

European Fisheries Fund

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State of Play

Development from the last
Monitoring Committee

Priority Axis 1:

Measures for the adaptation of the Maltese
Fishing Fleet

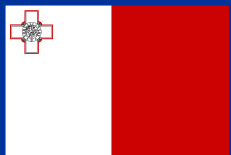
Public Aid for Permanent Cessation and Investment on
board fishing vessels and selectivity



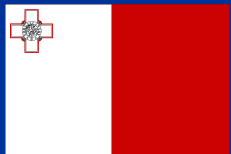
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- Guidelines for applicants have been published on the:
 - Government Gazette
 - Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs website and notice boards
 - Sent soft and hard copies to both cooperatives and to the Ministry for Gozo
- 5 information sessions were organised to our fishers to explain the details of the calls and the application forms. 1 session was organised in Gozo and 4 sessions were organised in Malta
- The calls closed on the 14th April 2010.
- 117 Applications were received (67 Permanent Cessation and 50 Improvements on board fishing vessel).



- The 67 applications for permanent cessation are at the final stages of the adjudication process. The results will be published as soon as this process is completed.
- The 50 applications for improvements on board fishing vessels are being adjudicated, but more work remains to be done.



Socio Economic Compensation for the Management of the Community Fishing Fleet

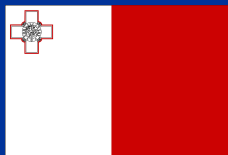
- To be employed as a professional full time or part time fisher, one should have a basic training course (Module 1). Only module 1 shall be provided free of charge to all registered full time and part time fishers with the Employment and Training Centre. The course should include;
 - Basic Sea survival techniques
 - Basic First aid
 - Basic Fire-fighting and prevention
 - Basic health and safety
 - Knowledge about diversification of activities
 - Promotion of equal rights
- A Tender for the supply of the services is being drafted and shall be submitted to the Department of Contracts for vetting and publication
- After the contract will be awarded the fisher shall be contacted personally to start Module 1.



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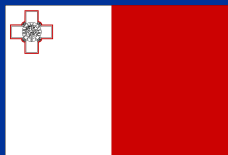
Module 2(a)

- An additional separate module consisting of training recommended under Chapter 3 of the FAO/ILO/IMO document for Guidance on Training and Certification of Fishing vessel personnel shall also be provided to all licensed skippers of MFA and MFB registered vessels. This module shall deal with use of navigational equipment, International regulations for preventing collisions at sea, communications, FAO code of conduct for responsible fisheries etc.



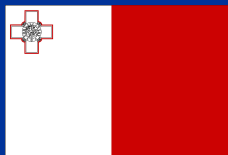
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- Module 2(b)
- Also, another additional, module consisting of training recommended under Chapter 4 of the FAO/ILO/IMO document for Guidance on Training and Certification of Fishing vessel personnel shall also be provided to all licensed skippers of fishing vessels over 24m in length. This module shall deal with fish processing equipment and freezing systems, use of tools, marine insurance, working arrangements etc.
- The registered skippers of MFA and MFB fishing vessels should pay for the additional modules due to limited funds under the EFF programme.



Priority Axis 2:
**Measures for aquaculture, processing
and marketing of fishery and
aquaculture products**

**Productive investments in aquaculture
and
Investments in Processing and
Marketing**



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Productive investments in aquaculture

- A service tender for the preparation of an Aquaculture strategy for Malta was published on the 4th June 2010 and will close on the 27th July 2010.
- The strategy will lay down a structured path for sustainably developing aquaculture in Malta and identify the domains that are essential for a profitable and sustainable aquaculture industry in Malta.
- The aim of the strategy is to optimise the sustainable growth of the aquaculture sector by 2015.



Investments in Processing and Marketing of Fisheries and Aquaculture Products

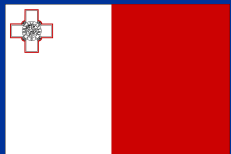
- The call for this measure will be issued during the third/fourth quarter 2010.
- Guidelines for applicants have been drafted
- The draft versions have been reviewed by the Managing Authority; some changes are required, following which these will be translated into Maltese.
- The guidelines and application will be published on the Maltese Government Gazette and the local press in both MT and EN after final approval by MA.



Measures of Common Interest

Fishing Ports, Landing Sites and Shelters

- Reallocation of the Fish Market
- Plans were drawn up and submitted to MEPA for the relevant approvals
- We are waiting for MEPA instructions and the necessary approvals



Designated Ports

- From the 4 planned designated ports, 3 locations have been identified, in Mgarr Gozo, in Grand Harbour, and in Marsaxlokk
- The detailed plans and architectural drawings of these sites will soon be finalised, approved and submitted to MEPA for the necessary approvals.
- Work to select the remaining 2 sites is in progress.

