

Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020 Programming Period

Maritime and Fisheries Operational Programme
Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

Monitoring Committee
20th November 2020



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The Monitoring Committee:

- The role of the Monitoring Committee (MC) is to satisfy itself as to the effectiveness and quality of the implementation of the Operational Programme, in accordance with Article 49 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 113 of EMFF Regulation 508/2014.
- The Monitoring Committee shall meet once a year and shall review the implementation of the programme and progress made towards achieving its objectives.
- The Monitoring Committee shall be updated on financial data, common and programme-specific indicators, including changes to the value of result indicators and progress towards quantified target values and the milestones defined in the performance framework.

Outline:

- [i] State of play of the Operational Programme [OP]
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[i] State of play of the Operational Programme [OP]

Amendments to the Operational Programme

- First adopted by EC in March 2015
- Amendments made throughout the years
- The current version of the OP was formally adopted on the 11th November 2019 – Version 5.0

[ii] Calls for Proposals

- Since year 2016, a total of **35 operations** [including Technical Assistance] have been selected for co-financing

Projects Awarded since last Monitoring Committee [May 2019]

Call 26: Article 77 Data Collection [Third call]

Call 27: Article 33 Temporary Cessation

- 1 project proposal has recently been approved by the PSC and is currently at award stage;
- Information sessions and meetings held for interested applicants;
- Calls under Union Priority 1 - Open rolling calls procedure with different cut-off dates

Evaluation

Project Selection Committee – Fact Sheet

Date of 1st Meeting

1st June 2016

Number of Meetings held

51

Number of Projects ranked and recommended for approval

30

Summary of all calls issued – 2016 - 2017

Call	UP	Issuance	Status
Call 1: Article 77 Data Collection [First Call]	UP 3	March 2016	Completed
Call 2: Article 80.1 c) Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	UP 6	June 2016	Implementation Stage
Call 3: Article 43.1 Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters	UP 1	October 2016	Completed
Call 4: Article 77 Data Collection [Second Call]	UP 3	March 2017	Implementation Stage
Call 5: Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources	UP1	April 2017	Completed
Call 6: Article 29 Promotion of human capital, job creation and social dialogue	UP 1	April 2017	Implementation Stage
Call 7: Article 68 Marketing measures	UP 5	July 2017	Completed
Call 8: Article 76 Control & Enforcement [First Call]	UP 3	August 2017	Implementation Stage
Call 9: Article 48.1 (a-d,f-h) Productive Investments in aquaculture	UP 2	September 2017	Call redesigned by the MA in November
Call 10: Article 76 Control & Enforcement [Second Call]	UP 3	October 2017	Implementation Stage
Call 11: Article 41.2 Replacement or modernisation of main engines	UP 1	October 2017	No applications received

Summary of all calls issued – 2017 - 2018

Call	UP	Issuance	Status
Call 12: Article 41.1 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – Investments on board	UP 1	October 2017	Completed
Call 13: Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income	UP 1	October 2017	No applications received
Call 14: Article 48.1 (a-d,f-h) and (e, i, j) Productive Investments in aquaculture	UP 2	November 2017	Implementation Stage
Call 15: Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income	UP 1	January 2018	1 inadmissible project received
Call 16: Article 41.1 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – Investments on board	UP 1	January 2018	No applications received
Call 17: Article 43.1 Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters	UP 1	February 2018	Implementation Stage
Call 18: Article 43.1 Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters	UP 1	February 2018	Implementation Stage
Call 19: Article 47- Innovation	UP 2	May 2018	Inadmissible application
Call 20: Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income	UP 1	June 2018	No applications received

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Call	UP	Issuance	Status
Call 21: Article 41.1 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – Investments on board	UP 1	June 2018	Completed
Call 22: Article 48.1 (a-d,f-h) and (e, i, j) Productive Investments in aquaculture	UP 2	July 2018	Operation suspended
Call 23: Article 47- Innovation	UP 2	September 2018	Inadmissible application
Call 24: Article 76 Control & Enforcement [Third Call]	UP 3	September 2018	Application withdrawn
Call 25: Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income	UP 1	March 2019	No applications received
Call 26: Article 77 Data Collection [Third call]	UP3	September 2019	Implementation stage
Call 27: Article 33 Temporary Cessation	UP1	September 2019	Implementation stage
Call 28: Article 47 Innovation	UP2	October 2019	No applications received
Call 29: Article 41.1 – Energy Efficiency and mitigation of climate change – investments on board	UP1	October 2019	No applications received

Summary of all calls issued – 2020

Call	UP	Issuance	Status
Call 30: Article 47 Innovation [Fourth Call]	UP2	February 2020	Inadmissible application
Call 31: Article 47 Innovation [Fifth Call]	UP2	June 2020	Application awarded
Call 32: Article 76 Control and Enforcement [Fourth Call]	UP3	March 2020	Application withdrawn

Upcoming Calls

No upcoming calls envisaged

[iii] EMFF Operations

EU funds for Malta 2014-2020

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND ANIMAL RIGHTS
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT FOR EUROPEAN FUNDS AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE

PROJECT PART-FINANCED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION

EMFF 1.4.1. TRAINING FOR FISHERS

- Health and Safety at Sea
- Fishing Regulations
- Information Technology

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Fondi tal-UE għal Malta 2014-2020

SEGRETARJAT PARLAMENTARI GĦALL-AGRIKOLTURA, SAJD U DRITTUJET TAL-ANNIMALI

FOND EWROPEW GĦALL-AFFARIJET MARITTIMI U S-SAJD 2014-2020

Isem tal-proġett: TRAINING FOR FISHERS

Id-Dipartiment tas-Sajd u Akkwakultura ser ikun qed jorganizza seminar u żewġ moduli ta' taħriġ għas-sajjieda bejn Marzu u Ġunju 2018.

Dan it-taħriġ ser ikopri għadd ta' suġġetti, fosthom:

- Saħħa u Sigurtà fuq il-Baħar
- Regolamenti tas-Sajd
- L-użu tal-Infommazzjoni Teknoloġika

L- Applikazzjonijiet huma miftuħa sas-16 ta' Jannar, 2018

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Programm Operattiv għall-Affarijiet Marittimi u s-Sajd 2014-2020
Parzjalment iffinanzjat mill-Unjoni Ewropea
Fond Ewropew għall-Affarijiet Marittimi u s-Sajd (FEMS)
Rata ta' Ko-finanzjament: 75% Fondi UE; 25% Fondi Nazzjonali
Investment f'Sajd u Akkwakultura Sostenibbli

Union Priority 1: Article 29

Operation EMFF 1.4.1: *Training for Fishers*





Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.1:

The Construction and Finishing of an office on the Fish Landing Site in the Marsaxlokk Designated Port

Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.2:

Refurbishment and upgrading of slipways in the port of Marsaxlokk



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.3:

Construction of a breakwater at Qrejten point in the port of Marsaxlokk



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Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation
EMFF 1.23.5:

*Upgrading of the Fisheries
Infrastructure in Gozo*



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Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation
EMFF 1.23.6:

*Upgrading of Mgarr Gozo and
Marsaxlokk Malta Fishing Ports*



Union Priority 2: Article 48.1 a-d, f-h

Operation 2.2.1 – *Productive aquaculture Investments at Pisciculture Marine de Malte Ltd.*



Union Priority 2: Article 48.1 e, i, j

Operation 2.3.1 – *Productive investment in non-food aquaculture using RAS in AquaBioTech Group*



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FOR THE EU PRESIDENCY 2017 AND EU FUNDS

EUROPEAN MARITIME AND FISHERIES FUND 2014-2020
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Union Priority 3 Article 77 Data Collection:

Operation EMFF 6.2.1 & Operation EMFF 6.2.2

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European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
DATA COLLECTION FRAMEWORK MULTIANNUAL PROGRAMME 2014-2016

Data collection is nationally carried out by means of:

- Research surveys at sea
- Market sampling
- On-board observations
- Fish age profiling
- Analyses of logbooks and spatial VMS data
- One to one interviews.

The EU's Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme (DC MAP) concerns the collection of data in the fisheries sector towards the provision of scientific advice as required through the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP); Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

The national work programme outlines the collection of biological, technical, environmental and socio-economic data. In line with the DC-MAP,

The collected data is used to analyse the state of exploited marine resources, the state of the marine ecosystem and the socio-economic performance of the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors.

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DATA COLLECTION FRAMEWORK MULTIANNUAL PROGRAMME 2014-2016

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**Union Priority 5: Article 68
Operation EMFF 4.3.1:**

***Nesploraw Flimkien it-
Teżori tal-Baħar!***



Union Priority 6: Article 80.1 c) Operation EMFF 8.3.1

Marine environmental monitoring: towards effective management of Malta's marine waters



■ Challenges encountered

- Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on the fisheries sector
 - Change in consumer needs

- Impacts of COVID-19 on the EMFF operations
 - Items taking longer to be delivered
 - Suppliers experienced unprecedented lock down circumstances which hampered dossier preparation for a pending tender
 - Suspension of training sessions
 - Extension of services
 - Installation suspensions

■ Infringements

- Shortcomings detected in the control system over Bluefin Tuna (BFT) farms and related activities

Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the report was submitted to the European Commission on 29th May 2020 and was subsequently found admissible by the Commission on 27th July 2020.

[iv] Financials

Statement of Expenditures undertaken in 2019 and in 2020

- **1 SOE completed by accounting year ending 30 June 2019**
 - Payment application amounting to €1,768,590.06 (EU share) was submitted to EC on 10th May 2019

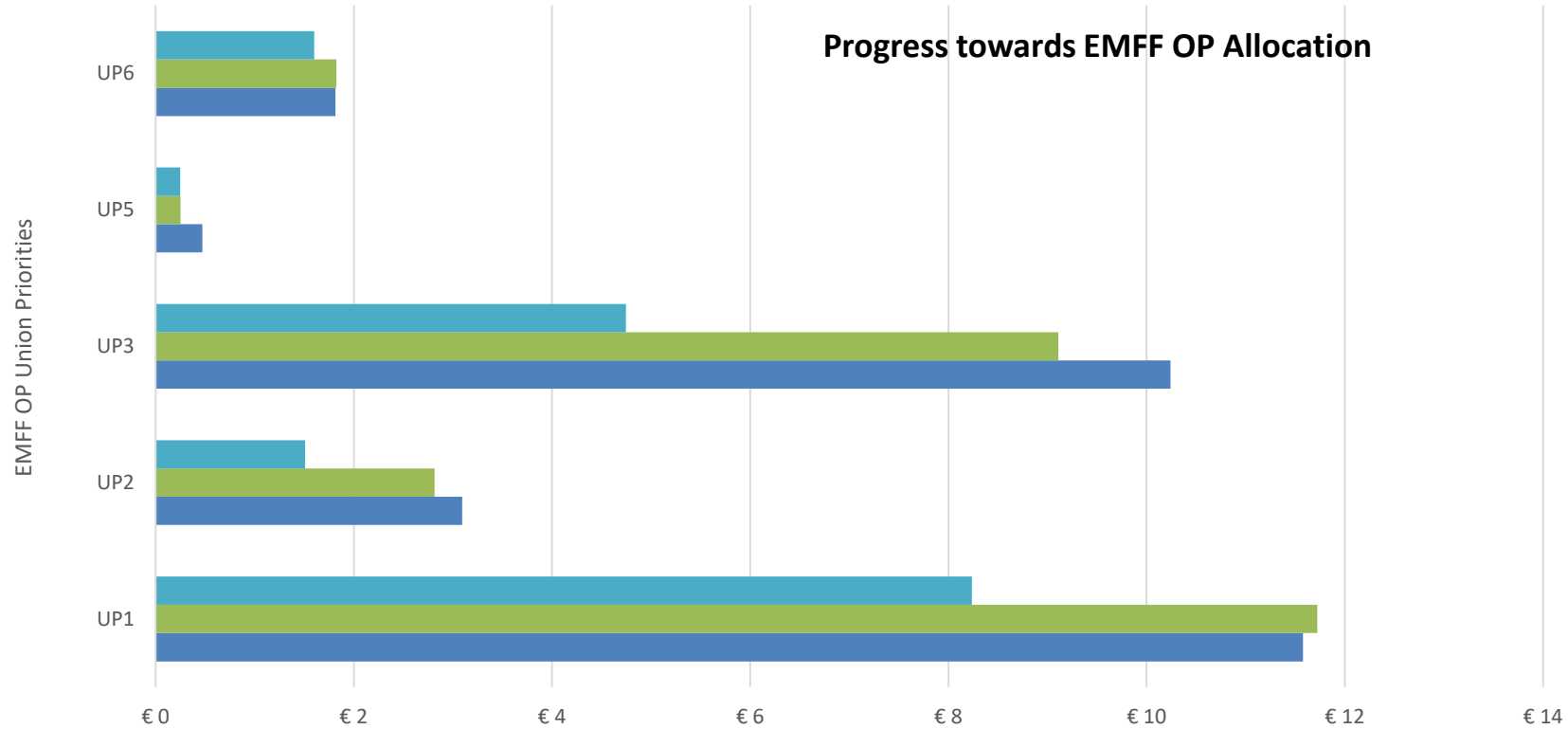
- **2 SOEs completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2020**
 - 1 payment application amounting to €1,039,295.84 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 14th November 2019
 - 1 payment application amounting to €674,879.97 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 9 December 2019

- **1 SOE completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2021**
 - 1 payment application amounting to €734,210.86 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 29th October 2020

Funds Committed

Union Priority	Approved Allocation in the OP	% of EMFF Funds committed through approved projects
UP1	11,577,239	11,720,837.53 (101.38%)
UP2	3,092,781	2,815,136.98 (91.02%)
UP3	10,240,997	9,107,367.14 (87.65%)
UP5	469,771	250,000 (46.4%)
UP6	1,814,042	1,825,000 (100.60%)

- Figures refer to public eligible amount



	UP1	UP2	UP3	UP5	UP6
2020 Paid Funds	€ 8,236,866	€ 1,508,429	€ 4,745,534	€ 249,158	€ 1,600,000
2020 Committed Funds	€ 11,720,838	€ 2,815,137	€ 9,107,367	€ 250,000	€ 1,825,000
OP Allocation	€ 11,577,239	€ 3,092,781	€ 10,240,997	€ 469,771	€ 1,814,042

Update on the Performance Framework

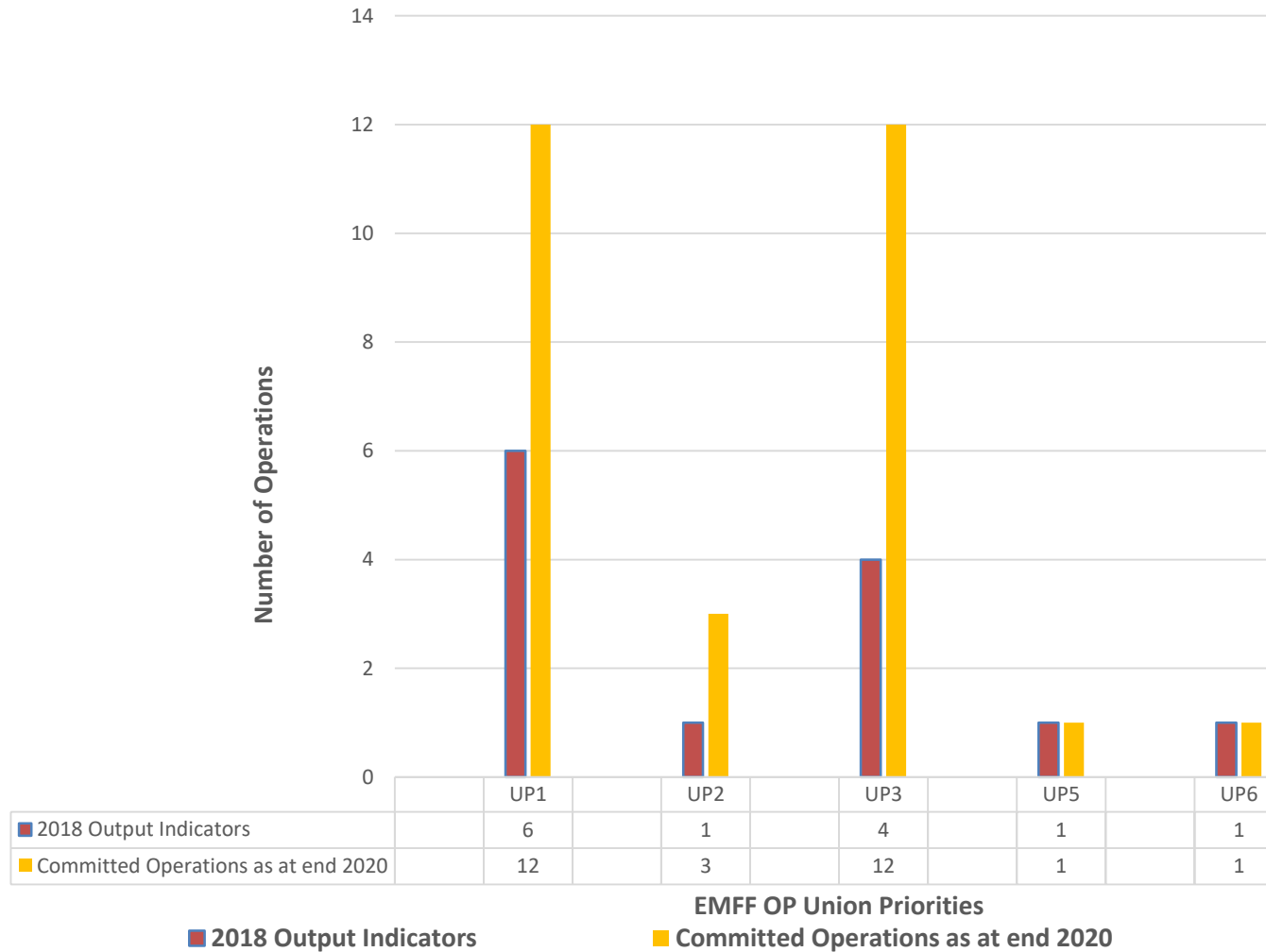
Progress made towards 2018 & 2023

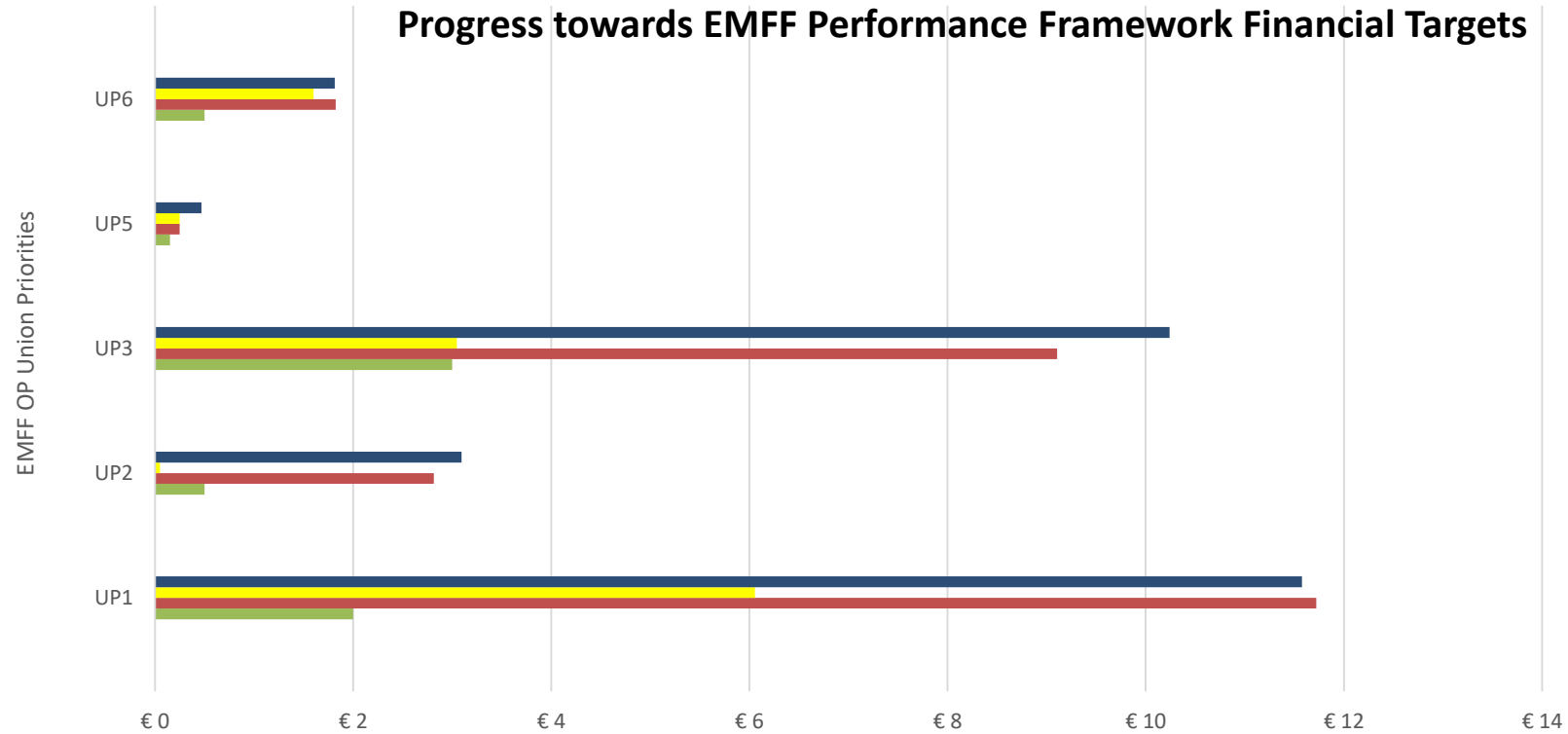
Performance Framework Milestones & Targets

	2018 Output Planned - Operation s	Output Achieved - Operations	2023 Output Planned - Operations	2018 Financials Planned	Financials Achieved -Paid	Financials Achieved - Certified	2023 Financials Planned
UP1	6	12	15	€2,000,000	€8,238,615.62	€6,055,704.88	€11,577,239
UP2	1	3	3	€500,000	€1,508,428.59	€50,708.07	€3,092,781
UP3	4	12	13	€3,000,000	€4,784,213.95	€3,047,481.03	€10,240,997
UP5	1	1	2	€150,000	€248,501.35	€248,501.35	€469,771
UP6	1	1	1	€500,000	€1,600,000	€1,600,000	€1,814,042
Total	13	29	34	€6,150,000	€16,379,759.51	€11,002,395.33	€27,194,830

- Figures refer to the public eligible amount
- Figures as at end October 2020

Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Output Targets





	UP1	UP2	UP3	UP5	UP6
2023 Financial Targets	€ 11,577,239	€ 3,092,781	€ 10,240,997	€ 469,771	€ 1,814,042
2020 Certified Funds	€ 6,055,705	€ 50,708	€ 3,047,481	€ 248,501	€ 1,600,000
2020 Committed Funds	€ 11,720,838	€ 2,815,137	€ 9,107,367	€ 250,000	€ 1,825,000
2018 Financial Indicator	€ 2,000,000	€ 500,000	€ 3,000,000	€ 150,000	€ 500,000

Update on OP Commitments

- As at today, EUR 27,452,281.65 (total public eligible) were committed out of the total contribution of EUR 28,928,771 (including Technical Assistance). This amounts to circa **94.90% of total public eligible allocated Funds.**
- Two project proposals were recently evaluated by the Project Selection Committee and recommendations for award were provided to the Managing Authority. It is expected that an additional EUR 800,000 (public eligible funds) are to be committed by the end of year 2020. This would bring up the 94.90% to 97.66%.

Forecast of N+3

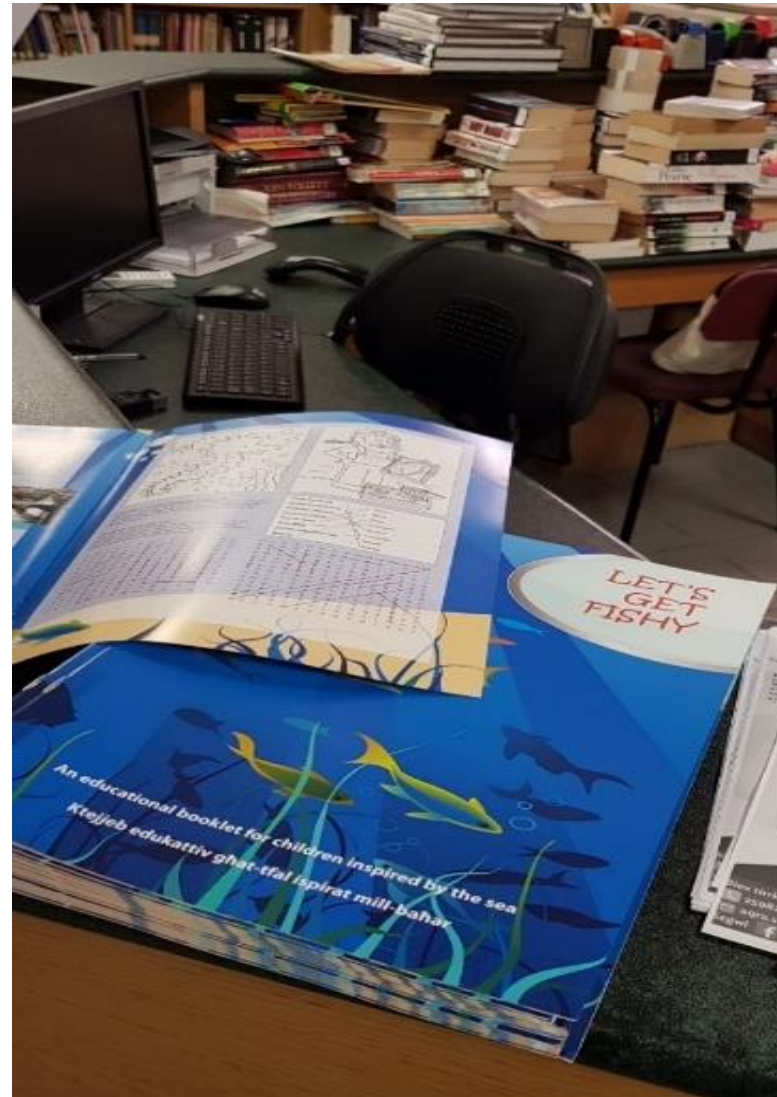
- N+3 target for 2020 (EUR 55,884.67 as at 1 January 2020 [EU Share]) were met with circa EUR 678,326 [EU Share] extra funds certified by end October 2020.
- N+ 3 target for 2021: EUR 1,782,016 (EU Share)

[v] Communication & Publicity Activities

- Calls promoted through adverts published on the Government Gazette, on all local Sunday printed newspapers and through radio adverts;
- Promotional material was disseminated during the Monitoring Committee meeting held on 15/05/2019 and during the Europe Day activity held on 09/05/2019;
- The Managing Authority's webpage was updated with necessary documentation, thus meeting CPR/EMFF Regulatory Requirements
 - www.eufunds.gov.mt
 - www.eufundsmalta.gov.mt

Publicity Event 2019

Promotional activity books
targeting pupils of 6-10
years of age, were
distributed to five major
public libraries around Malta
and Gozo



Publicity Event 2020

Advert Bus Wraps:

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund was advertised on the exterior of fourteen route vehicles [twelve in Malta and two in Gozo] for a span of six weeks



[vi] EMFF Database System

- The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund System has been launched in year 2016;
- So far 65 active users;
- 892 claims for payment have already been processed. These include Technical Assistance;
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.

[vii] EMFF Programming 2021-2027

Programming Arrangements for EU Funds 2021-2027

Strategy and Implementation Division within MFEA

- Coordinating the drafting of all EU funded plans and programmes and the Partnership Agreement 2021-2027, to ensure synergies, complementarity and demarcation.

Progress thus far:

- In 2019, launched the programming process across relevant Ministries and other stakeholders.
- Around 145 entities invited for consultations as part of Committee Meetings set up to identify priorities under the Partnership Agreement.
- Around 21 entities were consulted bilaterally on EMFF funding possibilities. Consulted stakeholders include Government representatives, social partners, NGOs, fish cooperatives and aquaculture representatives.

Enabling Conditions: State of Play

- Enabling conditions are a pre-requisite for supporting projects through EU funding;
- 4 horizontal enabling conditions applicable for EMFF;
- At present, Ministries are actively working on ensuring fulfilment of conditions. Fulfilment is expected by end of 2020;
- Another round of consultations with relevant entities is currently underway in particular to take stock of the fulfilment of the outstanding enabling conditions;
- This exercise shall aim to serve as the basis for the finalisation of the first draft programmes for Government consideration.

2021-2027 Programme	Indicative Financial Allocation (EU Share) ¹
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)	€22,000,000

¹ Source: Ministry of Finance estimates on the basis of latest CION proposals and/or Fiches. Amounts exclude possible transfers.

- The EMFF Programme Strategy takes into consideration the related policy and strategic framework, the applicable SWOT and needs analysis for the related sectors and identified types of actions.
- Stakeholder feedback helps to further substantiate and redirect the Programme Strategy taking into account evidence-based data and related information of the sectors (STECF's reports, National data & statistics).

Programming Arrangements for the Partnership Agreement & EMFF

Next Steps (Q4 2020-Q2 2021):

- Finalising the first consolidated Partnership Agreement and EMFF Programme for Government consideration;
- Engaging in informal dialogue with the European Commission on Partnership Agreement and EMFF Programme and carrying out wider consultations, as necessary;
- Finalising the Strategic Environmental Report on the EMFF Programme;
- Updating the Monitoring Committee and any other stakeholders, as necessary;
- Official submission of the PA and EMFF Programme.

Thank you for your attention



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