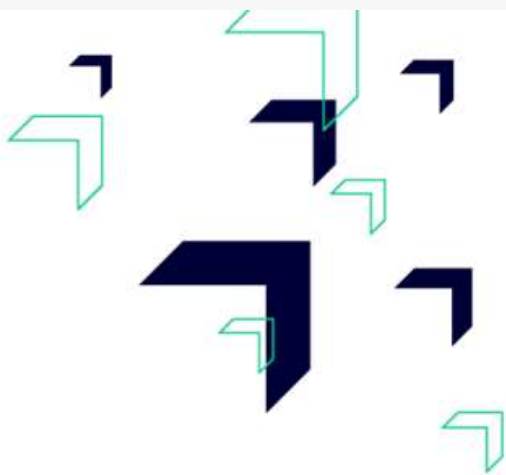




PROGRAMMING OF EUROPEAN UNION FUNDS
FOR MALTA
2021-2027

EMFAF Programme

25th January 2023



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EMFAF Programme

- Policy Objective 2 of the CPR is targeted by the Programme.
- Total budget: Eur 31.2mn (EU+MT)
- 3 Priorities
- Adopted by the European Commission on 28th November 2022

Objective: Strengthen the resilience, sustainable development and management of the Maltese fisheries and aquaculture sectors within the scope of the EMFAF Regulation and with the objective of adapting to new and emerging needs, including climate change adaptation and the protection and restoration of the marine environment.

***Fostering sustainable blue investment
in Maltese Fisheries and Aquaculture***

What's new?



- i. A single co-financing rate for all types of actions.
 - 70% (EU share) – 30% (MT share)
- ii. Enhanced focus and support towards SSCF, research & innovation actions, collaborative actions and address of biodiversity ambitions.
- iii. The assessment of the Enabling Conditions, and fulfilment which needs to be ensured throughout the 2021-2027 programming period.
- iv. Projects of Strategic Importance.
- v. Different regulatory parameters, EU ambitions, national socio-economic realities.

Regulatory Parameters for the 2021-2027 Programming Period

Policy Area Concerned	Regulatory Parameters	% in MT Programme
Specific Objective 1.4	Min. 15% EMFAF resources	29%
Articles 17- 21 of the EMFAF Regulation	Max. 15% EMFAF/ EUR 6,000,000	2% (EUR 600,000)
Technical Assistance	Max. 6% EMFAF	6%
Climate Target	Min. 30% MFF expenditure	62% EMFAF
Biodiversity earmarking at EU level		25% EMFAF

Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

SO 1.1. *Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities*

Types of potential actions:

- Investments directly targeting fishers:
 - Investments on board fishing vessels
 - Advisory/ consultancy services
 - Diversification of fishing activities
 - Promotion of skills & knowledge: training and/or collective interest/pilot projects
- Improvement of key fishing port/ landing infrastructure
- Research studies aimed at improving the research base of the local fisheries sector with the aim of increasing sustainability and resilience

Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 7.4 million

**Priority 1:
Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and
conservation of aquatic biological resources**

SO 1.2. Increasing energy efficiency and reducing CO2 emissions through the replacement or modernisation of engines of fishing vessels

Types of potential actions:

- Support for engine replacement and/or modernisation

- **Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 200,000**

Priority 1:
Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

SO 1.3. Promoting the adjustment of fishing capacity to fishing opportunities in cases of permanent cessation of fishing activities and contributing to a fair standard of living in cases of temporary cessation of fishing activities

Types of potential actions:

- Compensation for temporary cessation of fishing activities

Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 400,000

Priority 1:
Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

SO 1.4. Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data for knowledge-based decision-making

Types of potential actions:

- Data collection;
- Control and enforcement activities

Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 9 million

Priority 1: Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

SO 1.6. *Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems*

Types of potential actions:

- Passive collection of marine litter
 - Implementation of management measures linked with MPAs – **project of strategic importance**
 - Engaging fishers in MPA management processes
 - Restoration and Management of Seagrass Meadows
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- **Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 7.8 million**

Priority 2:

Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union



SO 2.1. Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term

Types of potential actions:

- Research & Innovation Actions through:
 - Research and development on domestication of aquaculture species to promote species diversification – **project of strategic importance**
 - Identification of alternative feeds including algae species
 - Actions aimed at valorising aquaculture by supporting decarbonisation of the sector, further minimising its carbon footprint and/or improving its environmental performance
 - Actions related to climate change impacts, adaptation, risk prevention and resilience of the sector
 - Transfer of knowledge, exchange and training actions

Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 3.1 million

Priority 2:

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SO 2.2. Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products

- **Types of actions:**
- Marketing Measures & Awareness-Raising Campaign

Funding (EU+MT share) for this SO amounts to € 1.5 million

Priority 3: Technical Assistance

Types of potential actions:

- Actions pertaining to preparation, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and communication, networking, complaint resolution, as well as control and audit
- Actions for the reduction of the administrative burden on beneficiaries, including electronic data exchange systems
- Actions to reinforce the capacity of MS Authorities and beneficiaries to administer and use the fund
- Actions to support the strengthening of the institutional capacity of partners
- Reports and studies related to the sectors supported through this Programme
- Actions to support in the preparation of the Programme post-2027

Funding (EU+MT share) for this Priority amounts to € 1.8 million

Enabling Conditions

➤ All horizontal enabling conditions deemed fulfilled

Horizontal Enabling Condition	Status of Fulfilment
G.1 – Effective monitoring mechanisms of the public procurement market	Fulfilled
G.2 – Tools and capacity for effective application of State aid rules	Fulfilled
G.3 – Effective application and implementation of the Charter of Fundamental Rights	Fulfilled
G.4 – Implementation and application of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD) in accordance with Council Decision 2010/48/EC	Fulfilled

Partnership



In the run up to the development of the Programmes, various stakeholders were involved in the development of the Programme, including through the 2014-2020 MC, consultative bilateral meetings and a public consultation exercise held between 2020-2021.

Next Steps



Launch of calls – Quarters 2-3 of 2023



Continued monitoring of the Enabling Conditions

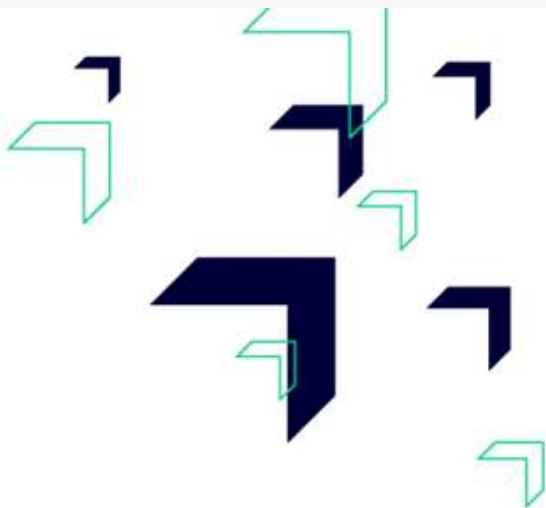


Continued monitoring of the programme implementation and the outcome of relevant evaluations



Continued engagement with the Monitoring Committee

Thank you



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