

European Fisheries Fund

2007 – 2013

State of Play

Development from the last
Monitoring Committee

Priority Axis 1:

Measures for the adaptation of the Maltese
Fishing Fleet



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Permanent Cessation

- The first permanent cessation call was implemented successfully
- 9 vessels have been scrapped
- These consisted of 6 over 12 meters fishing vessels and 3 under 12 meters fishing vessels
- The main objective of the measure to reduce the fishing capacity of the Maltese registered fishing fleet has been achieved.
- The measure targeted long-line vessels that fish for highly migratory fish stocks, in particular the Blue fin Tuna and Small Scale Coastal Fishing Vessels.
- 8 BFT licences have been deleted from the Maltese Permanent BFT list.
- 3 Fishing Vessels have been deleted from the Small Scale Coastal Fisheries, 2 of these vessels had a BFT Licence
- A total of 1.1 million Euro has been disbursed
- A total of 186.91 Gross Tonnage and 1,428Kw have been removed from the Malta Fishing Vessel Register



Permanent Cessation Implementation Images



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Investments on Board Fishing Vessels & Selectivity

- 50 applicants applied for the scheme, out of these 45 were eligible for funding and 5 were not eligible for funding
- Out of the 45 eligible applications, 33 beneficiaries signed the agreement
- Total Committed Funds: About 210,00€, i.e. 23% out of the total allocated budget and 42% out of the total budget for this call
- Presently, final beneficiaries are commissioning, procuring, and installing the approved items
- The MA implemented the request made by the CION to all MS to temporarily stop any payments related to investments which may increase the fishing capacity
- Several fishing vessels completed their projects and an appointment for the spot check will be given in the following weeks
- Items that are being procured are;
Radars, Autopilots, Safety Equipment, Change of Engines, Modernising the vessel structure etc..
- More valuable applications were expected
- It resulted that the call is not requested by our local fishers, therefore the remaining funds will be shifted to another permanent cessation call



Investment on Board Fishing Vessels & Selectivity Images



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Socio Economic Compensation for the Management of the Community Fishing Fleet

- The Department of Contracts issued the letter of intent and signed the agreement with contractor
- The courses commenced in December and ended in May 2011
- The Bodies responsible for this tender are finalising the closure procedures
- More than 800 Fishers successfully completed the training courses
- To date a total of about 113,000€ has been spent
- A total of about 110,000€ shall be disbursed as all the closure procedure are completed
- A Press conference was organised to present the certificates to the successful fishers



Training Courses Images



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Priority Axis 2:
**Measures for aquaculture, processing
and marketing of fishery and
aquaculture products**

**Productive investments in aquaculture
and
Investments in Processing and
Marketing**



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Productive investments in aquaculture

- A service tender for the preparation of an Aquaculture strategy for Malta has been drafted and published by the Department of Contracts
- The Evaluation Committee evaluated the bids submitted
- The aquaculture strategy is being finalised



Investments in Processing and Marketing of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products

- The call published in 2010 was evaluated, and 2 eligible applications signed the contractual agreements.
- The final beneficiaries will be granted about 780,000€.
- To date the two projects are being implemented
- About 60,000€ has been disbursed



Marketing and Processing Aid Scheme Images



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Measures of Common Interest

Fishing Ports, Landing Sites and Shelters

- Reallocation of the Fish Market
- All information and requests by MEPA are accepted
- We are waiting for the MEPA approval which is assumed to be issued by the end of June
- In the mean time tenders for the construction, services and supply are being drafted and shall be sent to the Department of Contracts upon the issue of the MEPA approval



Designated Ports

- From the 4 planned designated ports, 3 locations have been identified, in Mgarr Gozo, Marfa and in Marsaxlokk
- The plans and drawings of these landing sites are being drafted and should be submitted to MEPA for the necessary approvals.
- We are working to acquire the necessary buildings and start designing the requirements of the other two landing sites



Service Pillars at Marsaxlokk

- A direct order for the procurement of the first phase of service pillar was issued from the MFIN.
- The service pillars have been installed.
- The first payments shall be processed in the following months

Modification to existing hard standing facility slipway

- A tender for the construction of the arms of the slipway was awarded and is being implemented.
- The first payments shall be processed in the following months.

