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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the Operational Programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

The Managing Authority (MA) is presenting the eight Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Operational Programme (OP) in Malta covering the year 2022. Its format is set on the model presented in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No. 1362/2014 and on the FAME Support Unit CT04 Working Paper (April 2018) guiding Member States in their formulation of AIRs. Its main objective is to provide key stakeholders in the fisheries, aquaculture and blue economy sectors with information on the implementation of the OP during year 2022.

In 2022, the MA continued to focus on the constant monitoring of EMFF operations awarded in previous years. No calls were issued, and therefore 36 operations remained selected under the OP (*including all operations within Technical Assistance*), out of which 19 operations were completed by the end of 2022. The AIR for year 2021, which was adopted by the Monitoring Committee (MC) via written procedure, was submitted and found admissible by the Commission on 25 July 2022. The Annual Review Meeting (ARM) between the MA and the European Commission (EC) representatives, as well as the MC, were held on 25 January 2023. The MC involved not only an update on EMFF-related implementation, but also served as the first MC of the new programming period, EMFAF 2021-2027.

The MA's online webpage was regularly updated in order to meet CPR/EMFF Regulatory requirements, such as the list of selected operations as per Article 119 of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014. The MA ensured that the webpage included regulations, publications, reports and EMFF supporting documentation.

In terms of financials, as at end 2022, €28,166,770.31 (97.08%) was committed from the OP. Out of this committed amount, €25,015,528.63 (88.8%) was fully paid to the beneficiaries through the EMFF Database.

Three Statements of Expenditure were completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2022, amounting to a total of €1,997,042.70 (EU share), submitted to the EC on 22 November 2021, 24 January 2022 and 30 June 2022. Two Statements of Expenditure were completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2023, submitted to the EC on 21 November 2022 and 27 December 2022, amounting to a total of €1,928,415.02 (EU share).

Under Union Priority (UP) 1, out of twelve operations, eleven were completed, whilst one operation was still under implementation by end 2022. The total public eligible paid to the beneficiaries by the end of the year stood at €13,511,983.38, marking a 30.15% increase from the previous year (2021). Out of this, a total amount of €10,955,333.91 were effectively certified to the Commission. Under Union Priority 2, one operation out of three was completed. The total public eligible amount paid by end 2022 stood at €844,353.83, marking a 67% increase from the previous year (2021). Out of this, the whole amount of €844,353.83 were certified. By the end of the same year, the total public eligible amount paid under Union Priority 3 was €7,004,117.76, with 5 operations completed out of 12, marking a 27.79% increase from the previous year (2021). €5,772,598.72 worth of payments were verified and certified by the MA. The only operation under Union Priority 5 was completed in 2018 with a total amount of €248,501.29 verified and certified by the MA. By end 2022, the total public

eligible amount paid under Union Priority 6 stood at €1,784,477, with one operation being completed, marking a 6.8% increase from year 2021. Such amount was verified and effectively certified by the MA. €1,622,095.31 worth of payments related to Technical Assistance was processed by end 2022, marking a 22.62% increase from the previous year (2021). Out of this, a total amount of €1,602,167.63 has been verified by the MA and effectively certified.

Small-scale coastal fishers benefitted directly, as well as indirectly, through various operations throughout the lifetime of the programme, namely through on-board investments (EMFF 1.20.1, EMFF 1.20.2, EMFF 1.20.3, EMFF 1.20.4), training initiatives (EMFF 1.4.1), upgraded port infrastructure across Malta and Gozo (EMFF1.23.1, EMFF 1.23.2, EMFF1.23.3, EMFF 1.23.5) and temporary cessation (EMFF 1.9.1). During 2022, the focus was on completing the upgrading of port infrastructure across Malta and Gozo, including in Marsaxlokk, Marsascalea and Marfa, as part of operation EMFF 1.23.6. Together with control investments, the above-mentioned projects reached the respective indicator targets of the EMFF OP, while supporting implementation of the obligations under the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and Control Regulation, including further help to fulfil the landing obligation. Control investments included the purchase of tangible assets, such as monitoring and electronic equipment installed on-board local fishing vessels, and equipment to enhance the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) monitoring and enforcement capabilities. Investments also focused on the dissemination of information and knowledge amongst stakeholders and the public. Seminars were organised to raise awareness on CFP rules and the importance to combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing. The investment committed to carry out these projects in support to small-scale coastal fishers and to implement the landing obligation (directly and indirectly) amount to approximately €18million in Public Eligible funds out of the total OP allocation.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION PRIORITIES

3.1. Overview of the implementation (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Information should be provided as short and general commentary on the implementation of the Union priorities and technical assistance for the year(s) concerned with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems.

Union priority	Key information on the implementation of the priority with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
<p>1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries</p>	<p>No calls were issued in year 2022. The MA monitored ongoing operations, conducted management verifications and maintained regular contact with beneficiaries.</p> <p><i>Ongoing operations</i></p> <p>EMFF 1.23.6: Upgrading of Mgarr Gozo and Marsaxlokk Malta fishing ports. Two new components were added to this project in 2022. These additional infrastructural investments cover the refurbishment of the north quay and breakwater at Marsascala designated port together with works on groynes and quays within the Tal-Magħluq area in Marsaxlokk. There was no change of scope to such additions – in fact both interventions were directly needed in view of storm damages incurred in the recent years. The Grant Agreement (GA) completion date was extended to end September 2023. This includes ongoing works on the Marfa quay and breakwater which continued along summer 2022 in liaison with the Malta Tourism Authority despite the disruptions of works due to commercial activities in the area and suspension of infrastructural works in touristic localities between June and September. The aim of extension was also to catch up with a significant set-back of works during the preceding winter due to inclement weather that not only halted operations on the ground but also ruined some of the finished works. Although the verifications of result indicators achieved will be completed in 2023 to obtain clearer numerical knowledge following the COVID-19 and Ukraine-Russia conflict <i>force majeure</i>, preliminary indications are positive.</p> <p><i>Completed operations</i></p> <p>EMFF 1.16.1: A scientific study to improve trawl gear selectivity. This was completed in 2019.</p> <p>Operations EMFF 1.20.1, EMFF 1.20.2 and EMFF 1.20.3 were concluded in 2018. All operations reached their Result Indicator (RI) which had been identified in their respective GA. Operation EMFF 1.20.4 was concluded in 2020 and a physical on the spot check on board the fishing vessel was conducted by the MA in 2022. The closure report was submitted by the Beneficiary</p>

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	<p>following registration of 2021 financials. Although the operation did not yield the expected results, the slight loss made was regarded as a substantial improvement, especially when taking into consideration the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.1: <i>The Construction and Finishing of an Office on the Fish Landing Site in the Marsaxlokk Designated Port.</i> The Marsaxlokk Landing Office was inaugurated in 2020. Through this operation, landing operations in the area became safer and more efficient. The DFA was able to achieve a national Simplification Measure SM.35/2020, thus enabling to extend the provision of its services into the community.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.2: <i>Refurbishment and upgrading of slipways in the port of Marsaxlokk.</i> This operation was completed in 2019. It provided necessary refurbished and upgraded infrastructure to improve access to Malta’s largest designated port. The improved and upgraded slipways provide better access to all local fishers and provided better working conditions for the users of these slipways.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.3: <i>Construction of a breakwater at Qrejten point in the port of Marsaxlokk.</i> This operation was fully completed by end 2021. A conclusive addendum to the GA was compiled in of 2022 to list the original versus final project costs and delineate a sequence of legally-binding formal correspondence between the Beneficiary and the MA. The investment is serving its intended purpose of facilitating navigation in Marsaxlokk whilst providing more sheltered berthing space where fishers can use amenities for vessel maintenance.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.5: <i>Upgrading of the fisheries infrastructure of Gozo.</i> This operation was physically completed by end of December 2021 and formally inaugurated the following month. The investment is serving its intended purpose of facilitating resource-efficient and safer vessel maintenance at the Mgarr and Xlendi designated ports.</p> <p>EMFF 1.4.1: <i>Training for fishers.</i> This was completed in 2021 and over 400 participants benefitted from this project.</p> <p>EMFF 1.9.1 – <i>Temporary Cessation of Fishing Activities.</i> This operation was implemented with three annual schemes started in 2019 and completed in 2022. In the first year, a total of 26 applicants benefitted, in the second year, a total of 28 applicants benefitted, whilst in the third and final call a total of 25 applicants benefitted from the scheme. The financial assistance was aimed at owners of fishing vessels which operated in the Swordfish fishery.</p>

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	<p>The operation's main scope was to improve the recovery of the Swordfish stock by extending the closed season by one month, whilst relieving pressure on the marine environment, including other fish populations. The scheme was an additional conservation measure to the obligatory closure period referred to in Article 10(1) of Reg. (EU) 2019/1154 on a multi-annual recovery plan for Mediterranean swordfish. With this scheme, fish stocks (swordfish and other fish populations) were given the amount of time required to recover and regenerate. The project goes in line with Malta's Sustainable Development Vision for 2050 as it aims to reverse the trend in biodiversity loss.</p> <p>The RI target for jobs maintained through port modernisation projects (1.23.1/2/3/5) of 1116 FTE based on the 2016 Annual Economic Report is unlikely to be achieved as there was a decrease of 522 FTEs between 2014 and 2020 as reported by beneficiaries. Furthermore, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and Ukraine-Russia conflict on the level of employment in the fisheries sector are yet to be determined. At the same time, it is still too early to recognise the benefits that these projects will indirectly have on the FTEs in the fisheries sector. The MA shall request from beneficiaries an update on the level of FTE in the sector once the 2023 Report is published. The results achieved for jobs maintained (RI 1.8) has been omitted from this document until the updated level of FTE is reported.</p> <p>By end 2022, a total amount of €13,511,983.38 in public eligible funds were paid under this UP, out of the total allocation of €13,480,342 stipulated in the EMFF OP.</p>
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	<p>As reported in the previous AIR, the MA terminated the project which was being implemented by MFF Ltd. (EMFF 2.3.2). Unspent funds garnered through the removal of such project were shifted from UP 2 to UP 1 (€1,207,556 (EMFF share)).</p> <p><u>Ongoing operations:</u></p> <p>EMFF 2.1.1: Development of new, innovative aquaculture technologies and facilitate knowledge transfer in AquaBioTech Group, Beneficiary: <i>AquaBioTech Group</i>. The construction of an aquaculture research centre upon existing premises reached an advanced completion stage by the end of the reporting year. The project implementation validity was extended until end of June 2023. The extension was justified by (i) the Beneficiary's difficulty to acquire comparable quotations for highly specialised material compatible with the Company's existent technologies, and (ii)</p>

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	<p>shipping problems (increasing costs and untimely delivery) caused by the Ukraine-Russia conflict <i>force majeure</i>. The first reimbursement claim was processed in December 2022 after management verifications. Although the verification of the achievement of result indicator (full-time employment maintained) will be completed in quarter 4 of 2023 to obtain clearer numerical knowledge following the COVID-19 and Ukraine-Russia conflict <i>force majeure</i>, preliminary indications are positive.</p> <p>EMFF 2.3.1: <i>Productive Investments in non-food aquaculture using RAS in AquaBioTech Group</i>, Beneficiary: <i>AquaBioTech Group</i>. All equipment such as laboratory tools and fibre-glass works under this project was purchased and available on site by end of reporting year. Staff costs were duly reimbursed followed by the related management verifications. An implementation extension was approved by the MA due to time-consuming checks on the calculation of staff costs. Final reimbursement claim will be submitted by the Beneficiary after an audit on the operation announced in November 2022. Although the verification of the achievement of result indicator (full-time employment maintained) will be completed in quarter 4 of 2023 to obtain clearer numerical knowledge following the COVID-19 and Ukraine-Russia conflict <i>force majeure</i>, preliminary indications are positive.</p> <p><u>Completed operations:</u></p> <p>EMFF 2.2.1: <i>Productive aquaculture investments at Pisciculture Marine de Malte Ltd.</i>, Beneficiary: <i>Pisciculture Marine de Malte Ltd.</i> Equipment such as a new aquaculture boat constructed in Greece under this project was purchased and available on site by end of 2021. Reimbursements were also finalised prior to the start of reporting year. An administrative extension to the Grant Agreement was issued by the MA to cater for management verifications and closure reporting. Although the verification of the achievement of result indicator (full-time employment maintained) will be completed in quarter 4 of 2023 to obtain clearer numerical knowledge following the COVID-19 and Ukraine-Russia conflict <i>force majeure</i>, preliminary indications are positive.</p> <p>By end 2022, the investments by AquaBioTech Ltd. led to increase in the research capabilities of the beneficiary which ultimately assists other entities involved in the aquaculture sector. Investment in specific equipment by both beneficiaries helped to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of farm operations particularly in the decrease of carbon footprint. A total amount of €844,353.83 in public eligible funds were paid under this UP, out of the total allocation of €1,482,706 stipulated in the EMFF OP.</p>

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3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	<p>As reported in the previous AIR, payments related to the Control operations were not processed by the Beneficiary in the EMFF database and no funds were certified to the EC in 2020 and 2021 to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, as well as national funds. This is due to an infringement procedure against Malta opened by the EC following shortcomings detected in the control system of Malta over Bluefin Tuna (BFT) farms and related activities carried out in the territory and waters under the jurisdiction of Malta or by vessels flying the flag of Malta. This stance remained until the infringement was lifted in July 2022 after which claims for reimbursement of the costs incurred by the Beneficiary were processed in the final quarter. The amount of payments under Article 76 amounted to €3,288,464.11 by end 2022, out of the committed total amount of €4,992,383.03.</p> <p><u>Ongoing operations</u></p> <p>EMFF 6.1.1 (e): <i>The modernisation and purchasing of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters.</i> Through this project the DFA shall be investing in four RHIBS, two offshore and two coastal. In 2022, the MA approved the Beneficiary's request to purchase two coastal RHIBS which will enable the DFA to increase its monitoring and surveillance capabilities in coastal areas and designated ports, ensuring that fishing regulations are being adhered to. This operation shall be completed by September 2023.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (a): <i>The purchase, installation and development of technology.</i> This is under implementation yet certain components have been completed, such as the stereo-scopic cameras, as well as the replacement of e-logbooks. The CCTVs in the AWLS sites are near completion together with all banners being done for publicity measures.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (b): <i>The development, purchase and installation of the components to ensure data transmission.</i> In 2021, further GPRS transmissions were included. Certain components are fully completed, such as those related to GPS hardware and the installation of new logbooks. VMS hardware was also completed in 2022. Funds remaining to be disbursed are those related to transmissions of both GPRS as well as VMS for the operationalisation to be in place, together with banners for publicity measures.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (f): <i>The purchase of other control means.</i> This project includes various activities, such as the procurement of five unmanned aerial vehicles which will assist the DFA in its</p>

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	<p>monitoring and surveillance of fishing activities, as well as the procurement of four electric cars which shall lead to better monitoring and control of the local fishing fleet. The activity related to the service tender for certification of engine power was issued, evaluated and awarded in 2022. This operation is expected to be completed by June 2023.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (j): <i>Seminars and media tools</i>. As reported in previous AIRs, the media campaign was awarded in 2020. TV and radio adverts pertaining to such campaign were broadcasted between 2020 and 2023. The media campaign involved three activities. One included an awareness campaign aimed at raising awareness amongst the public towards the main policy areas of the CFP, as well as of the need to fight illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. Messages were conveyed through short video clips on local TV stations and audio clips on local Radio stations. Another activity was aimed at raising awareness on investments made by the DFA through EMFF co-financing and involved five adverts aired on local TV stations. The third activity involved a series of seminars with the objective of bringing together all the designated responsible entities involved in ensuring compliance with the rules of the CFP.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (k): <i>Operational Costs</i>. The activity which entails the financing of expenses incurred and to be incurred by the DFA in the process of conducting control and inspection activities together with the Armed Forces of Malta in 2021, 2022 and 2023 is ongoing and expected to be completed by June 2023. The other component which forms part of this operation, involving duty at sea for Joint Deployment Plans, was completed in March 2023.</p> <p>EMFF 6.2.3: <i>Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme 2020-2021</i>. The MA is monitoring the data collection activities planned for the 2022-2023 Multi-Annual Workplan since the DFA is interested to include these in the project. By end 2022 it was agreed that components such as MEDITS water sampling programme, topographic mapping of MEDITS hauls and Maltese fishing ground as well as additional staff costs will be introduced in the project. The identification of actions considered the budget available and the time required for the MA to verify the operations are completed by end 2023.</p> <p><u><i>Completed Operations</i></u></p> <p>Operations EMFF 6.1.1 (c) - <i>The development, purchase and installation of the components necessary to ensure the traceability of fishery and aquaculture products</i>. This operation involved the procurement of five hand pallet trucks which shall be assisting the</p>

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	<p>DFA officials by facilitating the weighing process at the fish market and the procurement of a sales notes system which enables the DFA to maintain electronically all sales notes by registered buyers and sellers of fish, thus enforcing the control and accountability aspect of this project through a reliable, transparent and traceable system. Another activity also included additional expenditure for IT systems to ensure traceability of fishery and aquaculture products.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (i): 2 Cost Benefit Analysis and 3 Audits to assess the performance and expenditure incurred by the DFA to carry out monitoring, control and surveillance. This operation was completed in 2022.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (h) - Training and exchange programmes. This operation was completed in 2020. The training sessions contributed towards the continuous development of skills of DFA's employees working on monitoring, control, and surveillance issues on a day-to-day basis. Such training enables the officials to keep abreast with the changes in legislation as well as to learn from the sharing of experiences amongst those present.</p> <p>EMFF 6.2.1: Data Collection Framework Multiannual Programme 2014-2016. This was completed in 2018 and management verifications were concluded in 2021.</p> <p>EMFF 6.2.2: Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme 2017-2019. This was completed in 2021.</p> <p>The number of serious infringements detected as per RI 3.A.1 amount to a total of 774 for all control operations between 2014 and 2022. On the other hand, RI 3.A.2 relating to landings that have been subject to physical control amount to 100%. Regarding RI 3.B.1 relating to the increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls amount to 100%.</p> <p>The total amount of public eligible funds paid by end 2022 stood at €7,004,117.76 under UP 3, out of the total allocation of €10,240,998 stipulated in the OP. A total of € 1,058,155.55 of uncommitted funds were identified and the MA is currently in discussion with the DFA to identify actions which can be financed.</p>
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	As reported in the previous AIR, operation EMFF 4.3.1: ' <i>Nesploraw Flimkien it-Teżori tal-Baħar!</i> ' was fully implemented by end December 2018. Financial, output and result indicators (both common and programme-specific result indicators) set for this UP

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	were met.
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	<p>EMFF 8.3.1: <i>Marine environmental monitoring: towards effective management of Malta's marine waters.</i></p> <p>As in previous years, contact was maintained between the MA and the Beneficiary, this being the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA). Regular monitoring was held whereby the state-of-play of implementation and issues necessitating follow-up were discussed. The operation was completed in June 2022 and the closure report was submitted by the Beneficiary upon completion.</p> <p>The data and information gathered through the project enabled the updating of the environmental status of the marine environment and addressed a number of knowledge gaps. This updated status assessment and knowledge improvement will better inform the management processes for the marine environment, which should be geared to ensure protection of marine biodiversity while enabling sustainable use of marine goods and services. The project enabled the development of long-term monitoring procedures to ensure sustained monitoring through time and the implementation of adaptive management processes. Effective management practises developed on the basis of data generated by the project are expected to lead to better quality of marine waters, ensure that use of marine resources is safe for human health and the quality of marine resources satisfies requirements of anthropogenic use.</p> <p>The results of the data collection and analysis processes implemented were used to update Malta's assessment of the environmental status of the marine environment pursuant to the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC (MSFD). This updated assessment was published in 2019 and reported to the EU Commission in March 2020.</p> <p>The data collected was also used to elaborate Site-Specific Conservation Objectives (SSCOs) as part of the management of Marine Protected Areas and will enable the assessment of status for coastal water bodies as part of Malta's third River Basin Management Plan pursuant to the EU Water Framework Directive 2000/60/EC (WFD).</p> <p>Additionally, the updated monitoring programmes and the new monitoring strategies developed as part of the contracts funded through the operation are feeding into the updating of Malta's marine monitoring programme, which will be catering for the monitoring requirements of various policies including the EU</p>

Union priority	Key information on the implementation of the priority with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
	<p>MSFD, WFD and Habitats Directive.</p> <p>In terms of publications, a scientific paper entitled <i>'Big Insights from a small country: the added value of integrated assessment in the Marine Environmental Status Evaluation of Malta'</i> was published on the basis of the project results.</p> <p>The total amount of public eligible funds paid by end 2022 stood at €1,784,477 under this UP, out of the total allocation of €1,814,042 stipulated in the EMFF OP.</p>
7 - Technical assistance	<p>During 2022, Technical Assistance (TA) funds were used mainly to support the implementation of the EMFF OP. In 2022, a total of €299,314.12 worth of payment claims (public eligible) were processed by the MA relating to various operations under this UP, namely in relation to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMFF 7.1.1: Implementation of the OP • EMFF 7.1.2: IT Systems • EMFF 7.1.3: Improving administrative capacity • EMFF 7.1.4: Communication Activities • EMFF 7.1.5: Evaluation • EMFF 7.1.6: Studies • EMFF 7.1.9: Other <p>TA expenditure was mainly related to salaries, promotional activities and material, logistical expenses of meetings organised by the MA throughout the year and other related payment claims. Promotional items were disseminated during Europe Day event held in Valletta in May 2022, and during the first edition of the AgriFair held during the same month, organised by the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights, with the aim to promote fisheries and agriculture sector. TA expenditure was also utilised to fund the logistical expenses, such as the hiring of venue, the hire of equipment and catering services, of the MC meeting and of the ARM held on 25 January 2023.</p> <p>In accordance with its Communication Strategy for the 2014-2020 programming period, the MA embarks on an annual event to reach the general public and disseminate the opportunities provided by and achievements of the Fund. For year 2022, TA funds were utilised to advertise the EMFF through a detailed article showcasing success stories from the EMFF OP inside the <i>Il-Bizzilla</i> onboard magazine, published in September and October 2022. The magazine is distributed on all Air Malta flights. Issuance during the end of</p>

Union priority	Key information on the implementation of the priority with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
	<p>summer travel peak was intended to maximise catchment.</p> <p>By the end of 2022, a total of €1,622,095.31 in public eligible funds were disbursed under this UP out of the total TA allocation of €1,733,940.</p>

3.2. Result, output and financial indicators for EMFF (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Union priority	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 1

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.a - Change in unwanted catches (tonnes)	tonnes	-0.69000	-0.69000	0.00000
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.b - Change in unwanted catches (%)	%	-10.00000	-10.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.7 - Employment created (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	FTE	2.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	FTE	260.00000	0.00000	0.00000
5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	1.3 - Change in net profits	thousand Euros	2.00000	18.50000	- 0.20000
6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	FTE	260.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.a - Change in unwanted catches (tonnes)	0.00000	0.00000	-0.69000	0.00000
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.b - Change in unwanted catches (%)	0.00000	0.00000	- 10.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.7 - Employment created (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises,	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the	39.00000	1,315.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	fisheries sector or complementary activities				
5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	1.3 - Change in net profits	0.00000	18.70000	0.00000	0.00000
6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.a - Change in unwanted catches (tonnes)	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.b - Change in unwanted catches (%)	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.7 - Employment created (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	1.3 - Change in net profits	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	06	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	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	06	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	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	06	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	0.00	0.00

Specific objective	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.4

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	03	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		3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	03	1.10 - N° of projects on temporary cessation		2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	03	1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	✓	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
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Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	03	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	03	1.10 - N° of projects on temporary cessation	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	03	1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	03	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	0.00	0.00
05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	03	1.10 - N° of projects on temporary cessation	0.00	0.00
09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	03	1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	0.00	0.00

Specific objective	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.5

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.7 - N° of projects on energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change	✓	3.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines		1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.7 - N° of projects on energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change	0.00	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.7 - N° of projects on energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change	0.00	0.00
04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines	0.00	0.00

Specific objective	6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.6

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	08	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	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	08	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	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	08	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	0.00	0.00

Union priority	2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 2

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022
1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	2.9 - Employment maintained	FTE	153.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	2.9 - Employment maintained	FTE	153.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022
3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	2.9 - Employment maintained	FTE	153.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -2.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
01 - Article 47 Innovation	03	2.1 - N° of projects on innovation, advisory services		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
01 - Article 47 Innovation	03	2.1 - N° of projects on innovation, advisory services	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
01 - Article 47 Innovation	03	2.1 - N° of projects on innovation, advisory services	0.00	0.00

Specific objective	2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -2.2

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	03	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	03	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	03	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00	0.00

Specific objective	3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -2.3

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
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Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	06	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	06	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	06	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00	0.00

Union priority	3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 3

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022
1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	%	100.00000	100.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.1 - Number of serious infringements detected	number	150.00000	774.00000	18.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.2 - Landings that have been the subject to physical control	%	100.00000	100.00000	100.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	100.00000	0.00000	100.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.1 - Number of serious infringements detected	6.00000	750.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.2 - Landings that have been the subject to physical control	100.00000	100.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.1 - Number of serious infringements detected	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.2 - Landings that have been the subject to physical control	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -3.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
01 - Article 77 Data collection	06	3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	✓	2.00	3.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
01 - Article 77 Data collection	06	3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	1.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
01 - Article 77 Data collection	06	3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	0.00	0.00

Specific objective	2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -3.2

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	06	3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	✓	11.00	9.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	06	3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	0.00	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	06	3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	0.00	0.00

Union priority	5 - Fostering marketing and processing
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 5

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.c - Change in value of first sales in non-POs	thousand Euros	1,000.00000	1,216.94500	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.d - Change in volume of first sales in non-POs	tonnes	200.00000	280.64000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.e - Increase in the estimated per capita fish consumption	Kgs	0.50000	257.54000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.c - Change in value of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	0.00000	1,216.94500	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.d - Change in volume of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	0.00000	280.64000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.e - Increase in the estimated per capita fish consumption	0.00000	0.00000	257.54000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.c - Change in value of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.d - Change in volume of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.e - Increase in the estimated per capita fish consumption	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -5.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
02 - Article 67 Storage aid	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
02 - Article 67 Storage aid	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
02 - Article 67 Storage aid	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00	0.00
03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00	0.00

Union priority	6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 6

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022
1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	6.3 - Development of a database on the marine environment	number	1.00000	1.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	6.3 - Development of a database on the marine environment	0.00000	0.00000	1.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	6.3 - Development of a database on the marine environment	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -6.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	06	6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	06	6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2015	2014
03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	06	6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	0.00	0.00

Table 3: Financial indicators for EMFF

Union priority	Milestone (2018)	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2022	2021
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	2,000,000.00	13,480,342.00	10,955,333.91	867,088.52	1,559,446.44
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	500,000.00	1,482,706.00	844,353.83	349,975.85	443,669.91
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	3,000,000.00	10,240,997.00	5,750,098.86	1,842,146.72	809,340.01
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	150,000.00	250,000.00	248,501.29	0.00	0.00
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	500,000.00	1,814,042.00	1,784,477.00	184,477.00	0.00
7 - Technical assistance			1,602,167.63	324,109.95	196,681.85

Union priority	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	2,833,068.04	2,046,339.49	3,649,391.42	0.00	0.00
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	0.00	0.00	50,708.07	0.00	0.00
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	16,710.22	0.00	2,902,471.91	179,430.00	0.00
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	0.00	45,494.65	203,006.64	0.00	0.00
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	579,400.00	0.00	700,600.00	320,000.00	0.00
7 - Technical assistance	321,139.75	193,733.46	299,503.16	266,999.46	0.00

Union priority	2015	2014
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	0.00	0.00
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	0.00	0.00
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	0.00	0.00
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	0.00	0.00
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	0.00	0.00
7 - Technical assistance	0.00	0.00

3.3. Financial data

Table 4: Financial data for the EMFF

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Total public contribution (EUR)	EMFF contribution (EUR)	Contribution to climate change from EMFF contribution (EUR)	EMFF co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible expenditure of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total public contribution of operations selected for support (EUR)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations (%)
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	06	03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	200,000.00	150,000.00	60,000.00	75.00%	190,391.54	190,391.54	95.20%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	225,000.00	168,750.00	0.00	75.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	793,028.00	469,771.00	187,908.40	59.24%	313,443.99	313,443.99	39.52%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	11,615,646.67	8,711,735.00	3,484,694.00	75.00%	12,609,497.04	12,609,497.04	108.56%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	106,667.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	75.00%	73,431.29	44,480.72	41.70%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	08	01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a	500,000.00	375,000.00	0.00	75.00%	446,896.08	446,896.08	89.38%

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Total public contribution (EUR)	EMFF contribution (EUR)	Contribution to climate change from EMFF contribution (EUR)	EMFF co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible expenditure of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total public contribution of operations selected for support (EUR)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations (%)
competitive and knowledge based fisheries			Inland fishing)							
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	03	01 - Article 47 Innovation	571,196.00	428,397.00	0.00	75.00%	1,670,469.00	835,234.50	146.23%
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	03	01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	200,000.00	150,000.00	60,000.00	75.00%	423,500.48	211,750.24	105.88%
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	06	02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	711,509.33	533,632.00	213,452.80	75.00%	944,674.89	472,337.45	66.39%
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	06	01 - Article 77 Data collection	4,426,910.00	3,541,528.00	0.00	80.00%	4,272,290.88	4,272,290.88	96.51%
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	06	01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	5,814,087.14	5,150,123.00	0.00	88.58%	5,003,583.03	5,003,583.03	86.06%
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	02 - Article 67 Storage aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	250,000.00	187,500.00	0.00	75.00%	248,501.29	248,501.29	99.40%
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	06	03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	1,814,041.33	1,360,531.00	544,212.40	75.00%	1,784,477.00	1,784,477.00	98.37%
7 - Technical assistance	1 - Technical assistance		01 - Article 78 Technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States	1,733,940.00	1,300,455.00	0.00	75.00%	1,733,886.55	1,733,886.55	100.00%
Total				29,002,025.47	22,627,422.00	4,650,267.60	78.02%	29,715,043.06	28,166,770.31	97.12%

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Contribution to climate change of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Proportion of total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries of the total allocation (%)	Contribution to climate change of total eligible public expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Number of operations selected
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	06	03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	57,117.46	190,391.54	190,391.54	95.20	57,117.46	1
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	74,273.69	313,443.99	313,443.99	39.52	74,273.69	1
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	3,782,849.11	9,960,121.63	9,960,121.63	85.75	2,988,036.49	5
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	33,360.54	72,280.99	44,480.67	41.70	33,360.50	4
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	08	01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	0.00	446,896.08	446,896.08	89.38	0.00	1
2 - Fostering environmentally	1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological	03	01 - Article 47 Innovation	0.00	535,107.70	267,553.85	46.84	0.00	1

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Contribution to climate change of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Proportion of total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries of the total allocation (%)	Contribution to climate change of total eligible public expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Number of operations selected
sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	development, innovation and knowledge transfer								
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	03	01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	63,525.07	423,500.48	211,750.24	105.88	63,525.07	1
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	06	02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	141,701.23	730,099.48	365,049.74	51.31	109,514.92	1
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	06	01 - Article 77 Data collection	0.00	3,637,572.35	3,637,572.35	82.17	0.00	3
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	06	01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	0.00	2,135,026.51	2,135,026.51	36.72	0.00	9
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	02 - Article 67 Storage aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	0.00	248,501.29	248,501.29	99.40	0.00	1
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	06	03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	535,343.10	1,784,477.00	1,784,477.00	98.37	535,343.10	1
7 - Technical assistance	1 - Technical assistance		01 - Article 78 Technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States	0.00	1,602,167.63	1,602,167.63	92.40	0.00	7
Total				4,688,170.20	22,079,586.67	21,207,432.52	73.12	3,861,171.23	36

Table 5: Cost of operations implemented outside the programme area (Article 70 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Union priority	Eligible expenditure within the EMFF incurred in operations implemented outside the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority (EUR)	Share of the EMFF support to the union priority at the time of adoption of the programme (%)
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries		
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture		
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP		
4 - Increasing employment and territorial cohesion		
5 - Fostering marketing and processing		
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy		
7 - Technical assistance		
TOTAL OP		

4. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN

4.1. Actions taken to fulfil the ex-ante conditionalities (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Table 6: Actions taken to fulfil applicable EMFF-specific ex-ante conditionalities

Thematic ex-ante conditionalities which are not or partially fulfilled	Criteria fulfilled	Criteria not fulfilled	Action to be taken	Deadline	Bodies responsible for fulfilment	Action completed by the deadline	Criteria fulfilled	Expected date for full implementation of remaining actions	Commentary
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4.2. Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the corrective measures taken (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

The challenge at OP level during 2022 was the maximum possible absorption of funds before the commencement of the final year of implementation (2023) to leave a workable timeframe for closure responsibilities whilst simultaneously dealing with the initial implementation steps under the 2021-2027 programming period. Making use of savings from various UPs and unused funds under the terminated MFF Ltd. project proved to be the main difficulty. The first problem was countered via the transfer of funds within the same UP into an operation which could absorb further disbursement (as per the EMFF 1.23.6 scenario explained in Section 3.1). The second problem was tackled by means of an OP change involving the transfer of funds from UP 2 to UP 1 (again enabling the enlargement of the infrastructural investment coded as EMFF 1.23.6). Malta's significant number of designated fishing ports where catches of various species can be landed and the State's responsibility to maintain these sites in good working condition for efficiency and safety purposes, hence defines needs-based and rational of the allocation of more resources to the project mentioned above .

At operations level across the board, requests for implementation extensions on account of exogenous delays in procurement processes (also involving the Ukraine-Russia conflict *force majeure*) were received and scrutinised by the MA accordingly. Acceptance was always based on adherence to the Grant Agreements' stipulations and the realistic projections provided by Beneficiaries. It is important to note that the Audit Authority has never issued any audit findings that question the MA's own judgement in the matter of implementation extensions. Moreover, administrative extensions to the Grant Agreement were issued under UP 1 and UP 2 when a project's expenses were completely processed but the conclusion of formal paperwork was still pending (such as management verifications and closure reporting).

5. INFORMATION ON SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS AND REMEDY ACTIONS (ARTICLE 114(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 508/2014

Information and actions taken on cases of serious infringements as referred to in Article 10(1) and non-respect of durability conditions and remedy actions as set out in Article 10(2).

No serious infringements were detected neither by the MA during the course of its regular documentary and physical verifications nor by the AA (and its engaged third-party contractor) at audit on operations stage. Administrative inquiries and observations for improvement were mostly tackled in earnest by the respective Project Leaders therefore reinforcing systematic documentary trails and comprehensive contradictory procedures. Pending follow-up checks were carried out as necessary.

No financial observations were registered in two audit on operation reports dated February 2022 in relation to projects EMFF 6.2.1 (Data Collection Framework Multiannual Programme 2014-2016) and EMFF 8.3.1 (Marine environmental monitoring: towards effective management of Malta's marine waters). Those observations bearing an administrative nature were addressed in detail before the AA's deadlines. Audit queries made to Project Leaders and the MA prior to the issuance of the draft report were given priority nonetheless – the resulting audit comfort downsized the report to the most complex observations.

The MA has continuously followed publicly available developments *vis-à-vis* the so-called Tarantelo case (impacting the terminated MFF Ltd. operation under UP 2). A magisterial inquiry is still underway – nothing else to report at this stage. The MA's decisions disbursement-wise were motivated by the diligent clean use of Union funds.

Constant liaison with the DFA also took place in connection with updates on the national remedial action addressing the Control infringement procedure opened by the EC. The said infringement was eventually lifted in July 2022, hence permitting the processing of more payments.

With regards to durability conditions, apart from stressing their importance as a clause in the Grant Agreements, the MA regularly reminds Beneficiaries about their replacement and inventory obligations especially in cases of severe inclement weather which could affect the integrity of co-funded infrastructural works or outdoor equipment.

6. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 41(8) (ARTICLE 114(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 508/2014)

A summary of actions taken is to be provided on the progress to achieve the provision set out in Article 41(8) with regard to the priority up to 60 % of the public assistance to be ensured to small-scale coastal fishing sector, including data on actual share of small-scale coastal fishing within the operations financed under the measure of Article 41(2)

Article 41 (8) states that applications made by operators from the small-scale coastal fishing sector shall be treated as a priority up to 60% of the total support allocated for the replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines referred to in paragraph 2, over the entire 2014-2020 programming period. This was addressed in past calls under UP 1, Specific Objective 5, Article 41.2. A clause was included in the Guidance Notes to applicants where it was indicated that ‘In line with Article 41.2 of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014, support shall be granted to vessels up to 12 metres in overall length, provided that the new or modernised engine does not have more power in KW than the current engine.’ However, no engine-related calls were issued in 2022. None are currently envisaged, but the same approach will be followed should further calls be launched in 2023.

7. INFORMATION ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO ENSURE THE PUBLICATION OF BENEFICIARIES (ARTICLE 114(2)) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 508/2014)

A summary of actions taken is to be provided in line with Annex V of EMFF Regulation, with special regard to national legislation including any applicable threshold regarding the publication of data of natural persons

Updated lists of selected operations in accordance with Annex V and Article 199 (2) of the Fund-specific Regulation were published online on the MA's dedicated website. Four updates were made in 2022 – see weblink below.

<https://fondi.eu//important-documentation/reference-documents/list-of-beneficiaries/2014-2020-programming-period/>

Press Conferences and Press Releases through the Department of Information were held and issued to inform the public with tangible project milestones reached successfully and the overall benefits of Union support to the local aquaculture and fisheries sectors. An example of a Press Release published in January 2022 upon physical completion of operation coded as EMFF 1.23.5 under UP 1, can be accessed through the weblink below.

<https://www.gov.mt/en/Government/DOI/Press%20Releases/Pages/2022/01/12/pr220032.aspx>

The MA is aware of the stipulations listed in the General Data Protection Regulation, and such provisions are taken into consideration in all data management of EU Funds as a horizontal measure.

8. ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE EVALUATION PLAN AND SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS (ARTICLE 114(2)) OF REGULATION (EU) No 508/2014, ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

A summary should be provided on activities undertaken in relation to the implementation of the evaluation plan, including follow-up given to the findings of evaluations.

A synthesis of the findings should be provided of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, with reference of name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

Additionally, the access to evaluations that were made publicly available pursuant to Article 54(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should be communicated here.

In line with the Evaluation Plan formally adopted in March 2016, the Interim Evaluation for Malta's OP was conducted by a third-party consulting firm as scheduled – the final report was concluded by May 2019. The MA assumed a coordination role.

A detailed summary of the outcomes and recommendations was presented in the AIR 2019 (see weblink below). The report's findings were given their due importance by the MA in its endeavour to transform best practices into the *de facto* standard procedures. Lessons learnt will also be part of an administrative legacy to be applied in the upcoming programming period 2021-2027.

https://fondi.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/EMFF-Interim-Evaluation_Summary.pdf

In quarters 1 and 2 of 2022, the MA compiled its seventh AIR in congruence with Regulations and the dedicated template. No MC meeting and ARM with EC representatives were held in 2022. In agreement with the European Commission, on 25 January 2023, the MA instead held a joint MC and ARM for both the 2014-2020 and 2021-2027 programming periods as explained in Section 2. A detailed technical update on the implementation of the EMFF OP was given amongst other items on the agendas.

Throughout the reporting year, Project Progress Reports covering ongoing operations were submitted by the Beneficiaries on a specific template prepared by the MA. Assistance with the filling-in of the said template was provided when needed. The same applies for Project Closure Reports under operations which reached their final implementation stages. Bilateral and generic meetings were also organised with the target of clearly determining with stakeholders the actual status of operations and establishing ways forward to reach the set targets as soon as possible.

9. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the AIRs should be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the AIR.

10. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46(1) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

11. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

11.1. Assessment of data and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme

For each Union priority an assessment should be carried out on the information and data provided in Part A and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme (incorporating the findings and recommendations of evaluations)

Union priority	Assessment of data and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	
7 - Technical assistance	

11.2. Assessment whether progress made toward milestones and targets is sufficient to ensure their eventual fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned

An assessment by Union priority of whether progress made toward milestones and targets is sufficient to ensure their eventual fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate

Union priority	Assessment whether progress made toward milestones and targets is sufficient to ensure their eventual fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	
7 - Technical assistance	

12. HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

12.1. An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on partnership and multi-level governance, with particular emphasis on the role of partners in the implementation of the programme.

12.2. An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including accessibility for disabled persons as well as the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the Operational Programme.

12.3. An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development.

13. REPORTING ON SUPPORT USED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE OBJECTIVES (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Figures are calculated automatically and will be included into Table 4 on financial data. A clarification on the given values may be provided, particularly if the actual data is lower than the planned.

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14. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH (ARTICLE 50(5) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

Information and assessment should be provided on the Operational Programme's contribution to achieving the objectives of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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15. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and the report by the deadline referred to in Article 138(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 (for targets)

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WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE CONTRIBUTION TO MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES.

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, article 27(3) on the "content of programmes", article 96(3)(e) on the "content, adoption and amendment of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal", article 111(3) and 4(d) on "implementation reports for the Investment for growth and jobs goal", and Annex 1, section 7.3 on "contribution of mainstream programmes to macro-regional and sea-basin strategies, this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS

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- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)
- WestMED Sea Basin Strategy (WestMED)

DOCUMENTS

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Info		Implementation report version has been validated