

Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020 Programming Period

Maritime and Fisheries Operational Programme
Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

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[i] Introduction

Introduction

- **Designation**

- The Funds and Programmes Division [FPD] was designated as the **EMFF Managing Authority [MA]** on the **18th October 2016**.
- The **Internal Audit and Investigations Department** formally designated the FPD as the EMFF MA and EU Paying Authority as the **Certifying Authority [CA]** on the basis of the designation criteria set out in Annex XIII of Regulation [EU] No. 1303/2013.
- Documentation and tools necessary for the Designation of the EMFF MA: **Description of Management and Controls System; EMFF MoP; CA Internal MoP; EMFF National Eligibility Rules, Project Selection Committee Manual; Fraud Risk Register; Risk Register; EMFF DB 2014-2020.**

[ii] Calls for Proposals

Summary of Calls Issued

Call	Union Priority	Status
Call 1: Data Collection	3 - Fostering the Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy [CFP]	Closed
Call 2: Integrated Maritime Policy [IMP]	6 - Fostering the Implementation of the IMP	Closed
Call 3: Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	Open [Closes on Friday 30 th November 2016]

Call 1 - [UP3] Data Collection

- **Eligible Applicants:** Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change [MSDEC]
- **Call Closing Date:** Friday 29th April 2016
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 2,500,000 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** € 1,822,425
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 80%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 2nd Quarter 2017

Call 1 - [UP3] Data Collection [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **11th March 2016** on the basis of **Article 77 of Regulation [EU] No. 508/2014**, inviting the MSDEC to submit an application.
- In line with the EMFF OP, **for the period 2014-2016 Malta will implement the National Programme 2014 – 2016** as laid down in the Commission Decision C[2013] 5568 of 30th August 2013.
- **Operation Summary:** This operation includes the collection, use and management of fisheries data in line with Council Regulation EC No. 199/2008 and Commission Decision [2010/93/EU] and as outlined in the National Programme for the collection of primary biological, technical, environmental and socio-economic data in the fisheries sector of the Republic of Malta, 2011 - 2013 National Programme.

Call 2 - [UP6] Fostering the Implementation of the IMP

- **Eligible Applicants:** MSDEC
- **Application Closing Date:** Wednesday 10th August 2016
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 1,600,000 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** € 1,600,000
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 75%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 1st Quarter 2019

Call 2 - [UP6] Fostering the Implementation of the IMP [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **9th June 2016** on the basis of **Article 80.1[c] of Regulation [EU] No. 508/2014**, inviting the MSDEC [as a co-ordinating body] to submit an application.
- The **Environment and Resources Authority [ERA]** in partnership with Malta Marittima Agency, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Transport Malta applied for this call.
- **Operation Summary**: The project will initiate the implementation of sustained environmental monitoring in marine waters with the aim to assess the state of Malta's marine waters on a continuous basis and address current knowledge gaps. This monitoring would provide a sound knowledge base for effective management of anthropogenic activities and work towards achievement of Good Environmental Status [GES] in marine waters.

Call 3 - [UP1] Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters

- **Eligible Applicants:** MSDEC; Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure (MTI)
- **Application Closing Date:** Friday 30th November 2016
- **Amount Allocated:** € 9,230,572 [Public Eligible]
- **Eligible Amount:** to be determined
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 75%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** to be determined

Call 3 - [UP1] Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **20th October 2016** on the basis of **Article 43.1+3 + 44.1[f] of Regulation [EU] No. 508/2014**, inviting the MSDEC and MTI to submit applications.
- **Potential Operations:** Improving the infrastructure in fishing ports and existing landing sites.
- Another call may be issued in 2017 in case funds are still to be committed.

Upcoming Calls

- **[UP1] Article 41.2 Replacement or Modernisation of Main and/or Ancillary Engines**
 - *Amount Allocated: € 200,000 [exact amount to be determined following EC approval for amendment to OP]*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 50%*
- **[UP1] Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting Human Capital and Social Dialogue**
 - *Amount Allocated: € 500,000*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 75%*
- Calls will be issued within the coming months

[iii] Update on OP/UP Commitments

- UP Commitments: Performance Framework Targets

Commitments	Target date	Output Indicator	Status
1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	2018	1	Call 1 issued in 2016 Call 2 to be issued in Q1 2017
1.4 - N° of projects on conservation measures, reduction of the fishing impact on the marine environment and fishing adaptation to the protection of species	2018	1	Call to be issued in Q1 2017
1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines	2018	4	Call to be issued in Q1 2017

- UP Commitments: Performance Framework Targets [cont.]

Commitments	Target date	Output Indicator	Status
1.9 - N° of projects on promotion of human capital and social dialogue, diversification and new forms of income, start-ups for fishermen and health/safety	2018	6	Calls to be issued between Q1-Q2 2017
2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	2018	2	Call to be issued in 2017
3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	2018	3	Calls to be issued between Q1-Q2 2017

- UP Commitments: Performance Framework Targets [cont.]

Commitments	Target date	Output Indicator	Status
3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	2018	1	Call 1 issued in 2016 Call 2 to be issued in Q1 2017
5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures (and storage aid)	2018	1	Call to be issued in Q3 2017
6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	2018	1	Call issued in 2016

Update on OP/UP Commitments

In light of the **calls issued in 2016 under UP1, UP3 and UP6**, the MA foresees that **about EUR12.6M will be committed by Q2 2017** [following closure and evaluation of Call 3 under UP1]. This translates to circa **44% of allocated EMFF Funds**.

With reference to **calls planned to be issued in 2017**, the MA foresees that **about EUR13.5M will be committed by Q1 2018** [following closure and evaluation of the respective calls]. This will amount to about **47% of allocated EMFF Funds**.

In this regard, by Q1 2018 a total of EUR 26.1M is foreseen to be committed amounting to about 91% of allocated EMFF Funds.

[iv] EMFF Database 2014-2016

The EMFF Database

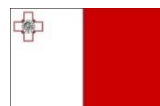


- **Meetings held between the MA and the developer [MITA]** in order to discuss various aspects allowing the development of the various modules.
- The operational and functional aspects of each developed module were subsequently **tested by the Managing Authority** and any identified issues were rectified accordingly.
- Data groups and functionality roles were developed and implemented.
- **The database records and stores required data as per applicable rules**, namely:
 - Commission Implementing Regulation [EU] No 1242/2014
 - Commission Implementing Regulation [EU] No 1243/2014
 - Commission Delegated Regulation [EU] No 480/2014

Online Application Form

- Development of the online application form:
 - **Testing Phase** [discussions held between the MA and MITA especially in light of different data to be captured by the system as per applicable rules]
- Following drafting of applications by the MA, applications and calls for applications are created through a specific menu on the EMFF DB. Subsequent to the publication of calls, applicants will be required to fill in and submit applications online. **All applications received are recorded in the database.**
- The online application form is developed and integrated within the system [EMFF Database 14-20], **simplifying the process for the applicant.**

Thanks for your attention



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