expenditure for the RDP (focus area 1A)	8.19	0.00
T2: Total number of cooperation operations supported under the cooperation measure (Article 35 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013) (groups, networks/clusters, pilot projects...) (focus area 1B)	4.00	0.00
T3: Total number of participants trained under Article 14 of Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 (focus area 1C)	7,200	0.00
T4: percentage of agricultural holdings with RDP support for investments in restructuring or modernisation (focus area 2A)	0.93	0.66
T5: percentage of agricultural holdings with RDP supported business development plan/investments for young farmers (focus area 2B)	0.48	0.29
T6: percentage of agricultural holdings receiving support for participating in quality schemes, local markets and short supply circuits, and producer groups/organisations (focus area 3A)	1.56	0.00
T9: percentage of agricultural land under management contracts supporting biodiversity and/or landscapes (focus area 4A)	6.37	6.96

Target Indicator Name	Target Value 2023	Indicative Progress 30/04/19
T10: percentage of agricultural land under management contracts to improve water management (focus area 4B)	2.98	3.37
T12: percentage of agricultural land under management contracts to improve soil management and/or prevent soil erosion (focus area 4C)	2.98	5.14
T14: percentage of irrigated land switching to more efficient irrigation system (focus area 5A)	5.44	23.00
T15: Total investment for energy efficiency (€) (focus area 5B)	8,185,597.00	Data currently being collected
T16: Total investment in renewable energy production (€) (focus area 5C)	3,038,387.00	Data currently being collected
T17: percentage of LU concerned by investments in live-stock management in view of reducing GHG and/or ammonia emissions (focus area 5D)	16.09	Data currently being collected
T19: percentage of agricultural and forest land under management contracts contributing to carbon sequestration and conservation (focus area 5E)	5.31	2.33
T20: Jobs created in supported projects (focus area 6A)	35.00	Data currently being collected

Target Indicator Name	Target Value 2023	Indicative Progress 30/04/19
T21: percentage of rural population covered by local development strategies (focus area 6B)	99.97	99.97
T23: Jobs created in supported projects (Leader) (focus area 6B)	10.00	5.00
T6B Nr of operations supported under M4.2 contributing to FA3A (M4.2)	25	0.00
T24B Percentage of total public expenditure (M1.1 to M1.3) allocated for ICT actions/interventions	20	0.00

Programme Modification

Programme Modification 2018

- During 2018, the Managing Authority carried out a modification to the Rural Development Programme.
- The MC was notified on 16th May, during the fourth Monitoring Committee.
- On 15th June 2018, the MC Secretariat disseminated the first draft of the RDP modification for feedback.
- The modification was adopted on the 11th of December 2018

Evaluation Activities

Annual Implementation Report 2017

- During 2018, the AIR for 2017 was submitted in line with Article 75, paragraph (a) of Regulation 1305/13.
- Prior to submission, this report was circulated for approval amongst members of the Monitoring Committee.
- The Citizen Summary and the final version of the AIR 2017 can be downloaded from the MA website.

Annual Implementation Report 2018

- The Annual Implementation Report for 2018 is currently being drafted by the Managing Authority.
- The AIR will be submitted by 30th June 2019, in line with Article 75, paragraph (a) of Regulation 1305/13.
- Prior to submission, this report will be circulated amongst members of the Monitoring Committee for their consideration and approval via written procedure.

Evaluation 2014 – 2020

- The MA launched the tendering process for contracting of external evaluators in October 2018.
- More information concerning the work being carried out by these evaluators will be presented by the evaluators themselves later on during this meeting.

Administrative Capacity Building

Administrative Capacity

- Throughout the course of 2018, the MA recruited one Senior Manager, four Programme Managers and one Programme Officer.

Training Activities 2018

MA staff attended various training events, including:

- Public Management Toolkit Courses, organised throughout the year by the Institute of Public Services;
- Training organised in collaboration with the European Helpdesk for Rural Development concerning the follow up of the AIR 2017 – 10th January 2018;
- Training organised in collaboration with the European Helpdesk for Rural Development concerning LEADER Evaluation – 5th December 2018;
- Cross compliance seminar – 17th October 2018

Training Activities 2019

- During 2019, MA staff members will be involved in a shadowing experience with two Italian regions' MA's.
- MA staff will also be involved in a training programme supported through ESF.

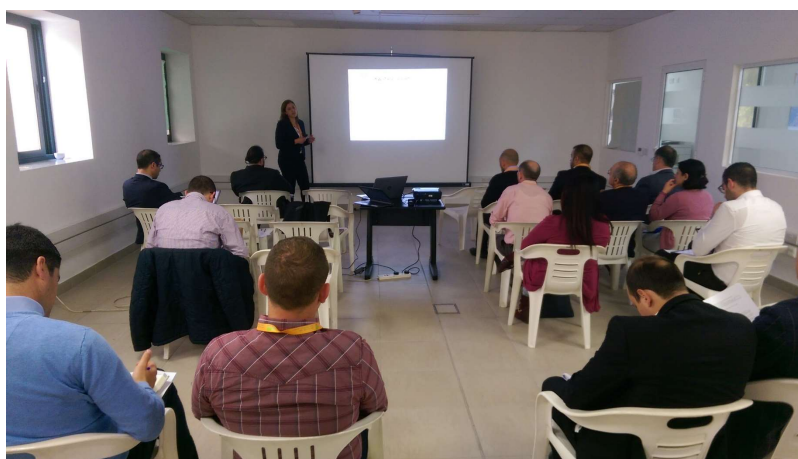
Communication and Events

Information Sessions

- Throughout 2018, the MA organised various information sessions in order to disseminate information concerning various measures:
 - M4.1, held on 9th May 2018;
 - M10.1, held on 2nd March, 22nd March, 30th July, 31st July, 1st August and 2nd August;
 - M4.2, held on 31st October;
 - On the 16th and 17th April 2019, information sessions on project progress reporting were held in Malta and Gozo;
 - Additional information sessions will be held later on this year.

Information Sessions

- The MA also attended various information sessions organised by the Agriculture and Rural Payments Agency for beneficiaries that had just been awarded funding:
 - Sub-measure 4.3 – 6th February and 3rd May
 - Sub-measures 4.1 and 4.4 – 9th February, 12th July, 6th November, 8th November, 14th November and 15th November



Information Session held at ARPA on 3rd May, 2018

Short Message Service (SMS)

- The MA also sends out SMSs to potential applicants upon launching of its sub-measures.
- The MA also sends out SMSs to potential applicants informing them about the information sessions previously mentioned.

New EU Funds Website

- A new EU Funds website was launched in April 2018.
- This website has a user-friendly interface and includes information concerning all funds managed by the Funds and Programmes Division, including the EAFRD.
- Articles are published in both Maltese and English.



New EU Funds Website



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ASYLUM, MIGRATION AND
INTEGRATION FUND (AMIF) 2014-2020
€ 20,514,146



EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014-2021
€ 8,000,000



ENI CBC MED PROGRAMME 2014-2020
€ 234,000,000



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€129,767,197

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Europe Day 2018

- Held on 6th May in Victoria, Gozo and on 9th May in Valletta, Malta.
- Events were organised by Europe Direct Information Centres (EDIC) in Malta.



Press Events

- Various press events were held announcing launching of sub-measures and awarding of grants:
 - Launch of AECM 5 and sub-measure 11.1, held on 13th February 2018
 - Sub-measure 4.3, held on 6th April
 - Sub-measure 4.4 held in Gozo on 15th October 2018.



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Cleaning of valleys and restoration of rubble walls in Gozo

Posted On October 16, 2018 - Updated 21 October, 2018 4:30pm
Report Terry Camilleri

Valleys in Gozo will be given a good cleaning and around 30 kms of rubble walls are going to be restored thanks to two investment projects which amount to €8 million from EU funds.

Press conference – sub-measure 4.4
Gozo Projects



AHBARIJET SPORT KURZITAJET EKO

This article is also available in English



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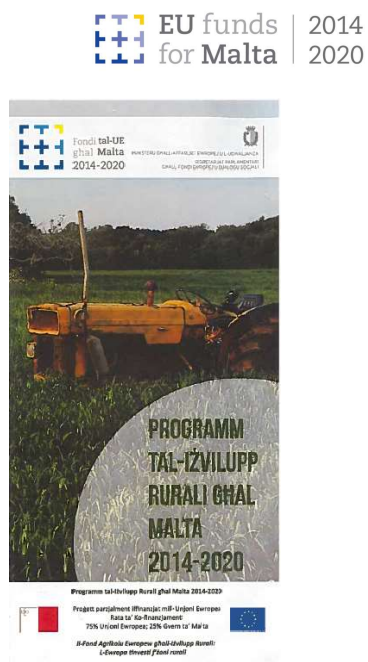
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Press conference – launch of AECM 5
and sub-measure 11.1

Information Leaflet

- Includes information concerning various sub-measures.
- Distributed to both farmers and general public during events.
- Also distributed to various Local Councils and other public entities across Malta and Gozo.



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Programming of the CAP Strategic Plan 2021-2027

Programming set-up at the National level

- The Strategy and Implementation Division (SID), within the Ministry for European Affairs is responsible for the drafting of the CAP Strategic Plan (CAP SP);
- Establishment of a national contact point on the CAP SP:

Debbie Cachia, Chief Coordinator, (Strategy and Programming)

Coordination with GeoHubs

- Establishment of Geographical Hubs within DG Agri, European Commission, to assist Member States in the drafting of the CAP SP;
- **Objective:** to ensure a coordinated approach towards the development of the CAP SP.

Next steps

- Drafting of the CAP SP for Malta 2021-2027;
- Consultations with all relevant stakeholders ;
- Close collaboration with the GeoHubs in the coming months.



Any ideas on the future CAP priorities for Malta?

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Thank you for your attention.



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