



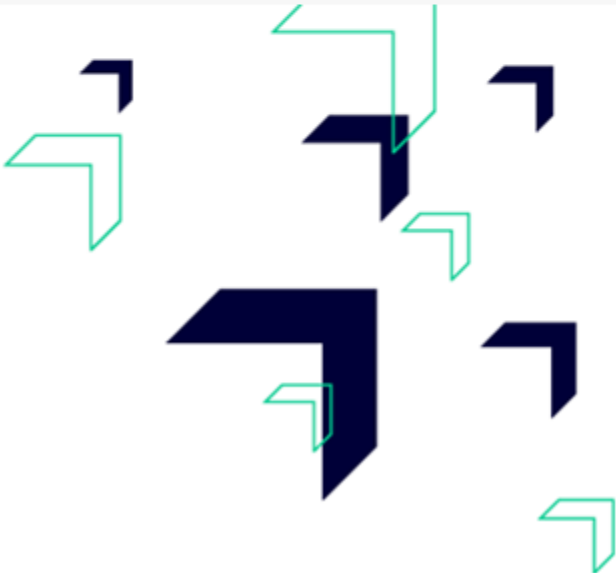
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European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund 2021-2027

Planned Funding Calls based in Malta



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Introduction



The Multi-Annual Financial Framework 2021-2027 provides an important opportunity for Malta to support investment in its fisheries and aquaculture sectors, which constitute an important resource for Malta.

With an EU Share of €21,825,290 and a total share of €31,178,987, the EMFAF focuses on 2 Priorities:

- **Priority 1:** Fostering sustainable fisheries and the conservation of aquatic biological resources;
- **Priority 2:** Fostering sustainable aquaculture activities and processing, and marketing of fisheries and aquaculture products.

Introduction



- Planned Actions under these priorities include investments on-board fishing vessels, advisory services, training and diversification opportunities targeting support for professional fishers as well as improvement in designated fishing ports and landing infrastructure.
- The funding shall also aid in enhanced data collection activities and investment in control and enforcement.
- Actions targeting the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems together with research and innovation actions targeting the sustainability, resilience and competitiveness of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors shall also be at the forefront of these priorities.
- Finally, awareness-raising campaigns shall focus on the promotion of sustainable fish consumption.

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



- Measures under Priority 1 will seek an integrated approach towards management of relevant economic and environmental sectors, in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders.
- The action will enable Malta to progress towards the achievement of good status in the marine environment and of conservation objectives for listed marine habitats and species.
- Such management processes will contribute to the ambitions of the Biodiversity Strategy 2030 through the effective management of protected areas in the marine environment.

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

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
<p>Restoration and Management of Seagrass Meadows</p> <p>Implementation of management measures linked with MPAs</p> <p>Engaging fishers in MPA management processes</p>	<p>SO 1.6 - Contributing to the protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and ecosystems</p>	<p>Restricted (ERA)</p>	<p>€7,000,000</p>	<p>20/11/2023</p>	<p>14/12/2023</p>	<p>01/02/2024</p>

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

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Advisory Services for Fishers	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€100,000	01/02/2024	01/03/2024	01/05/2024

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Investments on board fishing vessels beyond minimum requirements	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€250,000	01/02/2024	01/03/2024	01/05/2024

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Training & Exchange Programme for Fishers	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Restricted (DFA)	250,000	01/02/2024	01/03/2024	01/05/2024

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Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Diversification	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€500,000	01/02/2024	01/03/2024	01/05/2024

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Research Studies to enhance sustainability of sectors	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Restricted (DFA)	€800,000	01/02/2024	01/03/2024	01/05/2024

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Designated Port and Landing Infrastructure	SO 1.1 - Strengthening economically, socially and environmentally sustainable fishing activities	Open	€5,500,000	01/05/2024	01/06/2024	01/08/2024

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

- Under the second priority, another operation of strategic importance will be the Research and development on domestication of aquaculture species to promote species diversification.
- Support will be given to research, innovation and investment in the introduction of new-culture species to decrease reliance on the limited national number of species currently available.

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

Planned Calls	Specific Objective	Type of eligible applicants	Total amount of support (€)	Pre-announcement	Start date of call	End date of call
Publicity Campaign focusing on the promotion of sustainable fish consumption	SO 2.2 – Promoting marketing, quality and added value of fisheries and aquaculture products, as well as processing of those products.	Restricted call (DFA)	€1,458,248	01/05/2024	01/06/2024	01/08/2024

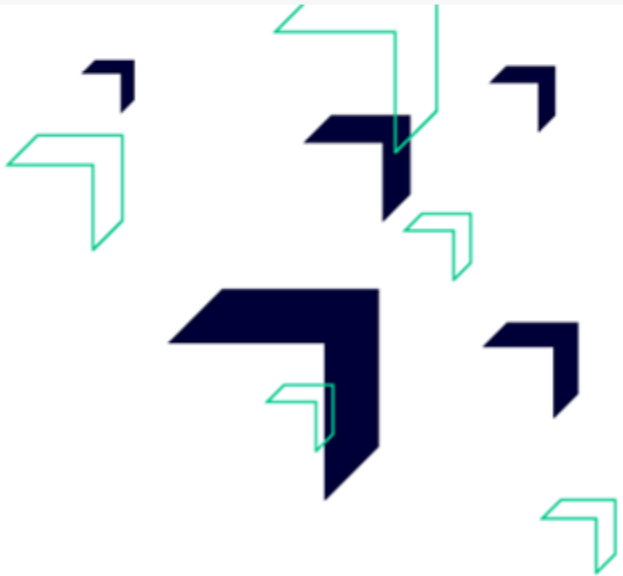


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