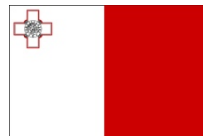


Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020 Programming Period

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Calls for Proposals

Measure 4 Launch

The MA pre-announced Sub-Measure 4.1 and Sub-Measure 4.4 on 11th November and 5th October respectively.

Applications for:

- i. Sub-Measure 4.1 shall be received as from 11th January 2017 Sub-Measure 4.4 shall be received as from 5th December 2016.

Measure 10.1 Launch

Applications for the following Sub-Measure 10.1 AECMs were received between February and June 2016:

AECM 1: Using mechanical control (rather than herbicides) for weeds in permanent crop production systems (olives, vines, orchards).

AECM 6: Integration and maintenance of autochthonous Maltese species.

AECM 6B: Measure for the integration and maintenance of autochthonous Maltese species (Maltese Ox);

AECM 6C: Measure for the integration and maintenance of autochthonous Maltese species (Carob and Mulberry trees).

In November 2016, the MA issued a pre-announcement call for the following (new) AECMs:

AECM 2: Measure for the Maintenance of trees;

AECM 3: Measure supporting the introduction of bee boxes on holdings;

AECM 4: Measure for the implementation of an Integrated Pest Management Plan targeting Vineyards and Orchards;

AECM 6a: Measure for the integration and maintenance of autochthonous Maltese species (Maltese Black Chicken).

Measure 13 Launch

During the 1st quarter of 2015, Measure 13.3 (ANC) was launched.

Measure 19 launch

- i. On February 16th 2016 an expression of interest was launched for Measure 19.1 - Preparatory costs for the setting up of a Local Action Group.

Indicative list of Measures to be launched in 2017

Measure 1 – Knowledge Transfer and Information Actions;

Measure 2 – Advisory services, farm Management and Farm relief services;

Measure 3 – Quality schemes for Agricultural products and foodstuffs;

Measure 6 – Farm and business development;

Measure 11 – Organic farming;

Measure 16 – Co-operation;

Measure 17 – Risk management.

Information on RDP implementation

Assessment of new applications received during 2016

| Sub-Measure | N° of Applications | Area Claimed (Ha) |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| M10.1 - AECM 1 | 270 | 152.0540 |
| M10.1 - AECM 6c | 20 | 7.1908 |
| M13.3 – ANC | 2,802 | 2,916.28 |

EAFRD Database 2014-2020

The EAFRD Database

- **Regular meetings being held between the MA and the developer [ABACO], with the support of MITA** in order to discuss various aspects allowing the enhancement of the various modules.
- The operational and functional aspects of each developed module are being **tested by the Managing Authority** and any identified issues are being rectified accordingly.

Online Application Form

- Development of the online application form:
 - **Testing Phase** [preliminary discussions held in light of different data to be captured by the system as per applicable rules]
- The online application form is developed and integrated within the system [EAFRD Database 14-20], **simplifying the process for the applicant.**

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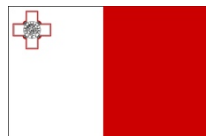
- i. Between the 22nd – 24th March 2017
- ii. *'The Role of Pillar II in Supporting the Future of Young Farmers'*

Ongoing Preparations for the Rural Directors' meeting (2)

i. Participants:

- European Commission representatives;
- Two (2) participants from each Member State;
- Young Farmers;
- Invitation extended to authors of European Commission publications;

Thank you for your attention



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