

Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020 Programming Period

Maritime and Fisheries Operational Programme
Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

Monitoring Committee
29th October 2021



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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.

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[i] Calls for Proposals

- Since year 2016, a total of **30 operations** [including Technical Assistance] have been selected for co-financing, out of which 14 operations are fully completed.

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	Completion 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	Completed
Call 7: Article 68 Marketing measures	UP 5	July 2017	Completed
Call 8: Article 76 Control & Enforcement [First Call]	UP 3	August 2017	Completed
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

Summary of all calls issued – 2018 - 2019

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	Implementation stage
Call 32: Article 76 Control and Enforcement [Fourth Call]	UP3	March 2020	Application withdrawn

[ii] EMFF Operations

EU funds for Malta 2014-2020

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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 DRITTUJIET TAL-ANIMALI

FOND EWROPEW GĦALL-AFFARIJJIET 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-Affarijjet Marittimi u s-Sajd 2014-2020
Parzjalment iffinanzjat mill-Unjoni Ewropea
Fond Ewropew għall-Affarijjet 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

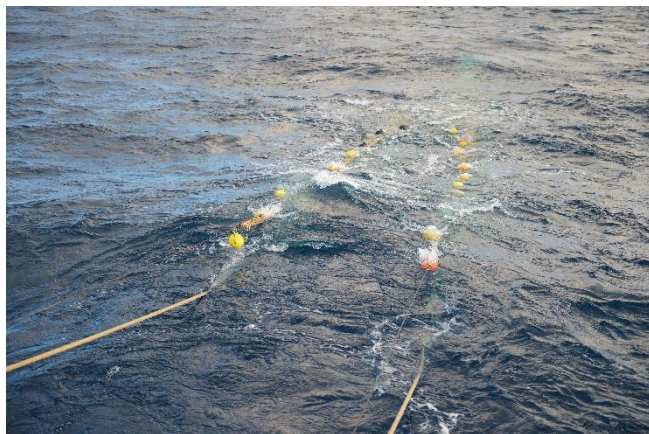
Operation EMFF 1.4.1 *Training for Fishers*



Union Priority 1: Article 39

Operation EMFF 1.16.1

A scientific study to improve gear selectivity



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***

Ongoing works

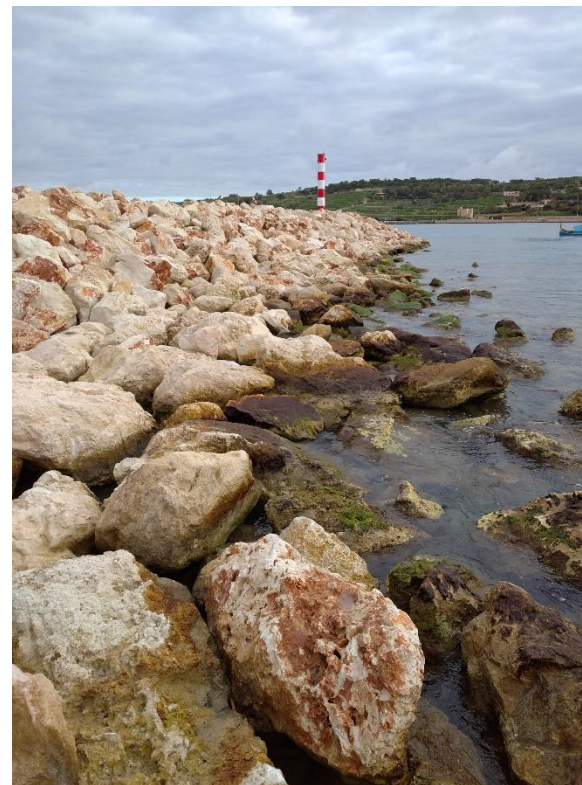


Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.3

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

Completed works



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.5

Upgrading of the Fisheries Infrastructure in Gozo



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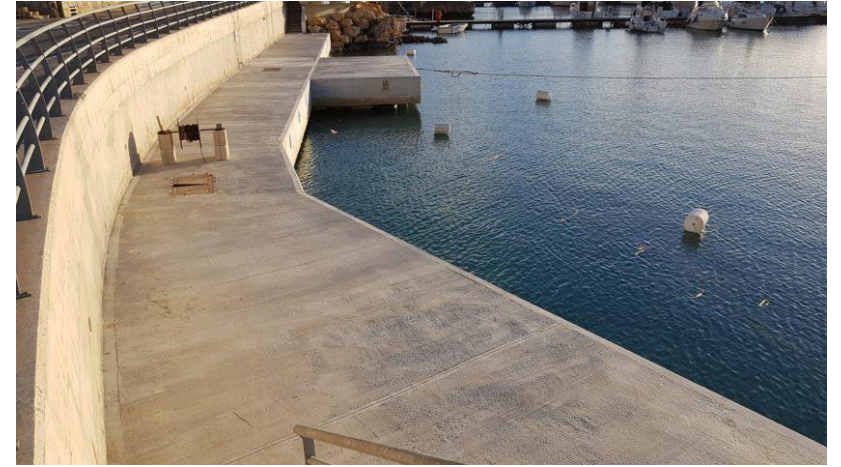


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Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.6



***Upgrading of Mgarr Gozo and
Marsaxlokk Malta Fishing Ports***



Ongoing works at Mgarr Gozo



Completed works at Mgarr Gozo



Before picture of the Marfa quay



Ongoing works on the Marfa quay

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



Fiberglass equipment



Rotifer system



Skid RAS [Recirculation Aquaculture Systems];



Lights

Union Priority 3

Article 76 Control & Enforcement Operation (e)



Union Priority 3

Article 76

Control & Enforcement

Operation (f)



Union Priority 3

Article 76

Control & Enforcement

Operation (j)



Union Priority 3

Article 77

Data Collection

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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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Union Priority 5: Article 68

Operation EMFF 4.3.1

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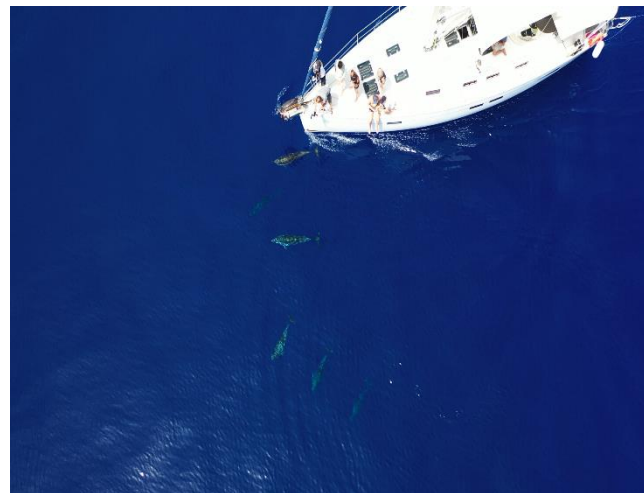
Union Priority 6: Article 80.1 c) Operation EMFF 8.3.1

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



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Operation EMFF 8.3.1**

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



■ Challenges encountered

- Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on certain EMFF operations persisted, such as manufacturing and delivery delays
- Temporary suspension of works on the Marfa quay during the summer period

■ Infringements

- Shortcomings detected in the control system over Bluefin Tuna (BFT) farms and related activities
- Such infringement is still in place

Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report, the report was submitted to the European Commission on 29th May 2021 and was subsequently found admissible by the Commission on 1st June 2021.

[iii] Financials

Statement of Expenditures undertaken in 2020 and in 2021

- **2 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
 - 1 payment application amounting 2,226,775.24 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 23 December 2020

- **1 SOE completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2022**
 - 1 payment application amounting to €1,151,981.77 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 30 July 2021

- Circa €2.3mIn (EU Share) will be raised between October and December 2021

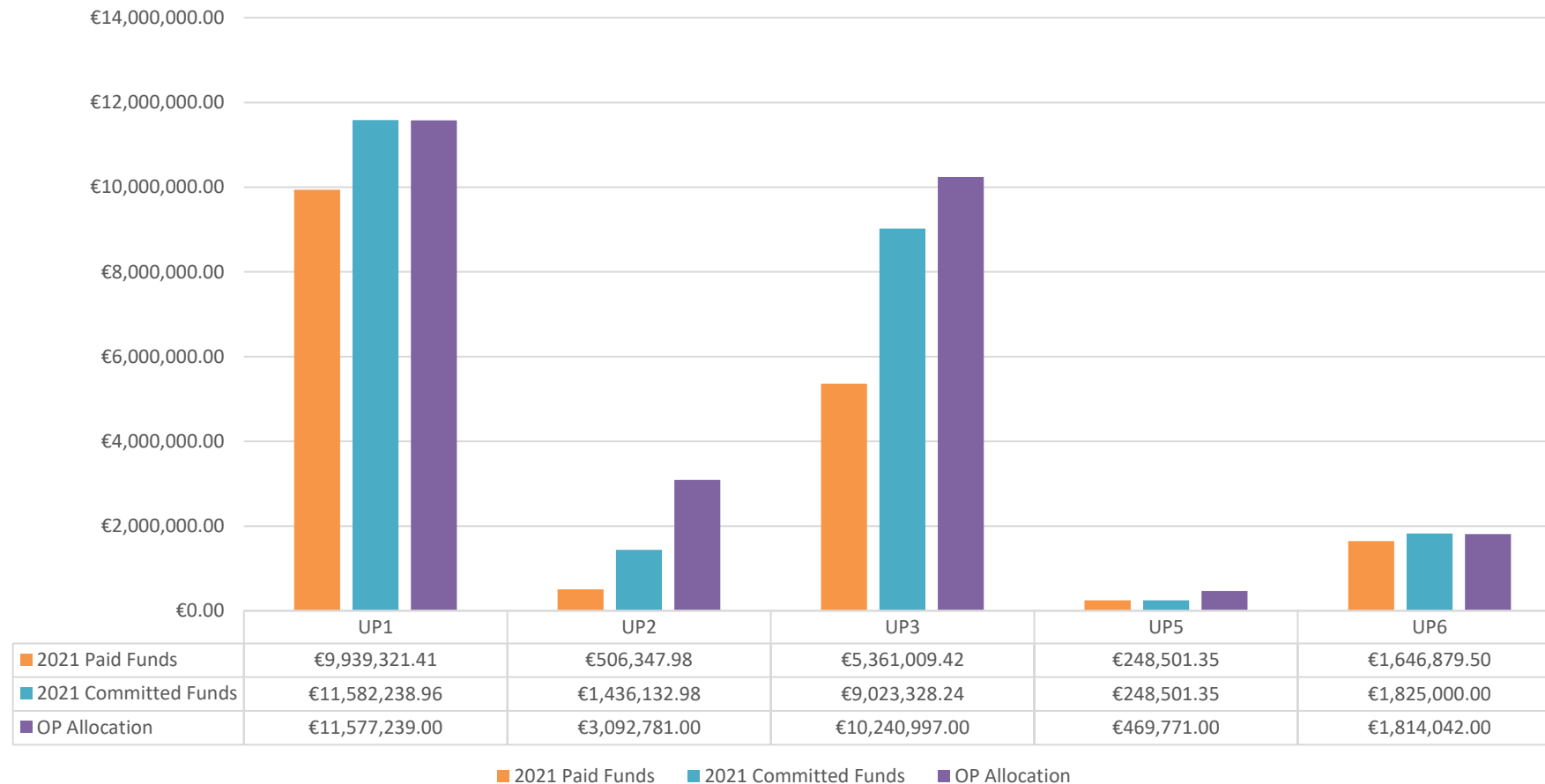
- 49 documentary OTS and 4 physical OTS checks were conducted in 2021

Funds Committed

Union Priority	Approved Allocation in the OP	% of EMFF Funds committed through approved projects
UP1	11,577,239	11,582,238.96 (104.38%)
UP2	3,092,781	1,436,132.98 (46%)
UP3	10,240,997	9,023,328.24 (88.11%)
UP5	469,771	248,501.35 (46.4%)
UP6	1,814,042	1,825,000 (100.60%)

- Figures refer to public eligible amount

Progress towards EMFF OP Allocation



Update on the Performance Framework

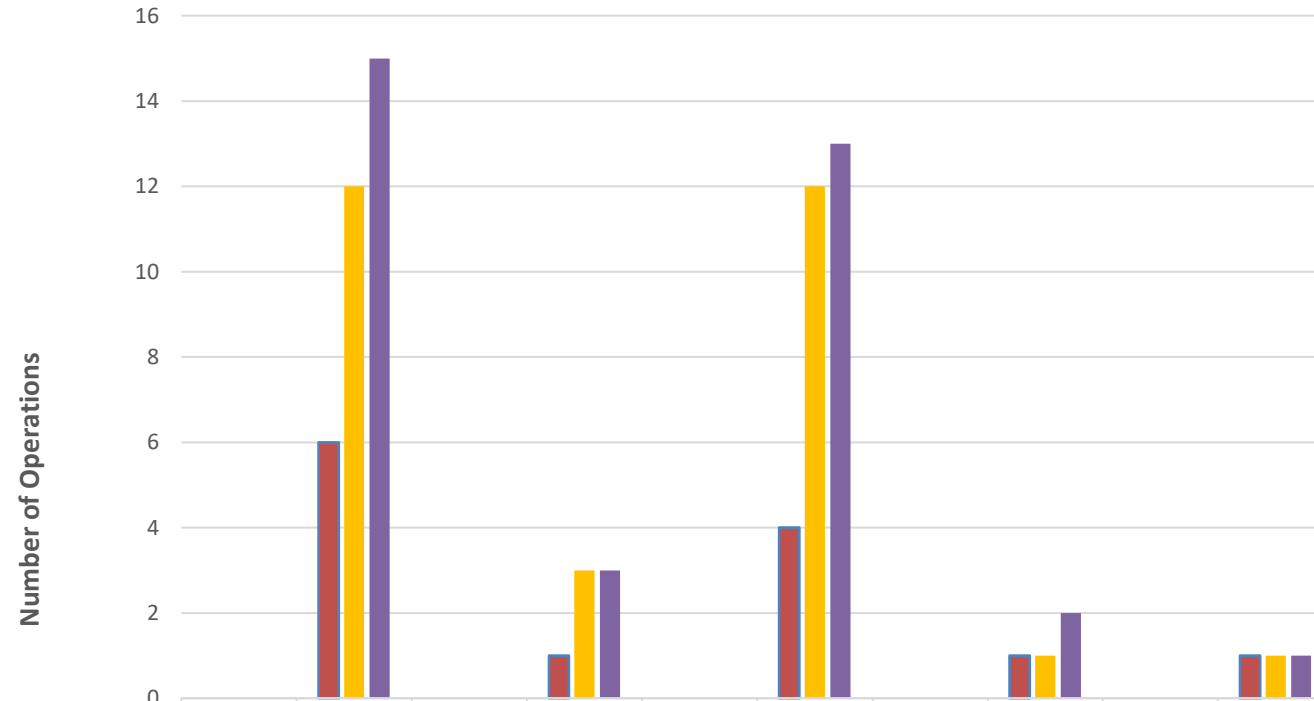
Progress made towards 2018 & 2023

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	9,939,321.41	€9,044,675.37	€11,577,239
UP2	1	3	3	€500,000	€506,347.98	€50,708.07	€3,092,781
UP3	4	12	13	€3,000,000	€5,361,009.42	€3,930,452.14	€10,240,997
UP5	1	1	2	€150,000	€248,501.35	€248,501.35	€469,771
UP6	1	1	1	€500,000	€1,646,876.50	€1,600,000	€1,814,042
Total	13	29	34	€6,150,000	€17,702,056.66	€14,874,336.93	€27,194,830

- Figures refer to the public eligible amount
- Figures as at end September 2021

Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Output Targets



	UP1	UP2	UP3	UP5	UP6
2018 Output Indicators	6	1	4	1	1
Committed Operations as at September 2021	12	3	12	1	1
2023 Output Indicators	15	3	13	2	1

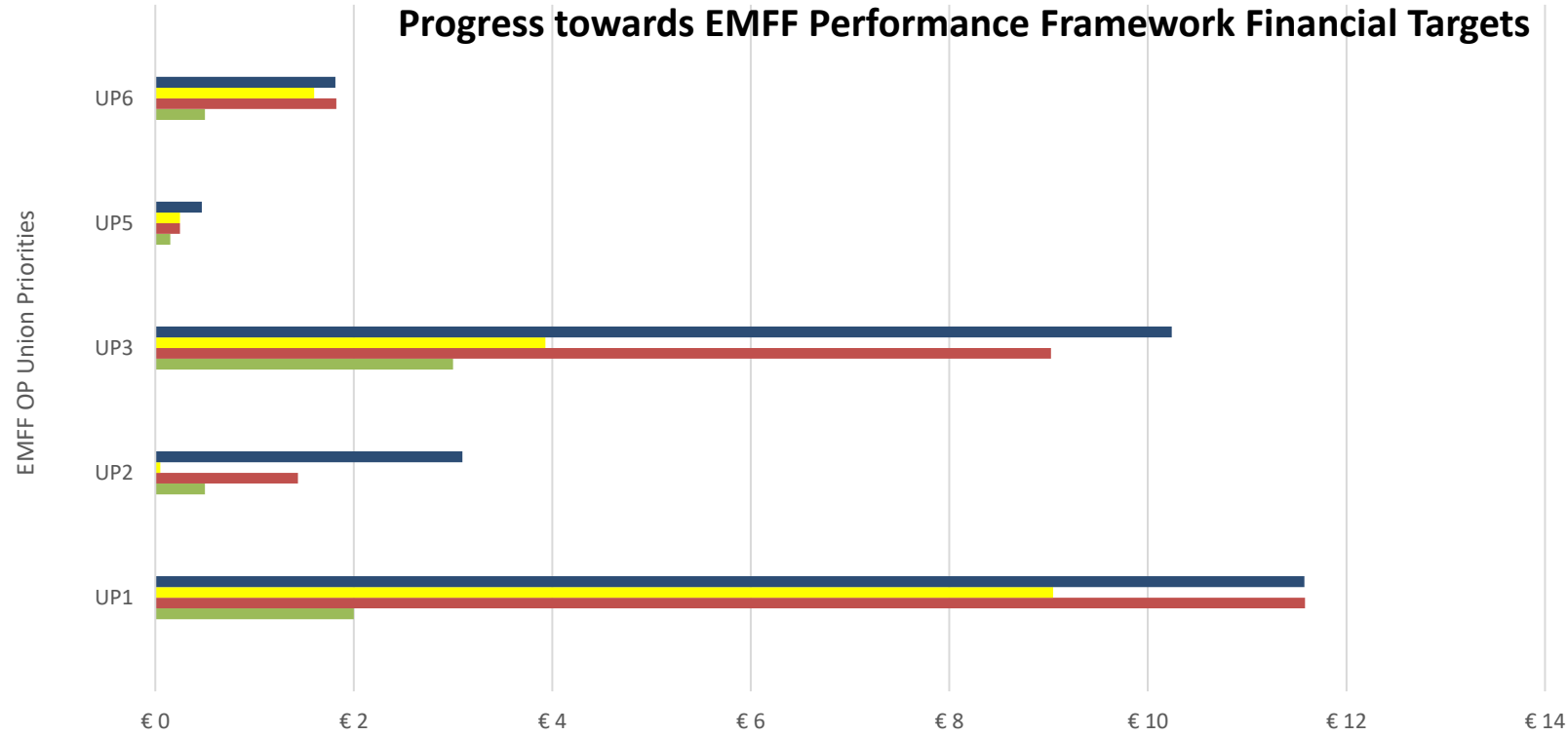
EMFF OP Union Priorities

2018 Output Indicators

Committed Operations as at September 2021

2023 Output Indicators

Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Financial Targets



	UP1	UP2	€ Millions	UP3	UP5	UP6	
■ 2023 Financial Targets	€ 11,577,239	€ 3,092,781		€ 10,240,997	€ 469,771	€ 1,814,042	
■ 2021 Certified Funds	€ 9,044,675	€ 50,708		€ 3,930,452	€ 248,501	€ 1,600,000	
■ 2021 Committed Funds	€ 11,582,239	€ 1,436,133		€ 9,023,328	€ 248,501	€ 1,825,000	
■ 2018 Financial Indicator	€ 2,000,000	€ 500,000		€ 3,000,000	€ 150,000	€ 500,000	0

Update on OP Commitments

- As at today, EUR 25,849,140.53 (total public eligible) were committed out of the total contribution of EUR 28,928,771 (including Technical Assistance). This amounts to circa **89.35% of total public eligible allocated Funds.**

Forecast of N+3

- **N+3 target for 2021** - As at 1 January 2021 [EU Share] the n+3 target is €3.76m and diminishes to €-0.14m (net of pre-financing flexibility). Considering certified expenditure as at end September 2021, the net amount increases to €-1.3m . Thus taking into account the pre-financing flexibility, ***Malta has reached n+3 target for Allocation Year 2018.***
- **N+ 3 target for 2022:** As at end September 2021, n+3 target for Allocation Year 2019 is €5.73m and diminishes to €1.37m (net of pre-financing flexibility).

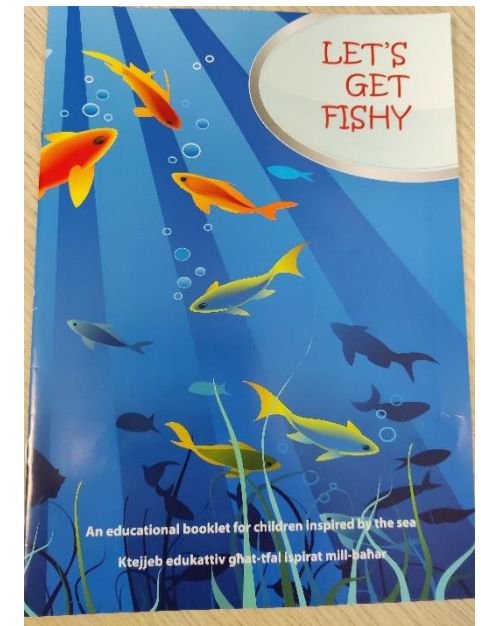
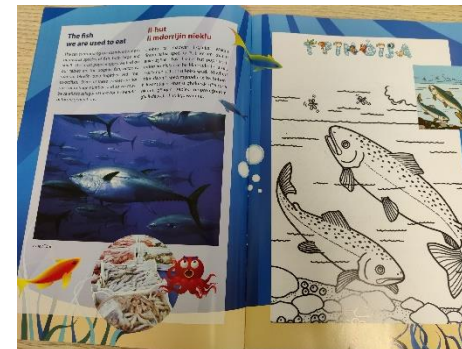
[iv] Communication & Publicity Activities

Publicity Event

Two beach clean-up activities were held:

➔ Pretty Bay on the 19th June 2021

➔ Għadira Bay on the 18th September 2021 as part of World Clean-up Day





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[v] EMFF Database System

- The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund System has been launched in year 2016;
- So far 56 active users;
- 1138 claims for payment have already been processed. These include Technical Assistance;
- Further updates to the system are envisaged.

[vi] Simplified Cost Options

In 2021 the Managing Authority, with the help of technical expertise, undertook studies in relation to the introduction of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)

SCOs in the EMFF are principally covering:

- The reimbursement of staff costs related to the data collection and control projects;
 - The reimbursement costs relating to Research and Technical Personnel in research and development and innovation projects;
 - The reimbursement costs relating to expert fees.
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- Proposals already submitted to the Internal Audit and Investigations Department (IAID) and are in line with the Common Provisions Regulation (CPR) 14-20 (CPR14-20) Article 68a), as well as the new CPR 2021/1060 for the new programming period 2021-2027.

[vii] Amendments to the EMFF OP 2014 - 2020

Proposed Changes:

1. Transfer of Funds from UP 5 Storage Aid amounting to €219,771 to UP 1 to include the possibility of a Covid – 19 Temporary Cessation Scheme (Article 33 (1) (d)).
2. Transfer of Funds amounting to €1.2 million from UP2 to UP1 in order to supplement investments being carried out on the ground.
3. The MA's focus is to close the programme and ensure a 100% commitment.

- Covid – 19 – Temporary Cessation Scheme

Amendments to the regulation on the European Maritime and Fisheries fund (EMFF).

Taking into consideration the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, EMFF support under Art. 67, is being directed towards Temporary Cessation measures related to the pandemic.

Eligibility time-frame for such scheme covers the 1st of February 2020 and 31st December 2020.

The premium will be calculated on the basis of a formula which calculates equitably the losses incurred by fishers during the above mentioned period.

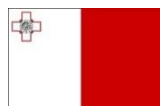
- **Transfer of funds from UP 2 to UP 1**

Withdrawal of the MFF Ltd. project meant that unutilised funds went back in the programme as uncommitted.

This withdrawal is effectively linked to actions taken to safeguard the financial interests of the EU.

UP 1 has considerable investments in the Fisheries and Maritime Sector and hence an injection of funds is beneficial to the sector.

Thank you for your attention



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