

Update on Implementation 2014 – 2020 Programming Period

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Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

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[i] Calls for Proposals

Summary of all calls issued – 2016

Call	Union Priority	Issue Date	Status
Call 1: Data Collection	3 - Fostering the Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy [CFP]	March 2016	Implementation Stage
Call 2: Integrated Maritime Policy [IMP]	6 - Fostering the Implementation of the IMP	June 2016	Implementation Stage
Call 3: Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	October 2016	PSC Evaluation Stage

Summary of all calls issued – 2017

Call	Union Priority	Issue Date	Status
Call 4: Data Collection [Second Call]	3 - Fostering the Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy [CFP]	March 2017	PSC Evaluation Stage
Call 5: Research	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	April 2017	PSC Evaluation Stage
Call 6: Training	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	April 2017	Call Closing date: 31 st May 2017

Call 1 - [UP3] Data Collection

- **Eligible Applicants:** Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change [MSDEC]
- **Call Closing Date:** 29th April 2016
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 2,500,000 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** € 1,822,425
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 80%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 2nd Quarter 2017

Call 1 - [UP3] Data Collection [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **11th March 2016** on the basis of **Article 77 of Regulation [EU] No. 508/2014**, to which one application was received from MSDEC.
- In line with the EMFF OP, **for the period 2014-2016 Malta will implement the National Programme 2014 – 2016** as laid down in the Commission Decision C[2013] 5568 of 30th August 2013.
- **Operation Summary:** This operation includes the collection, use and management of fisheries data in line with Council Regulation EC No. 199/2008 and Commission Decision [2010/93/EU] and as outlined in the National Programme for the collection of primary biological, technical, environmental and socio-economic data in the fisheries sector of the Republic of Malta, 2011 - 2013 National Programme.

Call 2 - [UP6] Fostering the Implementation of the IMP

- **Eligible Applicants:** MSDEC
- **Application Closing Date:** Wednesday 10th August 2016
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 1,600,000 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** € 1,600,000
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 75%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 1st Quarter 2019

Call 2 - [UP6] Fostering the Implementation of the IMP [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **9th June 2016** on the basis of **Article 80.1[c] of Regulation [EU] No. 508/2014**, inviting the MSDEC [as a co-ordinating body] to submit an application.
- The **Environment and Resources Authority [ERA]** in partnership with Malta Marittima Agency, Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and Transport Malta applied for this call.
- **Operation Summary**: The project will initiate the implementation of sustained environmental monitoring in marine waters with the aim to assess the state of Malta's marine waters on a continuous basis and address current knowledge gaps. This monitoring would provide a sound knowledge base for effective management of anthropogenic activities and work towards achievement of Good Environmental Status [GES] in marine waters.

Call 3 - [UP1] Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters

- **Eligible Applicants:** MSDEC; Ministry for Transport and Infrastructure (MTI)
- **Application Closing Date:** Friday 30th November 2016
- **Amount Allocated:** € 9,230,572 [Public Eligible]
- **Eligible Amount:** to be determined
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 75%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** to be determined

Call 3 - [UP1] Fishing Ports, Landing Sites, Auction Halls & Shelters [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **20th October 2016** on the basis of **Article 43.1+3 + 44.1[f] of Regulation [EU] No. 508/2014**, inviting the MSDEC and MTI to submit applications.
- **Potential Operations:** Improving the infrastructure in fishing ports and existing landing sites
- As at time of reporting 4 project proposals were submitted, one of which was at award stage and the remaining 3 were at evaluation stage.

Call 4 - [UP3] Data Collection [Second Call]

- **Eligible Applicants:** Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change [MSDEC]
- **Call Closing Date:** 30th March 2017
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 2,604,485.00 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** *currently being evaluated*
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 80%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 31st December 2020

Call 5 - [UP1] Research

- **Eligible Applicants:** Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change [MSDEC]
- **Call Closing Date:** 5th May 2017
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 200,000 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** *currently being evaluated*
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 75%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 1st Quarter 2019

Call 5 - [UP1] Research [cont.]

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **3rd April 2017** on the basis of **Article 39 of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014** , inviting the MSDEC to submit applications.
- **Potential Operations:** Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources
- Another call may be issued in 2017 in case funds are still to be committed

Call 6 - [UP1] Training

- **Eligible Applicants:** Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change [MSDEC]
- **Call Closing Date:** 31st May 2017
- **Amount Allocated for the Call:** € 500,000 [Public Eligible]
- **Awarded Public Eligible Amount:** *call currently open*
- **EMFF Co-Financing Rate:** 75%
- **Call type:** Restricted
- **Project Duration:** 1st Quarter 2019

Call 6 - [UP1] Training

- A **restricted call** was issued on the **26th April 2017** on the basis of **Article 29(1) and (2) and Article 44(1)(a) of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014**, inviting the MSDEC to submit applications.
- **Potential Operations**: Training course provided to eligible fishers
- Another call may be issued in 2017 in case funds are still to be committed

Upcoming Calls

- **[UP3] Article 76 Control and Enforcement**
 - *Minimum budget allocated: € 5,692,102*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 90% (where applicable)*
 - *Tentative Launch Date: June 2017*

- **[UP5] Article 68 Marketing Measures**
 - *Minimum budget allocated : € 250,000*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 75%*
 - *Tentative Launch Date: June 2017*

- **[UP1] Article 41.2 Modernisation or Replacement of Main or Ancillary Engines**
 - *Minimum budget allocated: € 40,000 [exact amount to be determined following EC approval for amendment to OP]*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 50%*
 - *Tentative Launch Date: September 2017*

Upcoming Calls (cont.)

- **[UP1] Article 41.1 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change** (*subject to EMFF OP changes approval by EC*)
 - *Minimum budget allocated : € 106,666*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 50%*
 - *Tentative Launch Date: September 2017*

- **[UP1] Article 30 Diversification and new forms of Income**
 - *Minimum budget allocated: € 1,000,000*
 - *EMFF Co-financing rate: 75%*
 - *Tentative Launch Date: September 2017*

[ii] Update on OP/UP Commitments

- UP Commitments: Performance Framework Targets

Commitments	Target date	Output Indicator	Status
1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	2018	1	Call 1 issued in October 2016 4 project proposals received by 28 th April <i>1 Project proposals at award stage</i> 3 proposals at evaluation stage
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	2018	1	Call issued in Q1 2017 <i>Project proposal being evaluated</i>
1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines	2018	4	Call to be issued in Q3 2017

- UP Commitments: Performance Framework Targets [cont.]

Commitments	Target date	Output Indicator	Status
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	2018	6	Training Call issued in Q2 2017 Diversification Call to be issued in the coming months
2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	2018	2	Call to be issued in 2017 (OP amendments proposed)
3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	2018	3	Call to be issued between Q2-Q3 2017

- UP Commitments: Performance Framework Targets [cont.]

Commitments	Target date	Output Indicator	Status
3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	2018	1	Call 1 issued in 2016 <i>Operation Underway</i> Call 2 issued in Q1 2017 <i>Proposal being evaluated</i>
5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures (and storage aid)	2018	1	Call to be issued in Q2-Q3 2017
6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	2018	1	Call issued in 2016 <i>Operation Underway</i>

Update on OP/UP Commitments

- With reference to remaining **calls planned to be issued in 2017 together with the calls already issued in 2016**, the MA foresees that **about EUR 17,500,00 will be committed by Q1 2018** [following closure and evaluation of the respective calls].
- This will amount to about **60.5% of the allocated Total Public Eligible (EU + MT)**.
- The remaining funds [if any] are planned be committed in 2018.

[iii] Update on fulfilment of Ex-Ante Conditionalities

Summary: EMFF **SPECIFIC** Ex-Ante Conditionalities [3]

<i>Ex-ante conditionality</i>	Union priorities to which conditionality applies	Ex-ante Conditionality Fulfilled (Yes/No/Partially)
1 - Report on fishing capacity has been submitted in accordance with Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.	1	Yes
2 - The establishment of a multiannual national strategic plan on aquaculture, as referred to in Article 34 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, by 2014.	2	Yes
3 - Administrative capacity: administrative capacity is available to comply with the data requirements for fisheries management set out in Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.	3	Yes
4 - Administrative capacity: administrative capacity is available to comply with the implementation of a Union control, inspection and enforcement system as provided for in Article 36 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 and further specified in Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009.	3	Yes

SPECIFIC Ex-Ante Conditionalities: Actions taken

[1 - Report on fishing capacity has been submitted in accordance with Article 22(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.]

- Following the submission of the Fleet Capacity Report for the year 2015, this specific ex-ante conditionality is now considered as fulfilled as per feedback given by EC (Ref ARES(2016)2585582) on 12th December 2016.
- The EC noted that “further to the receipt of the Report on 3 June 2016.. concluded that Malta is in line with the Commission’s guidelines for the analysis of the balance between fishing capacity and fishing opportunities according to Art 22 of Regulation [EU] No.1380/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on the CFP.”

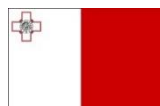
EMFF **GENERAL** Ex-Ante Conditionalities [4]

7 general *ex-ante* conditionalities, of which 4 are applicable to the OP (Section 6)

<i>Ex-ante</i> conditionality	Union Priorities (UP) to which conditionality applies	Ex-ante Conditionality Fulfilled (Yes/No/Partially)
G4 – Public Procurement	All	Yes
G5 – State Aid	All: provided that the operations under them fall outside Article 42 of the Treaty	Yes
G6 – Environmental Legislation	UP 1 and UP 2	Yes
G7 – Statistical systems and result indicators	All	Yes*

***Fulfilment of this EAC is already ensured by the data collection framework for fisheries and the EMFF's monitoring and evaluation system with common (result) indicators.**

Thank you for your attention



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