



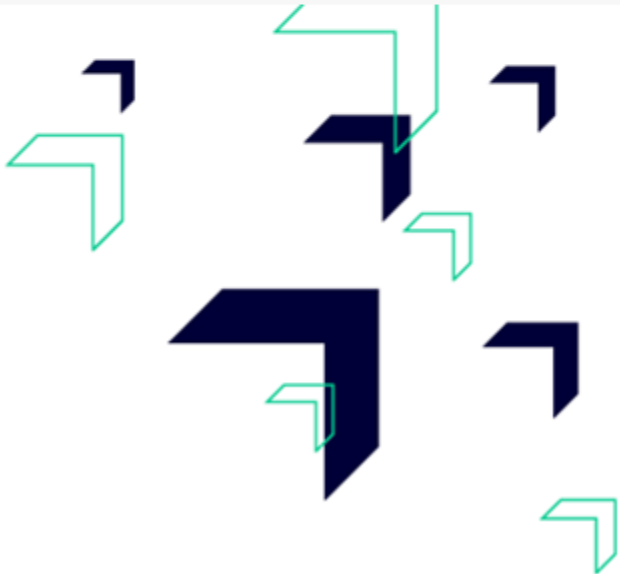
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Overview of EMFAF for 2021 - 2027

17th November 2023



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EMFAF Programme

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

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

*Fostering sustainable blue investment in
Maltese Fisheries and Aquaculture*

Priority 1:

Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

SO 1.1 Strengthening economically, social and environmentally sustainable fishing activities

Types of potential actions:

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

Funding for SO1.1 amounts to € 7.4Mn

Priority 1:

Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

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

Types of potential actions:

- Support for engine replacement and/or modernisation

Funding for SO1.2 amounts to € 200,000

Priority 1:

Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

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

Types of potential actions:

- Compensation for temporary cessation of fishing activities

Funding for SO1.3 amounts to € 400,000

Priority 1:

Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

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

Types of potential actions:

- Data Collection
- Control and enforcement activities

Funding for SO1.4 amounts to € 9Mn

Priority 1:

Fostering sustainable fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources

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

Types of potential actions:

- Passive collection of marine litter
- Implementation of management measures linked with MPAs (Project of strategic importance)
- Engaging fishers in MPA management processes
- Restoration and Management of Seagrass Meadows

Funding for SO1.6 amounts to € 7.8Mn

Priority 2: Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union

SO2.1 Promoting sustainable aquaculture activities, especially strengthening the competitiveness of aquaculture production, while ensuring that the activities are environmentally sustainable in the long term

Types of potential actions:

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

Funding for SO2.1 amounts to € 3.1Mn

Priority 2:

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

SO2.2 Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products

Types of potential actions:

- Marketing Measures & Awareness-Raising Campaign

Funding for SO2.2 amounts to € 1.5Mn

Priority 2: Technical Assistance

Types of potential actions:

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

Funding for TA amounts to € 1.8Mn

Enabling Conditions

- All horizontal enabling conditions deemed fulfilled

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

Progress on Programme Implementation

Call number	Priority of Call	Type of Call	Date of call Issued	Date of closure of call	Application Received – Proposed Project Title	Amount as per application – Total Proposed Project Cost
1	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, more specifically under Specific Objective 1.4 – Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data knowledge-based decision making	Restricted – for Department of Fisheries (DFA)	28/06/2023	31/08/2023	Design, development , implementation and maintenance of a Fisheries Integrated Information system for the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, Malta	€ 4,500,000
2	Priority 1 - Fostering Sustainable Fisheries and the restoration and conservation of aquatic biological resources, more specifically under Specific Objective 1.4 – Fostering efficient fisheries control and enforcement, including fighting against IUU fishing, as well as reliable data knowledge-based decision making	Restricted – for Department of Fisheries (DFA)	28/06/2023	31/08/2023	Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme 2022 – 2024	€ 2,055,995.00
3	Priority 2 – Fostering Sustainable Aquaculture activities, and processing and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products, thus contributing to food security in the Union	Restricted – for Department of Fisheries (DFA)	28/06/2023	15/09/2023	Species diversification for Maltese aquaculture	€ 700,000

CPR Article 42 – Transmission of Data

➤ Transmission of Data sent to Commission through SFC:

31st January 2023

30th April 2023

31st July 2023

30th September 2023

➤ Upcoming Transmission of Data:

30th November 2023

Communication and Visibility Actions

- Horizontal Unit responsible for the communication and visibility actions
 - Visual Identity Guidelines
 - FONDI.eu Website
 - Conference to launch the new Programmes in January 2023
 - Banner
 - Training



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Operations of Strategic Importance

2 operations of Strategic Importance:

- Conservation and restoration of marine Natura 2000 areas
 - Selection Criteria of SO 1.6
 - Issuance of call in December 2023

- Research and development on domestication of aquaculture species to promote species diversification
 - Issuance of call of SO 2.1
 - Evaluation of the application



Administrative Capacity



COLLABORATION WITH FAMENET,
THE MA IS PLANNING TO HOLD A
WORKSHOP IN QUARTER 2/3 2024



TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY



OTHER TRAINING

Financial Instruments ex-ante assessment

- Evaluation Unit responsible for the FI ex-ante assessment
- Drafting of tender for the assessment of FI in the area of Fisheries

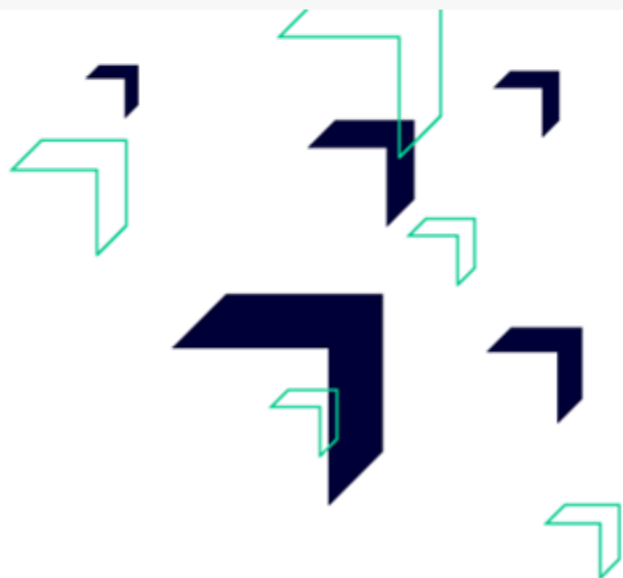


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