



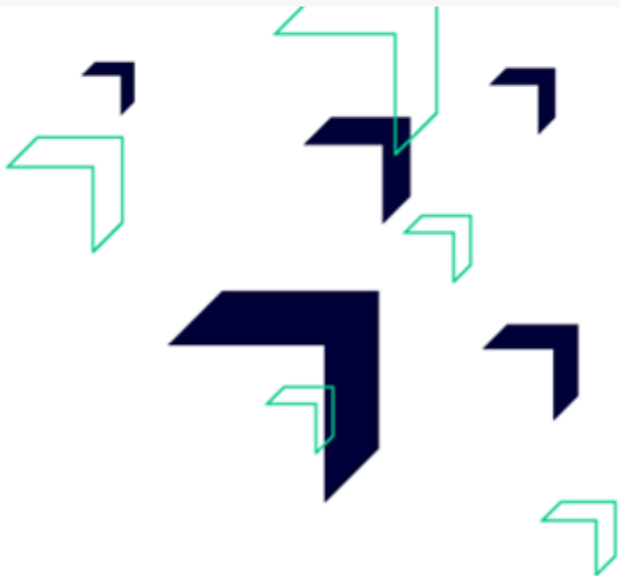
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# Just Transition Fund (JTF)

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# Just Transition Fund



- What is the Just Transition Fund (JTF)?
  - A new financial instrument within Cohesion Policy which aims to provide support to territories facing serious socio-economic challenges arising from the transition towards climate neutrality. The Just Transition Fund will facilitate the implementation of the European Green Deal, which aims to make the EU climate-neutral by 2050.
- The territories at a national level in which the JTF will be used is derived from the **Territorial Just Transition Plan**.

# Decarbonization of Malta's main ports

- The JTF Programme was approved on **21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**.
- In view of the significance of maritime services and the supporting port infrastructure, the JTF shall support the decarbonization of the fueling of the vessels through the provision of **electrical means of Onshore Power Supply (OPS)** infrastructure within the **two Core TEN-T ports** located at the **Grand Harbour** and **Freeport**.
- Actions will aim to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities living in the affected areas.
  - While berthed, vessels use their auxiliary engines and burn marine gas oil in order to meet their energy demand, resulting in emissions generated into the air and noise pollution. Investment will entail the connection of vessels to onshore electricity power supply whilst berthing which will therefore no longer require vessels to use their auxiliary engines.
  - By providing an environmentally-friendly alternative for ship while berthing, this investment will help reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.
  - The need for this transition is accentuated by the reality that both ports are in close proximity to high-densely populated residential and business areas.

# Implementing the Just Transition Fund

- The pre-announcement notification was issued in February 2023 to the respective entities responsible to implement the proposed measures.
- On **8 March 2023** the Managing Authority within the Parliamentary Secretariat for European Funds announced the launch of the restricted call for project proposals under the dedicated Priority and respective specific objective:
  - **Priority 8** Just Transition
  - **Specific Objective JSO8.1** Enabling regions and people to address the social, employment , economic and environmental impacts of the transition towards the Union's 2030 targets for energy and climate and a climate neutral economy of the Union by 2050, based on the Paris Agreement.

# Implementing the Just Transition Fund (2)

- The **On-Shore Power Supply** in relation to the **Marsaxlokk Harbour** was announced to the **Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands (MEFL)**
- The **On-Shore Power Supply** in relation to the **Port of Valletta** was announced to the **Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects (MTIP)**
- This call was restricted to these two Ministries as being the competent authorities for implementing interventions within the maritime sector as set out in the Programme.
- The project proposals shall be submitted to the Project Selection Committee by not later than 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- The evaluation and adjudication of these proposal is envisaged to be concluded by Q3 2023.

# Operations of Strategic Importance: Communication Activities



- The Development of a **Second Electricity Interconnector** – ERDF Priority 2.
- The Provision of an **Onshore Power Supply** at the Grand Harbour and the Malta Freeport – JTF Priority 8.
- Works in Progress and Results will be promoted through **campaigns/press events** that will be publicised through **social media/TV** throughout the 2021-2027 period.
- **Major events** for operations **exceeding EUR10 million**, shall be held with advanced notice to the Commission and the relevant Managing Authority.
- Other mandatory requirements by the BNs include **billboards, acknowledgement of support** through official **websites** and the **dissemination of info** through social media.

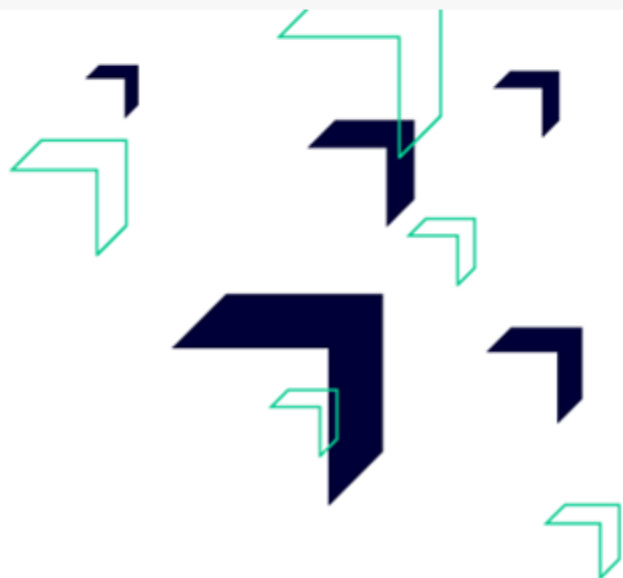


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