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Update on Implementation
2014 – 2020 Programming Period
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Operational Programme
Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

Monitoring Committee
12th November 2024



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The Monitoring Committee

- An update on the implementation of the EMFF Operational Programme was provided during the 9th Monitoring Committee meeting held on 17th November 2023.
- One written procedures was issued since then.



Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report (reporting year 2023), which was accepted by the Monitoring Committee via written procedure, the report was submitted to the European Commission by end May 2024 and was subsequently found admissible by the Commission on 3rd September 2024.

Outline:

- [i] Calls for Proposals
- [ii] EC Audit
- [iii] EMFF Operations
- [iv] Financials
 - Statement of Expenditures / Certifications
 - Update on the Performance Framework

[i] Calls for Proposals

- Since 2016, a total of **31 operations** [including Technical Assistance] were selected for co-financing. All operations are now fully completed.

Evaluation & Summary of Calls Issued (2016-2020)	
Project Selection Committee – Fact Sheet	
Date of First Meeting	1 st June 2016
Number of Meetings Held	52
Number of Clarification Letters Issued	25
Number of Projects Ranked and Recommended for Approval	31
Summary of Calls Issued (2016-2023)	
Number of Calls Issued	35
Number of Calls Awarded	31
Number of Closed Projects	30
Number of Ongoing Projects	0

[iii] EC Audit

- A **compliance audit mission** at the level of the Audit Authority, as well as a KR2 and KR4 thematic audit at the level of the Managing Authority was conducted in year 2024.
- The audit at the level of the Managing Authority was conducted on the following operations:
 - Temporary Cessation
 - Investments on Board
 - EMFF 2.2.1
 - EMFF 2.3.1

[iii] EMFF Operations

Union Priority 1: Article 29 Operation EMFF 1.4.1

Training for Fishers






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EMFF 1.4.1. TRAINING FOR FISHERS

-  Health and Safety at Sea
-  Fishing Regulations
-  Information Technology



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SEGRETARJAT PARLAMENTARI GĦALL-AGRIKOLTURA,
 SAJD U DRITTIJET TAL-ANNIMALI

FOND EWROPEW GĦALL-AFFARIJET MARITTIMI U S-SAJD 2014-2020

Isem tal-proġett: TRAINING FOR FISHERS

Id-Dipartiment tas-Sajd u Akkwakultura ser ikun qed jorganizza seminar u żewġ moduli ta' taħriġ għas-sajjieda bejn Marzu u Ġunju 2018.

Dan it-taħriġ ser ikopri għadd ta' suġġetti, fosthom:

-  Sahħa u Sigurtà fuq il-Baħar
-  Regolamenti tas-Sajd
-  L-użu tal-Infommazzjoni Teknoloġika

L- Applikazzjonijiet huma miftuħa sas-16 ta' Jannar, 2018



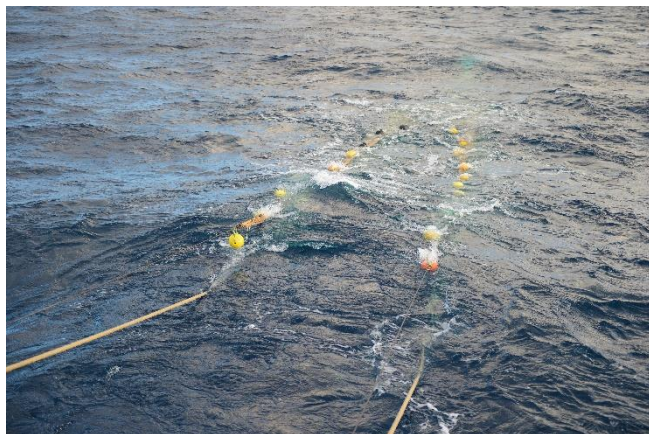
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Program Operattiv għall-Affarijiet Marittimi u s-Sajd 2014-2020
 Parġjalment iffinanzjat mill-Unjoni Ewropea
 Fond Ewropew għall-Affarijiet Marittimi u s-Sajd (FEMIS)
 Rata ta' Ko-finanzjament: 75% Fondi UE; 25% Fondi Nazzjonali
 Investment f'Sajd u Akkwakultura Sostenibbli

Union Priority 1: Article 39 Operation EMFF 1.16.1

A scientific study to improve gear selectivity



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1 Operation EMFF 1.23.1

The Construction and Finishing of an office on the Fish Landing Site in the Marsaxlokk Designated Port



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1 Operation EMFF 1.23.2

Refurbishment and upgrading of slipways in the port of Marsaxlokk



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.3

Construction of a breakwater at Qrejten point in the port of Marsaxlokk



*Works on site during the initial
project phase*

Operation EMFF 1.23.3 continued/ii

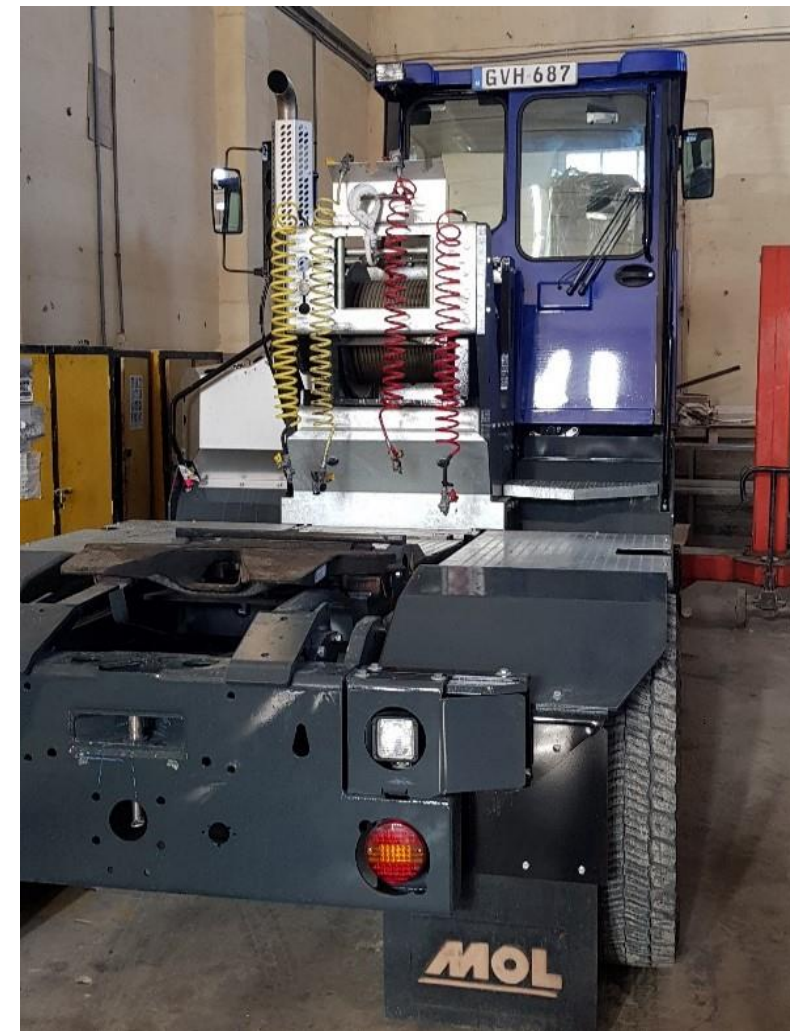


*Completed
works as at
inauguration in
January 2021*

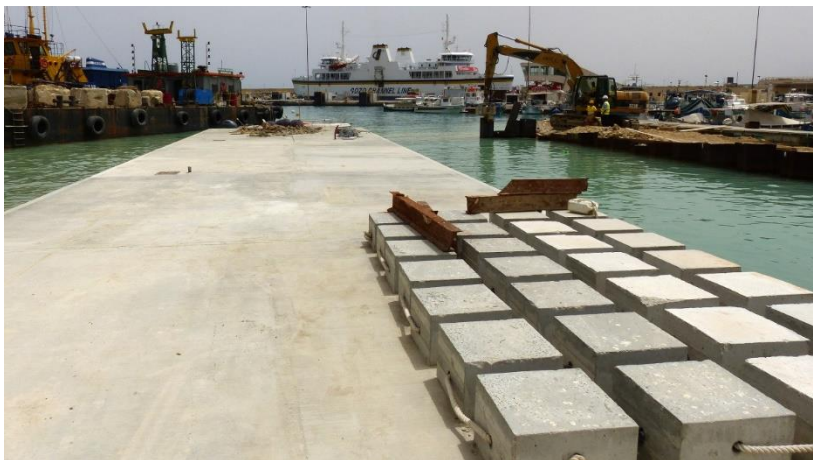


**Union Priority 1:
Article 43.1
Operation EMFF 1.23.5**

**Upgrading of the Fisheries
Infrastructure in Gozo**

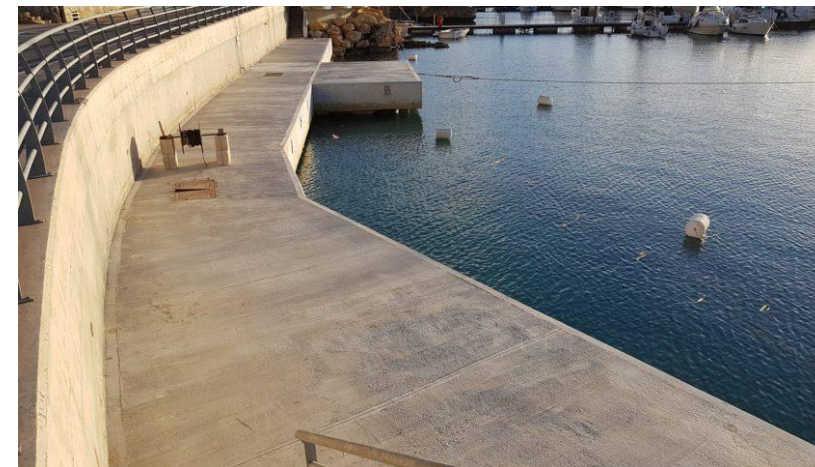


Deliverables ready for usage by the Gozitan fishing community



**Union Priority 1:
Article 43.1
Operation EMFF 1.23.6**

**Upgrading of Mġarr
Gozo and Marsaxlokk
Malta Fishing Ports**



Interim phase works at Mġarr Gozo



Completed works at Mġarr Gozo

Operation EMFF 1.23.6 continued/ii



*State of the Marfa quay prior
to commencement of works*

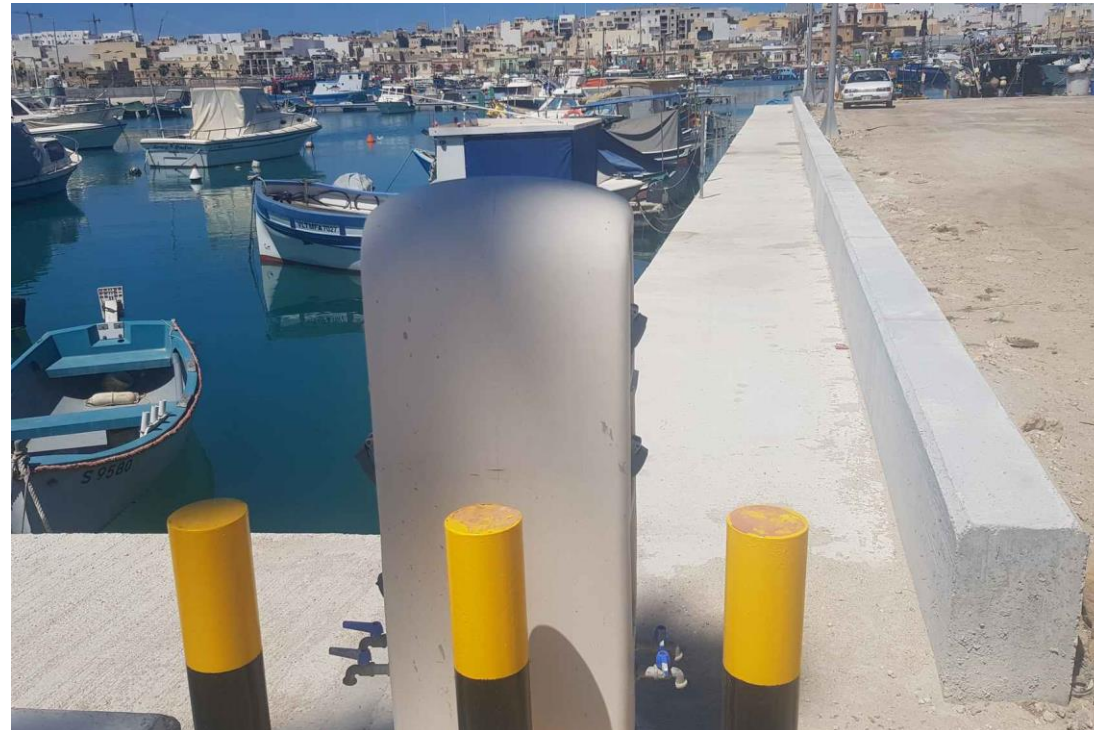


*Works on site during the
initial component phase*



Finished project

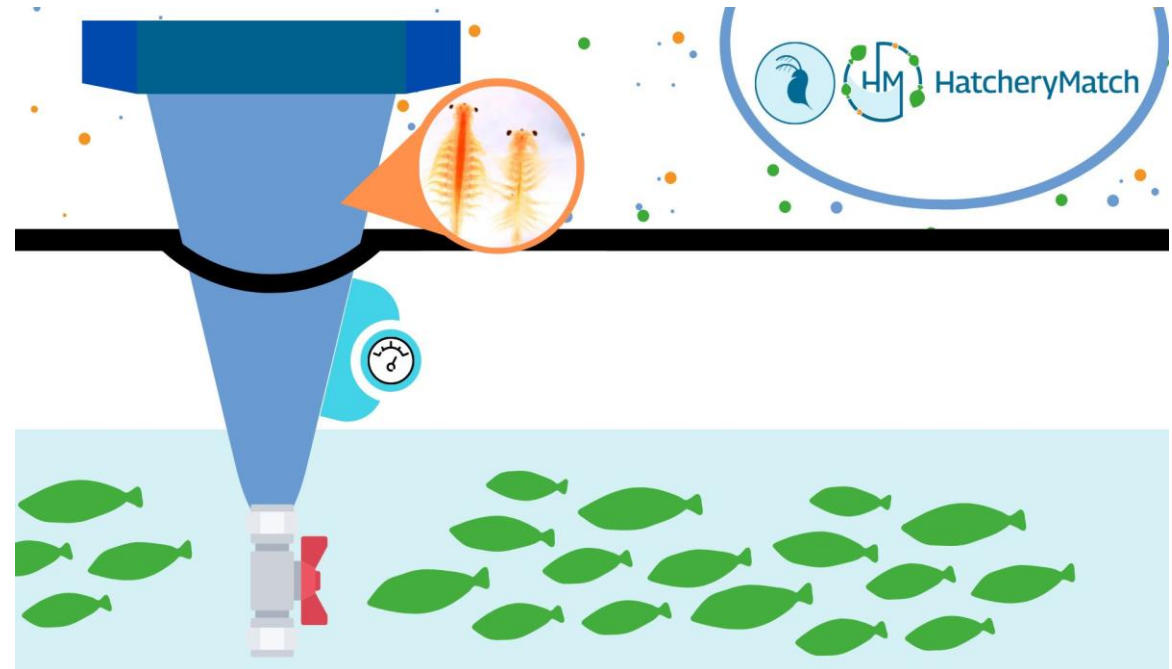
Operation EMFF 1.23.6 continued/iii



Finished project at Tal-Magħluq, Marsaxlokk

**Union Priority 2:
Article 47
Operation EMFF 2.1.1**

**Development of new, innovative aquaculture technologies and the
facilitation of knowledge transfer**



**Union Priority 2:
Article 48.1 a-d, f-h**

Operation EMFF 2.2.1

**Productive aquaculture investments at
Pisciculture Marine de Malte Ltd.**



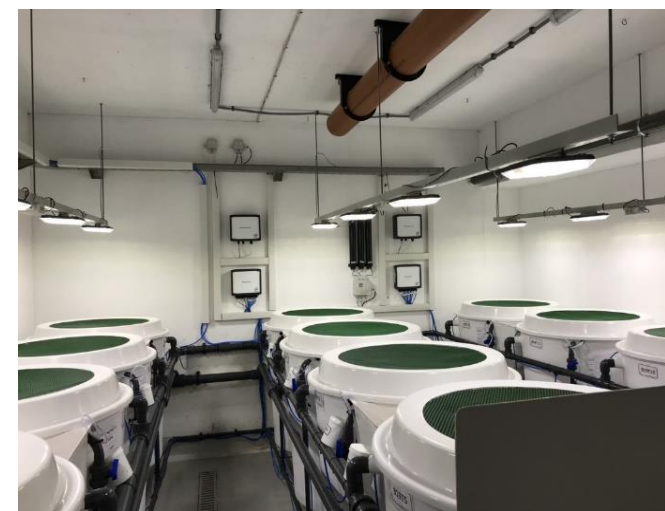
*Construction in Greece and delivery of an
aquaculture work boat*



Union Priority 2: Article 48.1 e, i, j

Operation EMFF 2.3.1

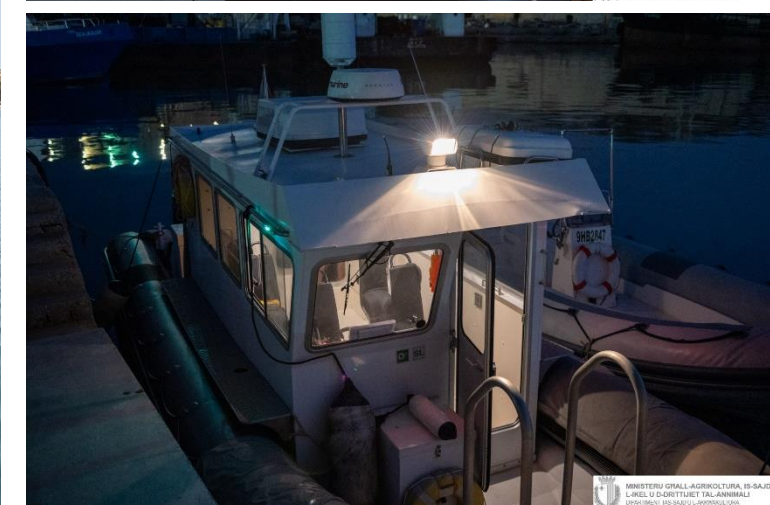
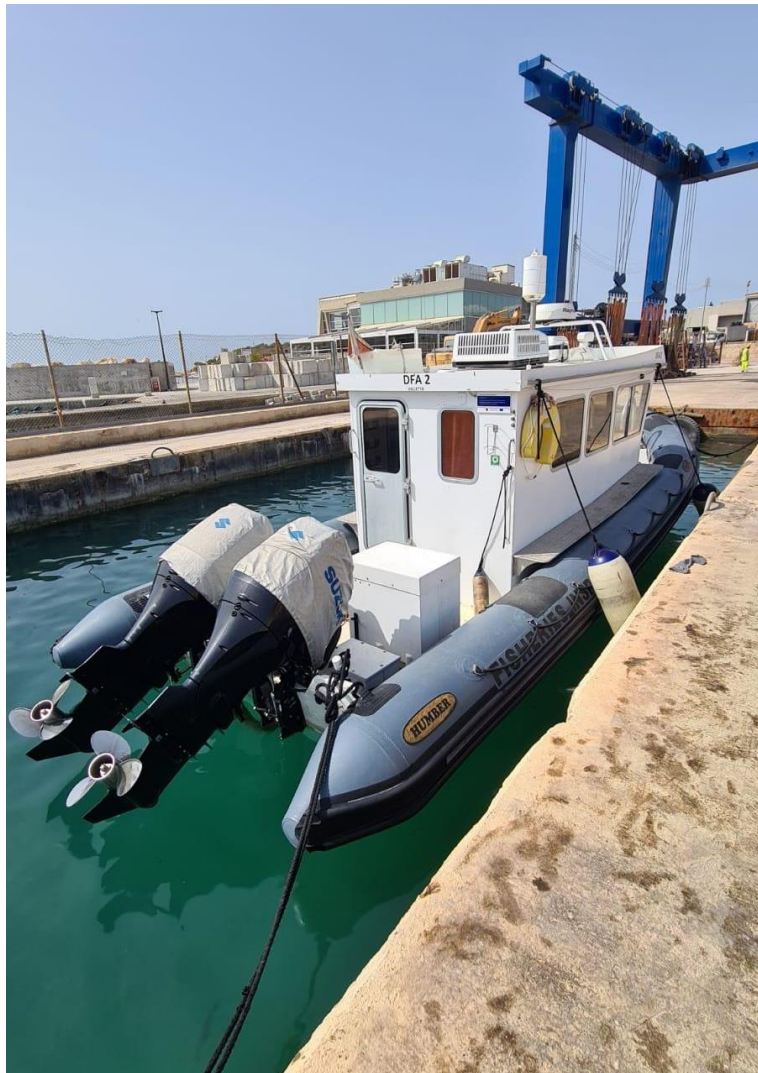
Productive investment in non-food aquaculture using RAS in AquaBioTech Group



Deliverables revolving around the Recirculation Aquaculture System [RAS]

Union Priority 3

Article 76 Control & Enforcement Operation (e)



Union Priority 3

Article 76

Control & Enforcement

Operation (f)





Union Priority 3

Article 76

Control & Enforcement

Operation (j)

EU funds for Malta 2014-2020

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Union Priority 3

Article 77

Data Collection

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European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
DATA COLLECTION FRAMEWORK MULTIANNUL PROGRAMME 2014-2016

Data collection is nationally carried out by means of:
- Research surveys at sea
- Market sampling
- On-board observations
- Fish age profiling
- Analysis of logbooks and spatial VMS data
- One to one interviews.

The EU's Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme (DC-MAP) concerns the collection of data in the fisheries sector towards the provision of scientific advice as required through the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

The national work programme outlines the collection of biological, technical, environmental and socio-economic data. In line with the DC-MAP.

The collected data is used to analyse the state of exploited marine resources, the state of the marine ecosystem and the socio-economic performance of the fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors.

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Union Priority 5: Article 68 Operation EMFF 4.3.1

Nesploraw Flimkien it-Teżori tal-Baħar!



**Union Priority 6: Article 80.1 c)
Operation EMFF 8.3.1**

**Marine environmental monitoring: towards
effective management of Malta's marine waters**



[iv] Financials

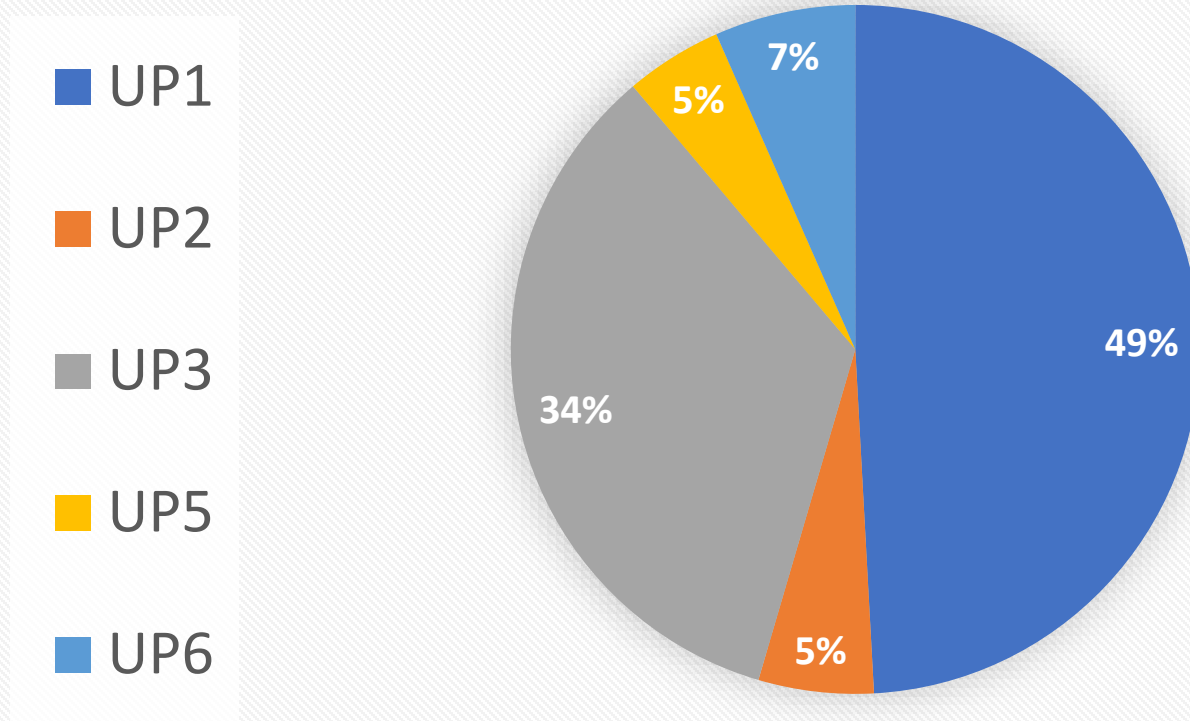
Statement of Expenditures undertaken in 2023 and 2024 – Accounting Year 1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024

3 SOEs were completed for accounting year ending 30th June 2024

- 3 payment applications amounting to a total of €6,480,059.09 (EU Share) were submitted to the EC.

OP Allocation

Sales

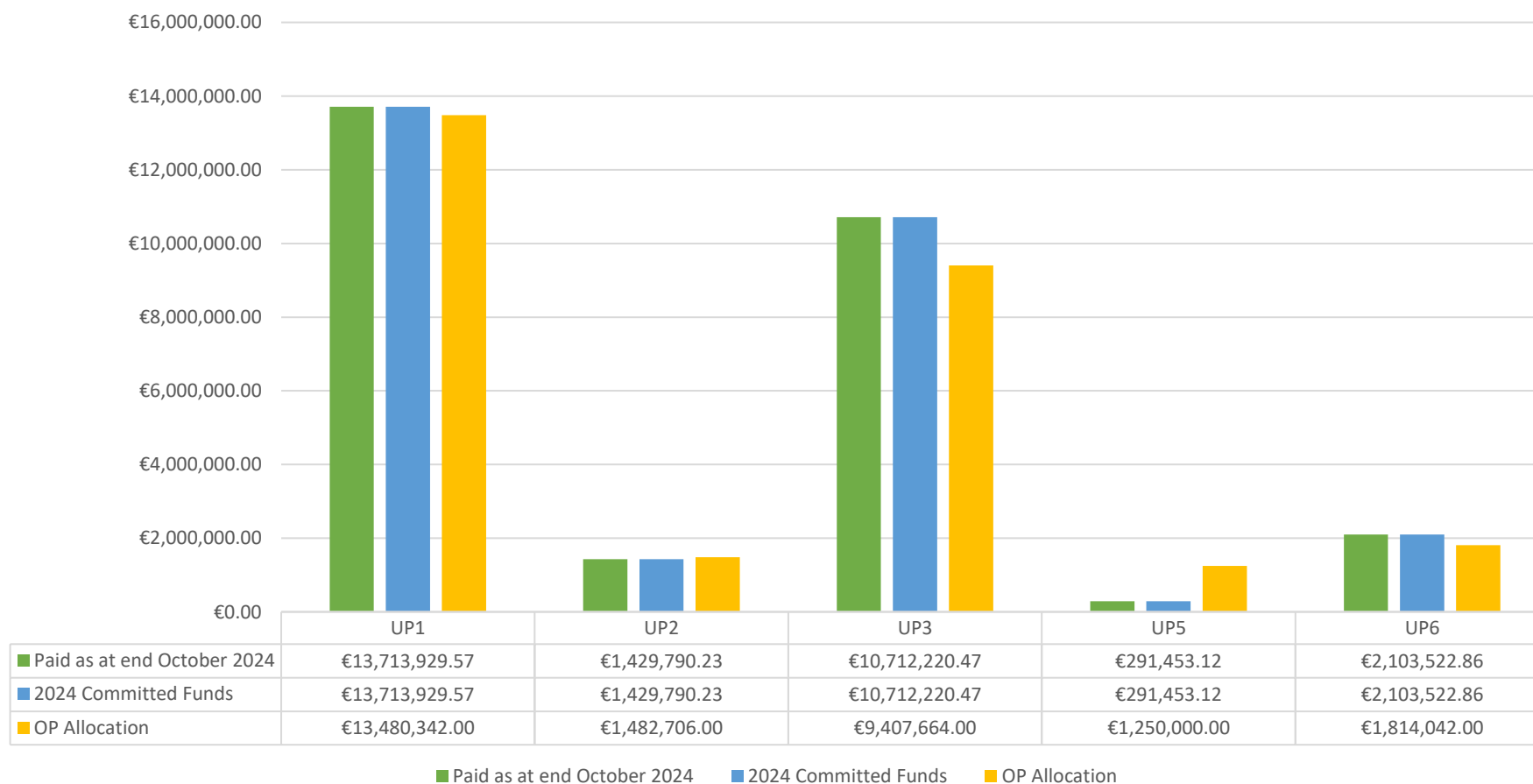


Funds Committed and Certified

Union Priority	Approved Allocation in the OP	% of EMFF Funds committed & certified
UP1	13,480,342	13,713,929.57 (100.73%)
UP2	1,482,706	1,429,790.23 (96.43%)
UP3	9,407,664	10,712,220.47 (113.86%)
UP5	1,250,000	291,453.12 (23.31%)
UP6	1,814,042	2,103,522.86 (115.95%)

- Figures refer to public eligible amount

Progress towards EMFF OP Allocation



Update on the Performance Framework

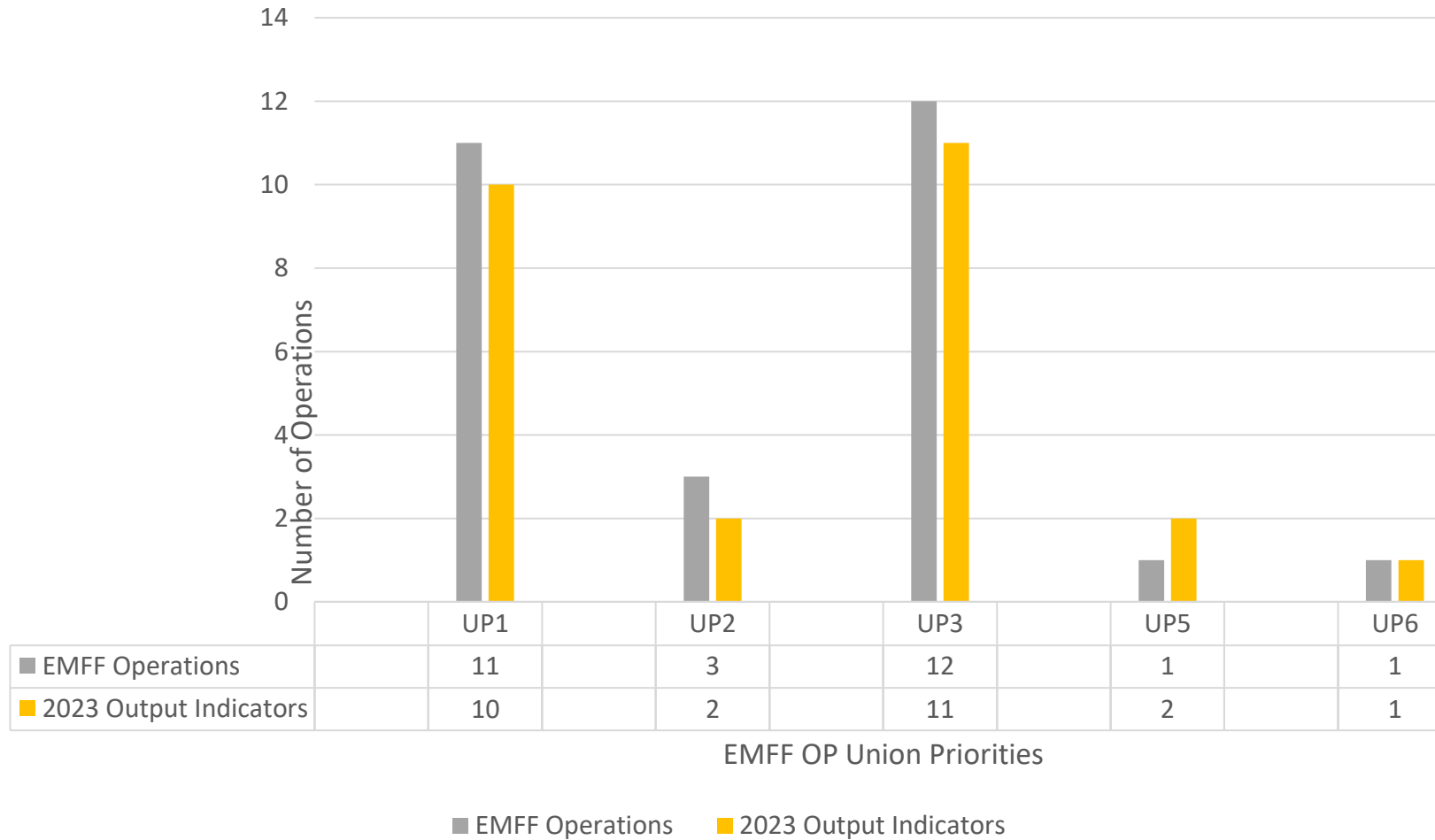
Progress made towards 2018 & 2023

Performance Framework Milestones & Targets

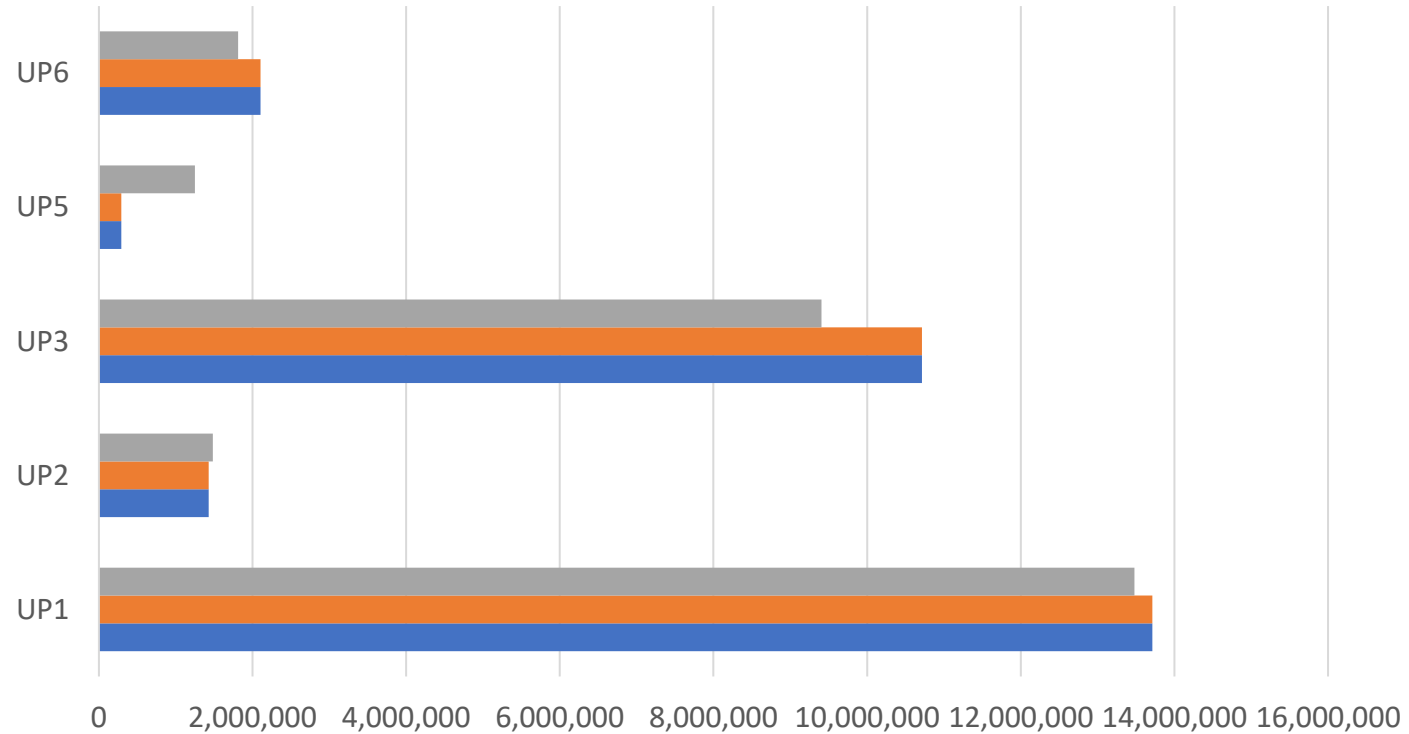
	Output Achieved - Operations	2023 Output Planned - Operations	Financials Achieved - Paid	Financials Achieved - Certified	2023 Financials Planned
UP1	10	10	13,713,929.57	13,713,929.57	€13,480,342
UP2	2	2	1,429,790.23	1,429,790.23	€1,482,706
UP3	12	11	10,712,220.47	10,712,220.47	€9,407,664
UP5	1	2	291,453.12	291,453.12	€1,250,000
UP6	1	1	2,103,522.86	2,103,522.86	€1,814,042
Total	26	26	28,250,916.25	28,250,916.25	€27,434,754

- Figures refer to the public eligible amount

Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Output Targets



Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Financial Targets



	UP1	UP2	UP3	UP5	UP6
■ 2023 Financial Targets	13,480,342	1,482,706	9,407,664	1,250,000	1,814,042
■ 2024 Certified Funds	13,713,930	1,429,790	10,712,220	291,453	2,103,523
■ 2024 Committed Funds	13,713,930	1,429,790	10,712,220	291,453	2,103,523

■ 2023 Financial Targets ■ 2024 Certified Funds ■ 2024 Committed Funds

Update on OP Commitments

- EUR 30,145,529.50 (total public eligible) were certified out of the total contribution of EUR 29,168,694.33 (including Technical Assistance). This amounts to circa **103.34% of total public eligible allocated Funds (overcommitted)**.

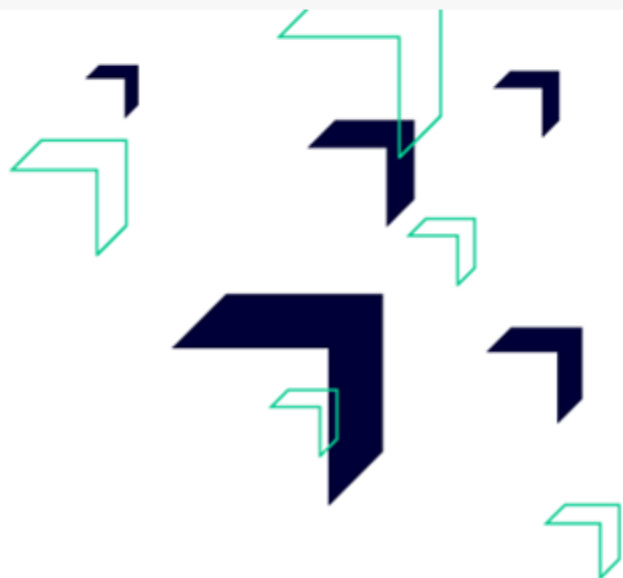


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