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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the Operational Programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

The Managing Authority (MA) is presenting the seventh Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Operational Programme (OP) in Malta covering the year 2021. Its format is set on the model presented in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No. 1362/2014 and on the FAME Support Unit CT04 Working Paper EMFF AIR (April 2018) guiding Member States in their formulation of AIRs. Its main objective is to provide key stakeholders in the fisheries, aquaculture and blue economy sectors with information on the implementation of the OP during year 2021.

In 2021, the MA continued to focus on the constant monitoring of EMFF operations awarded in previous years, especially because of the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic had on various activities linked to several operations and the fisheries sector in general. By end 2021, a total of 36 operations had been selected for European Union (EU) co-financing. No calls were issued since we are now reaching the closure of the EMFF 2014-2020 programming period, and the majority of the programme allocation is committed.

The Annual Review Meeting (ARM) between the MA and European Commission (EC) representatives was held on 10 November 2021, whilst the seventh meeting of the Monitoring Committee (MC) was held on 29 October 2021. The MC was held once again virtually and an update on the EMFF OP implementation and EMFAF programming was provided to all members. The AIR for year 2020 was already adopted by the MC via written procedure in May 2021.

In October 2021, the MA proposed an amendment to the OP, as well as an amendment to the Terms of Reference of the MC. The amendments to the OP were related to:

1. The shift of funds from UP 2 to UP 1 due to unspent funds garnered through the withdrawal of the MFF Ltd. operation as a result of an ongoing magisterial enquiry and an MA decision to withhold the certification of the payment claim which had been uploaded on the EMFF Database System. Investments financed through measures under Article 43.1 (UP 1) are higher than the original allocated amount, and therefore, given their value-added to the sector, and in order to absorb 100% of the EMFF funds allocated under the Programme, a total of €1,207,556 (EMFF share) were shifted from UP 2;

2. The shift of funding support from UP 5 Article 67 (Storage Aid) towards temporary cessation measures aimed at mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in line with Regulation (EU) No. 2020/560. The shift of funds from Article 67 to Article 33 (1)(d) amount to €219,771 (EMFF share). Such amendment resulted in an increase of circa €87,908.40 in EMFF contribution to climate change (40% co-efficient for Article 33 temporary cessation of fishing activities). The compensation will be calculated according to the Temporary Cessation methodology, and only those fishers who were not at all assisted in 2020 through any scheme are eligible to participate.

The amendment to the Terms of Reference of the MC was related to Article 7: *Written Procedures*, whereby MC members must give their opinion in writing within 5 working days when it comes to urgent written procedures.

The above-mentioned amendments were proposed to the MC members via written procedure and were both approved on 12 November 2021. The OP modification was then submitted to the EC and formally approved in February 2022. The above-mentioned amendments were reflected in Sections 3.3, 4.6, 7.1, 8.2 and 9.2 of the OP.

The MA's online webpage was regularly updated in order to meet CPR/EMFF Regulatory requirements, such as the list of selected operation as per Article 119 of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014. The MA ensured that the webpage included regulations, publications, reports and EMFF supporting documentation.

In terms of financials, as at end 2021, €26,256,319.69 (90.53%) was committed from the OP. Out of this committed amount, €19,781,022.53 (75.34%) was fully paid through the EMFF Database.

Two Statements of Expenditure by Fund were submitted in 2021, one completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2021, amounting to €1,151,981.77 (EMFF share) submitted to the EC on 30 July 2021; whereas the other completed for accounting year ending 30 June 2022, amounting to €1,115,430.03 (EMFF share) submitted to the EC on 22 November 2021. Due to an error in the EMFF Database, €383,810.85 raised in the November SOE had to be raised again in early 2022.

Under UP 1, out of twelve operations, 10 operations were completed, whilst two operations were under implementation by end 2021. The total public eligible amount paid by the end of the year stood at €10,381,540.97, marking a 13.62% increase from the previous year (2020). Out of this, a total amount of €10,223,474.05 has been verified by the MA and effectively certified. Under UP 2, one operation, out of three was completed. The total public eligible amount paid by end 2021 stood at €511,072.98, marking a 3.38% increase from the previous year (2020). Out of this, a total amount of €511,072.98 has been verified by the MA and effectively certified. By the end of the same year, the total public eligible amount paid under UP 3 was €5,645,989.96, with various operations still under implementation, marking an 11.56% increase from the previous year (2020). Out of this, a total amount of €4,076,381.68 has been verified by the MA and effectively certified. The only operation which falls under UP 5 was completed in 2018 with a total public eligible amount of €249,957.71 in payments. Out of this, a total amount of €248,501.29 has been verified by the MA and effectively certified. By end 2021, the total public eligible amount paid under UP 6 stood at €1,670,811.55, with one operation in advanced stages, marking a 4.43% increase from the previous year (2020). €1,323,105.77 worth of payments related to Technical Assistance (TA) was processed by end 2021, marking a 20.23% increase from the previous year (2020). Out of this, a total amount of €1,316,594.08 has been verified by the MA and effectively certified.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNION PRIORITIES

3.1. Overview of the implementation (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Information should be provided as short and general commentary on the implementation of the Union priorities and technical assistance for the year(s) concerned with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems.

Union priority	Key information on the implementation of the priority with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
<p>1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries</p>	<p>No calls were issued in year 2021. The MA monitored ongoing operations, conducted management verifications and, in order to ensure effective implementation, maintained regular contact with the Beneficiaries.</p> <p><u>Ongoing operations</u></p> <p>EMFF 1.23.6: Upgrading of Mgarr Gozo and Marsaxlokk Malta fishing ports. The co-financing of the refurbishment and upgrading of the Marfa breakwater was added as a new component, in view of the availability of funds garnered via savings from another project under the same UP, namely the construction of a breakwater at Qrejten point in the port of Marsaxlokk, and also in view of funds transferred from UP2 to UP1. The original grant amount did not cover the whole project expense and the equipment component (procurement of pontoons) was apportioned to reflect fisheries versus non-fisheries usage. During the summer period, works at Marfa were suspended due to tourism considerations in the vicinity, and the same issue is expected to arise in 2022 as the project is still ongoing. A temporary publicity billboard was set up along a nearby busy arterial road for major visibility. The payments processed in 2021 covered project management and works, whilst management verifications were underway.</p> <p>EMFF 1.9.1: Compensation Scheme for the Temporary Cessation of fishing activities. The first and second schemes launched in 2019 and 2020 saw 54 accepted applications. The third and final temporary cessation scheme launched in 2021 received 37 applications, out of which 25 were accepted. Payments were processed by end of quarter 1 of 2022. As in previous years, the Selection Committee at the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) scrutinized the application forms in terms of the information and declarations submitted in order to determine eligibility and selection of the applicants. Discussions are underway to transfer unspent funds to operation EMFF 1.23.6, since EMFF funds are not covering the whole expense.</p>

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	<p><i>Completed operations</i></p> <p>EMFF 1.16.1: A scientific study to improve trawl gear selectivity. This was completed in 2019.</p> <p>Operations EMFF 1.20.1, EMFF 1.20.2 and EMFF 1.20.3 were concluded in 2018. All operations reached their Result Indicator (RI) which had been identified in their respective GA. Operation EMFF 1.20.4 was concluded in 2020 and a physical on the spot check on board the fishing vessel shall be conducted by the MA. Once a closure report is submitted by the Beneficiary, following registration of 2021 financials, the MA will confirm the positive business impact left by this EU co-funded project.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.1: <i>The Construction and Finishing of an Office on the Fish Landing Site in the Marsaxlokk Designated Port.</i> The Marsaxlokk Landing Office was inaugurated in 2020. Through this operation, landing operations in the area became safer and more efficient. The DFA was able to achieve a national Simplification Measure SM.35/2020, thus enabling to extend the provision of its services into the community. The DFA as beneficiary will confirm the extent to which the RI of 1116 FTE maintained has been achieved in 2022, as data is published on an N+2 basis. The DFA already stated that the RI target is unlikely to be achieved as there was a decrease of 522 FTEs between 2014 and 2020. Concrete data shall be reported in the next AIR.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.2: <i>Refurbishment and upgrading of slipways in the port of Marsaxlokk.</i> Transport Malta explained that this project, completed in 2019, has provided necessary refurbished and upgraded infrastructure to improve access to Malta’s largest designated port, thus helped to increase the sector standards. The improved and upgraded slipways provide a wider number of options for better access to all local fishers where vessels can be moved to and from the sea without any difficulties. The project has provided better working conditions for the users of these slipways. Transport Malta explained that it is too early to recognize the benefits that indirectly the project would have on the FTE in the fisheries sector. Additionally, the effects of COVID-19 on the fisheries sector are yet to be determined.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.3: <i>Construction of a breakwater at Qrejten point in the port of Marsaxlokk.</i> This was fully completed in 2021. It was firstly showcased to the general public during an inauguration event. The operation was publicized on the Beneficiary’s website, through ministerial press conferences and generic European Funds</p>

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	<p>promotional brochures featuring a photo of the completed breakwater. Two permanent publicity plaques were installed at both accessible ends of the breakwater. The successful completion of the project led the MA to choose it as part of a roaming exhibition featuring success stories, organised by the Planning and Priorities Coordination Division (PPCD). Due to significant savings on the works contract, funds were transferred by the MA onto project EMFF 1.23.6 within the same UP.</p> <p>EMFF 1.23.5: <i>Upgrading of the fisheries infrastructure of Gozo.</i> An extension to the GA's validity until end 2021 was granted to MGOZ on account of unforeseen procurement delays in relation to the biggest project component involving the procurement of five amphibious boat trailers and a towing vehicle for use in the major designated port of Mġarr. Through such component, all lengths of boats using Mġarr as an operation base will be catered for, be they artisanal <i>luzzu</i> or medium to large <i>laneċ</i>. By quarter 1 of 2021, a CCTV system, three service pillars and LED lighting were installed at the Mġarr dry-standing area. Moreover, an old winch was replaced with a modern more energy efficient model.</p> <p>Infrastructural works at the smaller designated port of Xlendi were completed and inaugurated in 2020. In terms of publicity, the Beneficiary's website was updated with the latest developments, whilst ministerial press conferences were held in order to formally launch and inaugurate the Mġarr investments. Co-financing stickers were affixed to Mġarr equipment, including trailers. Modest savings on all project components, including due to unapproved variations (non-eligible expenditure) on the Xlendi contract, led to a shift of funds onto operation EMFF 1.23.6.</p> <p>EMFF 1.4.1: <i>Training for fishers.</i> This was completed in 2021 due to an extension requested as a result of COVID-19. Over 400 participants benefitted from this project. The DFA informed it can only confirm in 2023 the extent to which the RI stipulated in the GA has been reached, i.e. 260 (FTE). This is due to the fact that the <i>Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet</i> is issued every two years. Notwithstanding the lack of data for 2021, based on previous reports, the DFA asserts that the above-mentioned RI has more than likely been achieved. Such data will be confirmed once the report is published.</p> <p>By end 2021, a total amount of €10,381,540.97 in public eligible funds were paid under this UP, out of the total allocation of €13,480,342 stipulated in the EMFF OP, marking a 13.62% increase from the previous year (2020).</p>

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2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	<p>As reported in the previous AIR, the MA terminated the project which was being implemented by MFF Ltd (EMFF 2.3.2). Unspent funds garnered through the removal of such project were shifted from UP 2 to UP 1. Such funds amount to a total of €1,207,556 (EMFF share).</p> <p><u>Ongoing operations</u></p> <p>EMFF 2.1.1: Development of new, innovative aquaculture technologies and facilitate knowledge transfer in AquaBioTech Group, Beneficiary: AquaBioTech Group. The main goal of the project is to create a physical space from where the beneficiary organisation would be able to implement research and innovation activities through a structured cooperation platform involving students from Malta's higher education system, as the next generation of aquaculture experts. Continuous liaison between the Beneficiary and the MA concerning the procurement of specialised apparel using the three quotations system where possible, took place in 2021 for GA purposes. This investment will be complementing the strengths of project coded as EMFF 2.3.1 (see below). By using the new facilities, AquaBioTech Group aims to develop new vaccine and feed testing methods which will be used in the newly developed RAS facility of the Company. The new vaccines and feeds will reduce the impact on the environment, reducing dependence on fish meal and oil while fostering a more sustainable use of resources in aquaculture. A request to extend the operation's implementation deadline beyond 31 August 2022 was submitted on account of (i) the construction contractor's unexpected withdrawal and (ii) the COVID-19 <i>force majeure</i> whereby contracted suppliers were not able to carry out timely works on site. Consequently, no reimbursement claims were submitted in 2021.</p> <p>EMFF 2.3.1: Productive Investments in non-food aquaculture using RAS in AquaBioTech Group, Beneficiary: AquaBioTech Group. The Beneficiary encountered challenges owing to COVID-19 <i>force majeure</i> whereby contracted suppliers were not able to carry timely work on site. Due to this obstacle, the project's implementation deadline was extended as necessary. No new reimbursement claims were submitted in 2021. Reporting difficulties on the dedicated database with regards to the certification of previous reimbursement claims were tackled with the support of the Malta Information Technology Agency (MITA).</p>

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	<p><u>Completed operations:</u></p> <p>EMFF 2.2.1: Productive aquaculture investments at Pisciculture Marine de Malte Ltd., Beneficiary: <i>Pisciculture Marine de Malte Ltd.</i> The operation's original implementation deadline was extended following a request justified upon the need to modify modernisation targets (the original intent to invest in new cages and engines was withdrawn in favour of the more pressing requirement to procure a new aquaculture boat and other mooring equipment) and also owing to the COVID-19 <i>force majeure</i> which hindered the timely delivery of the aforementioned boat from Greece. Although the project was physically completed by end 2021, final management verifications and submission of closure reporting were pending. In terms of publicity, a permanent plaque was attached at the entrance to the Beneficiary's land base in Selmun, Mellieħa, as was stipulated in the GA. In 2021, payment claims were related to cabins, contractual payment to the Greek shipyard, publicity material and consultancy services. Management verifications were held throughout the year. Reporting difficulties on the dedicated database with regards to the certification of previous reimbursement claims, were tackled with the help of MITA.</p> <p>By end 2021, a total amount of €511,072.98 in public eligible funds were paid under this UP, out of the total allocation of €1,482,706 stipulated in the EMFF OP, marking a 3.38% increase from the previous year (2020).</p>
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	<p>As reported in the previous AIR, payments related to the Control operations were not processed by the Beneficiary in the EMFF database and no funds were certified to the EC by the MA in year 2020 and 2021 in order to safeguard the financial interests of the Union, as well as national funds. This is due to an infringement procedure against Malta opened by the EC following shortcomings detected in the control system of Malta over Bluefin Tuna (BFT) farms and related activities carried out in the territory and waters under the jurisdiction of Malta or by vessels flying the flag of Malta. This stance will remain until the infringement is lifted which poses a risk of interruption. . If and when the infringement is lifted, a claim for reimbursement of the costs incurred during programme implementation will then be considered.</p> <p>In 2021 further funds were allocated under Article 76, following requests made by the DFA and MA approvals of eligible</p>

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	<p>expenditure. Committed funds under Article 76 increased considerably, now amounting to the total of €5,542,136.23.</p> <p><u>Ongoing operations</u></p> <p>Operations EMFF 6.1.1 (c) - <i>The development, purchase and installation of the components necessary to ensure the traceability of fishery and aquaculture products</i> and EMFF 6.1.1 (e) - <i>The modernisation and purchasing of patrol vessels, aircrafts and helicopters</i> were extended until the end of quarter 1 of 2023, since both operations form part of one GA. Activities related to operation EMFF 6.1.1 (c) have been completed following the delivery of the five hand palletizers. The Beneficiary requested an extension to the GA to include the procurement of an offshore Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) under operation EMFF 6.1.1 (e). Such request was approved by the MA. In year 2022, such request was amended by the Beneficiary in order to purchase two coastal RHIBs instead of one offshore RHIB which would prove to be more effective for the controls carried out in the local scenario. Such amendment was approved by the MA. In total, the Beneficiary shall be investing in four RHIBs, two offshore (as per original GA) and two coastal (following the above-mentioned approvals).</p> <p>Other control operations were also under implementation in 2021. Whilst several components and line items were completed by the second half of the year, other activities are still under implementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMFF 6.1.2 (a): <i>The purchase, installation and development of technology.</i> This operation is under implementation, yet certain components have been fully completed, such as the stereoscopic cameras, as well as the replacement of e-logbooks. In addition, the CCTVs in the AWLS sites are near completion. • EMFF 6.1.2 (b): <i>The development, purchase and installation of the components to ensure data transmission.</i> This operation is under implementation. In quarter four of 2021, further GPRS transmissions were included. Certain components are fully completed, such as those related to GPS hardware and the installation of new logbooks. • EMFF 6.1.2 (f): <i>The purchase of other control means.</i> This operation is under implementation due to extensions requested by the Beneficiary. An engine certification tender is to be issued in 2022 and four electric cars that will be used by the DFA's control

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	<p>section for the purpose of implementing Union control, inspection and enforcement system, will be purchased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMFF 6.1.2 (i): 2 Cost Benefit Analysis and 3 Audits to assess the performance and expenditure incurred by the DFA to carry out monitoring, control and surveillance. This operation has been completed in the first quarter of 2022. • EMFF 6.1.2 (j): Seminars and media tools. As reported in the previous AIR, the media campaign was awarded in August 2020. TV and radio adverts pertaining to such campaign were broadcasted in 2020 and 2021. Since this operation was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, several seminars were re-scheduled. The last seminar was in fact held in quarter 1 of 2022. • EMFF 6.1.2 (k): Operational Costs. Although in the previous AIR it was reported that this operation was completed, an extension to the GA until quarter 1 of 2023 was requested by the Beneficiary and subsequently approved by the MA. A new component was added, entailing the financing of expenses incurred and to be incurred by the DFA in the process of conducting control and inspection activities together with the Armed Forces of Malta in 2021 and 2022. <p>EMFF 6.2.3: Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme 2020-2021. Following the MA's award letter and the signature of the GA in year 2020, the operation is under implementation and disbursement is well under way, so as to continue with the data collection multiannual programme for years 2020-2021. The Managing Authority is monitoring the data collection activities planned for the 2022-2023 Multi-Annual Workplan since the DFA is interested to include these in the project.</p> <p><u>Completed Operations</u></p> <p>EMFF 6.2.1: Data Collection Framework Multiannual Programme 2014-2016 was completed by end 2018, as already reported in the previous AIR. Management verifications were concluded in year 2021.</p> <p>EMFF 6.2.2: Data Collection Multi-Annual Programme 2017-2019, was completed in year 2021. A closure report was submitted by the Beneficiary. Throughout the year, management</p>

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	<p>verifications were conducted and financial corrections, as well as recommendations, were made accordingly.</p> <p>EMFF 6.1.2 (h) - Training and exchange programmes. This operation was completed in year 2020. Travel invoices were inputted in the EMFF database system and are subject to management verifications.</p> <p>The total amount of public eligible funds paid by end 2021 stood at €5,645,989.96 under UP 3, out of the total allocation of €10,240,998 stipulated in the EMFF OP, marking an 11.56% increase from the previous year (2020).</p>
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	As reported in the previous AIR, operation EMFF 4.3.1: <i>'Nesploraw Flimkien it-Tezori tal-Bahar!'</i> was fully implemented by end December 2018. Financial, output and result indicators (both common and programme-specific result indicators) set for this UP were met.
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	<p>EMFF 8.3.1: Marine environmental monitoring: towards effective management of Malta's marine waters.</p> <p>As in previous years, contact was maintained between the MA and the Beneficiary, this being the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA). Regular monitoring was held whereby the state-of-play of implementation and issues necessitating follow-up were discussed. Progress reports, reporting for January-June and July-December 2021 were compiled in line with the GA. Due to unprecedented delays related to drafting of tenders and procurement, ERA requested an extension to the GA until June 2022. Such extension was accepted by the MA.</p> <p>The total amount of public eligible funds paid by end 2021 stood at €1,670,811.55 under this UP, out of the total allocation of €1,814,042 stipulated in the EMFF OP, marking a 4.43% increase from the previous year (2020).</p>
7 - Technical assistance	During 2021, Technical Assistance (TA) funds were used mainly to support the implementation of the EMFF OP. In 2021, a total of €222,657.64 worth of payment claims (public eligible) were processed by the MA relating to various operations under this UP, namely in relation to the following:

Union priority	Key information on the implementation of the priority with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
	<p>EMFF 7.1.1: Implementation of the OP</p> <p>EMFF 7.1.2: IT Systems</p> <p>EMFF 7.1.3: Improving administrative capacity</p> <p>EMFF 7.1.4: Communication Activities</p> <p>EMFF 7.1.5: Evaluation</p> <p>EMFF 7.1.6: Studies</p> <p>EMFF 7.1.9: Other</p> <p>TA expenditure was mainly related to salaries, promotional activities and material (for future distribution to fishers and stakeholders), logistical expenses of meetings organised by the MA throughout the year and other related payment claims.</p> <p>TA expenditure was utilised to fund the logistical expenses, such as the hiring of venue, the hire of equipment and catering services, of both the seventh MC meeting held on 29 October 2021 and of the ARM held on 10 November 2021.</p> <p>TA expenditure was also utilised for the provision of technical expertise related to Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the EMFAF 2021-2027. This was included under EMFF 7.1.6 – Studies.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the limitations imposed by the pandemic, the EMFF MA adapted its methods of outreach to ensure that the regulatory obligations are met, nevertheless. In accordance with its Communication Strategy for the 2014-2020 programming period, the MA embarks on an annual event to reach the general public and disseminate the opportunities provided by and achievements of the Fund. For year 2021, TA funds were utilised to advertise the EMFF through a roaming exhibition showcasing success stories across multiple European Funds. The chosen EMFF project for promotion was EMFF 1.23.3 <i>Construction of a breakwater at Qrejten Point in the port of Marsaxlokk</i> given that it was physically fully completed by the time the participation request from the PPCD was lodged. A comprehensive write-up</p>

Union priority	Key information on the implementation of the priority with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
	<p>and professional photograph accompanied each listed project targeting the public in general as per standard procedure. This roaming <i>modus operandi</i> was also selected in view of the COVID-19 situation.</p> <p>By the end of 2021, a total of €1,323,105.77 in public eligible funds were disbursed under this UP out of the total TA allocation of €1,733,940, marking a 20.23% increase from the previous year (2020).</p>

3.2. Result, output and financial indicators for EMFF (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Union priority	1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 1

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.a - Change in unwanted catches (tonnes)	tonnes	-0.69000	-0.69000	0.00000
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.b - Change in unwanted catches (%)	%	-10.00000	-10.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.7 - Employment created (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	FTE	2.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	FTE	260.00000	1,354.00000	39.00000
5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	1.3 - Change in net profits	thousand Euros	2.00000	18.70000	0.00000
6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	FTE	260.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.a - Change in unwanted catches (tonnes)	0.00000	-0.69000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.b - Change in unwanted catches (%)	0.00000	-10.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.7 - Employment created (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	1,315.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	1.3 - Change in net profits	18.70000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2016	2015	2014
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.a - Change in unwanted catches (tonnes)	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	1.4.b - Change in unwanted catches (%)	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.7 - Employment created (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	1.3 - Change in net profits	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	1.8 - Employment maintained (FTE) in the fisheries sector or complementary activities	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	06	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	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	06	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	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	06	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	0.00

Specific objective	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.4

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	03	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		3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	03	1.10 - N° of projects on temporary cessation		2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	03	1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	✓	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	03	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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	03	1.10 - N° of projects on temporary cessation	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	03	1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	03	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	0.00
05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	03	1.10 - N° of projects on temporary cessation	0.00
09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	03	1.3 - N° of projects on added value, quality, use of unwanted catches and fishing ports, landing sites, actions halls and shelters	0.00

Specific objective	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.5

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.7 - N° of projects on energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change	✓	3.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines		1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.7 - N° of projects on energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change	1.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.7 - N° of projects on energy efficiency, mitigation of climate change	0.00
04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	04	1.8 - N° of projects on replacement or modernisation of engines	0.00

Specific objective	6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -1.6

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	08	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	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	08	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	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	08	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	0.00

Union priority	2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 2

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021
1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	2.9 - Employment maintained	FTE	153.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	2.9 - Employment maintained	FTE	153.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021
3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	2.9 - Employment maintained	FTE	153.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2016	2015	2014
1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	2.9 - Employment maintained	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -2.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
01 - Article 47 Innovation	03	2.1 - N° of projects on innovation, advisory services		1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
01 - Article 47 Innovation	03	2.1 - N° of projects on innovation, advisory services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
01 - Article 47 Innovation	03	2.1 - N° of projects on innovation, advisory services	0.00

Specific objective	2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -2.2

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	03	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	03	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	03	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00

Specific objective	3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -2.3

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	06	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	06	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	06	2.2 - N° of projects on productive investments in aquaculture	0.00

Union priority	3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 3

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021
1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	%	100.00000	100.00000	100.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.1 - Number of serious infringements detected	number	150.00000	765.00000	10.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.2 - Landings that have been the subject to physical control	%	100.00000	100.00000	100.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	0.00000	100.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.1 - Number of serious infringements detected	755.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.2 - Landings that have been the subject to physical control	100.00000	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2016	2015	2014
1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	3.B.1 - Increase in the percentage of fulfilment of data calls	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.1 - Number of serious infringements detected	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	3.A.2 - Landings that have been the subject to physical control	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -3.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
01 - Article 77 Data collection	06	3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	✓	2.00	3.00	0.00	1.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
01 - Article 77 Data collection	06	3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
01 - Article 77 Data collection	06	3.2 - N° of projects on supporting the collection, management and use of data	0.00

Specific objective	2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -3.2

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	06	3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	✓	11.00	9.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	06	3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	0.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	06	3.1 - N° of projects on implementing the Union's control, inspections and enforcement system	0.00

Union priority	5 - Fostering marketing and processing
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 5

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.c - Change in value of first sales in non-POs	thousand Euros	1,000.00000	1,216.94500	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.d - Change in volume of first sales in non-POs	tonnes	200.00000	280.64000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.e - Increase in the estimated per capita fish consumption	Kgs	0.50000	257.54000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.c - Change in value of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	1,216.94500	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.d - Change in volume of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	280.64000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.e - Increase in the estimated per capita fish consumption	0.00000	257.54000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2016	2015	2014
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.c - Change in value of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.d - Change in volume of first sales in non-POs	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	5.1.e - Increase in the estimated per capita fish consumption	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -5.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
02 - Article 67 Storage aid	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
02 - Article 67 Storage aid	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
02 - Article 67 Storage aid	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00
03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	03	5.2 - N° of projects on marketing measures and storage aid	0.00

Union priority	6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy
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Table 1: Result indicators for the EMFF - 6

Specific objective	Result indicator	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021
1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	6.3 - Development of a database on the marine environment	number	1.00000	1.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017
1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	6.3 - Development of a database on the marine environment	0.00000	1.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	Result indicator	2016	2015	2014
1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	6.3 - Development of a database on the marine environment	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000

Specific objective	1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy
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Table 2: Output indicators for EMFF -6.1

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	Included into the performance framework	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	06	6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	✓	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	06	6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	0.00

Selected relevant measures	Thematic objective	Output indicator	2014
03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	06	6.2 - N° projects on the protection and improvement of knowledge on marine environment	0.00

Table 3: Financial indicators for EMFF

Union priority	Milestone (2018)	Target value (2023)	Cumulative value	2021	2020
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	2,000,000.00	13,480,342.00	10,088,245.39	1,559,446.44	2,833,068.04
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	500,000.00	1,482,706.00	494,377.98	443,669.91	0.00
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	3,000,000.00	10,240,997.00	3,907,952.14	809,340.01	16,710.22
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	150,000.00	250,000.00	248,501.29	0.00	0.00
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	500,000.00	1,814,042.00	1,600,000.00	0.00	579,400.00
7 - Technical assistance			1,278,057.68	196,681.85	321,139.75

Union priority	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	2,046,339.49	3,649,391.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	0.00	50,708.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	0.00	2,902,471.91	179,430.00	0.00	0.00
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	45,494.65	203,006.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	0.00	700,600.00	320,000.00	0.00	0.00
7 - Technical assistance	193,733.46	299,503.16	266,999.46	0.00	0.00

Union priority	2014
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	0.00
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	0.00
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	0.00
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	0.00
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	0.00
7 - Technical assistance	0.00

3.3. Financial data

Table 4: Financial data for the EMFF

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Total public contribution (EUR)	EMFF contribution (EUR)	Contribution to climate change from EMFF contribution (EUR)	EMFF co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible expenditure of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total public contribution of operations selected for support (EUR)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations (%)
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	06	03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	200,000.00	150,000.00	60,000.00	75.00%	190,391.54	190,391.54	95.20%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	225,000.00	168,750.00	0.00	75.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	793,028.00	469,771.00	187,908.40	59.24%	500,000.00	500,000.00	63.05%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	11,615,646.67	8,711,735.00	3,484,694.00	75.00%	10,012,520.46	10,012,520.46	86.20%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	106,667.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	75.00%	73,431.29	44,480.72	41.70%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	50.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	08	01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to	500,000.00	375,000.00	0.00	75.00%	446,896.08	446,896.08	89.38%

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Total public contribution (EUR)	EMFF contribution (EUR)	Contribution to climate change from EMFF (EUR)	EMFF co-financing rate (%)	Total eligible expenditure of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total public contribution of operations selected for support (EUR)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations (%)
competitive and knowledge based fisheries			spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)							
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development, innovation and knowledge transfer	03	01 - Article 47 Innovation	571,196.00	428,397.00	0.00	75.00%	1,670,469.00	835,234.50	146.23%
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	03	01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	200,000.00	150,000.00	60,000.00	75.00%	423,500.48	211,750.24	105.88%
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	06	02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	711,509.33	533,632.00	213,452.80	75.00%	944,674.89	388,734.55	54.64%
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	06	01 - Article 77 Data collection	4,426,910.00	3,541,528.00	0.00	80.00%	4,313,791.76	4,313,791.76	97.44%
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	06	01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	5,814,088.00	5,150,123.00	0.00	88.58%	5,542,136.23	5,542,136.23	95.32%
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	02 - Article 67 Storage aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00%
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	250,000.00	187,500.00	0.00	75.00%	248,501.29	248,501.29	99.40%
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	06	03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	1,814,042.00	1,360,531.00	544,212.40	75.00%	1,788,497.00	1,788,497.00	98.59%
7 - Technical assistance	1 - Technical assistance		01 - Article 78 Technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States	1,733,940.00	1,300,455.00	0.00	75.00%	1,733,385.32	1,733,385.32	99.97%
Total				29,002,027.00	22,627,422.00	4,650,267.60	78.02%	27,888,195.34	26,256,319.69	90.53%

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Contribution to climate change of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Proportion of total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries of the total allocation (%)	Contribution to climate change of total eligible public expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Number of operations selected
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	1 - Reduction of the impact of fisheries on the marine environment, including the avoidance and reduction, as far as possible, of unwanted catches	06	03 - Article 39 Innovation linked to the conservation of marine biological resources (+ art. 44.1.c Inland fishing)	57,117.46	190,391.54	190,391.54	95.20	57,117.46	1
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	02 - Article 30 Diversification and new forms of income (+ art. 44.4 Inland fishing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	05 - Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities	118,480.00	220,556.82	220,556.82	27.81	52,263.14	1
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	4 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of fisheries enterprises, including of small scale coastal fleet, and the improvement of safety or working conditions	03	09 - Article 43.1 + 3 Fishing ports, landing sites, auction halls and shelters - investments improving fishing port and auctions halls infrastructure or landing sites and shelters; construction of shelters to improve safety of fishermen (+ art. 44.1.f Inland fishing)	3,003,756.14	9,321,148.94	9,321,148.94	80.25	2,796,344.68	5
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	03 - Article 41.1.a, b, c Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change – on board investments; energy efficiency audits and schemes; studies to assess the contribution of alternative propulsion systems and hull designs (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	33,360.54	72,280.99	44,480.67	41.70	33,360.50	4
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	5 - Provision of support to strengthen technological development and innovation, including increasing energy efficiency, and knowledge transfer	04	04 - Article 41.2 Energy efficiency and mitigation of climate change - Replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines (+ art. 44.1.d Inland fishing)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	6 - Development of professional training, new professional skills and lifelong learning	08	01 - Article 29.1 + 29.2 Promoting human capital and social dialogue - training, networking, social dialogue; support to spouses and life partners (+ art. 44.1.a Inland fishing)	0.00	446,896.08	446,896.08	89.38	0.00	1
2 - Fostering environmentally	1 - Provision of support to strengthen technological	03	01 - Article 47 Innovation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1

Union priority	Selected specific objective	Thematic objective	Measure	Contribution to climate change of operations selected for support (EUR)	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Proportion of total eligible public expenditure declared by beneficiaries of the total allocation (%)	Contribution to climate change of total eligible public expenditures declared by beneficiaries to the Managing Authority (EUR)	Number of operations selected
sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	development, innovation and knowledge transfer								
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	2 - Enhancement of the competitiveness and viability of aquaculture enterprises, including improvement of safety or working conditions, in particular of SMEs	03	01 - Article 48.1.a-d, f-h Productive investments in aquaculture	63,525.07	423,500.48	211,750.24	105.88	63,525.07	1
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	3 - Protection and restoration of aquatic biodiversity and enhancement of ecosystems related to aquaculture and promotion of resource efficient aquaculture	06	02 - Article 48.1.e, i, j Productive investments in aquaculture - resource efficiency, reducing usage of water and chemicals, recirculation systems minimising water use	116,620.36	598,645.48	299,322.74	42.07	89,796.82	1
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	1 - Improvement and supply of scientific knowledge and collection and management of data	06	01 - Article 77 Data collection	0.00	3,061,962.36	3,061,962.36	69.17	0.00	3
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	2 - Provision of support to monitoring, control and enforcement, enhancing institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration, without increasing the administrative burden	06	01 - Article 76 Control and enforcement	0.00	991,919.32	991,919.32	17.06	0.00	9
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	02 - Article 67 Storage aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	1 - Improvement of market organisation for fishery and aquaculture products	03	03 - Article 68 Marketing measures	0.00	248,501.29	248,501.29	99.40	0.00	1
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	1 - Development and implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	06	03 - Article 80.1.c Improving the knowledge on the state of the marine environment	536,549.10	1,646,876.50	1,646,876.50	90.78	494,062.95	1
7 - Technical assistance	1 - Technical assistance		01 - Article 78 Technical assistance at the initiative of the Member States	0.00	1,316,594.08	1,316,594.08	75.93	0.00	7
Total				3,929,408.67	18,539,273.88	18,000,400.58	62.07	3,586,470.62	36

Table 5: Cost of operations implemented outside the programme area (Article 70 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Union priority	Eligible expenditure within the EMFF incurred in operations implemented outside the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority (EUR)	Share of the EMFF support to the union priority at the time of adoption of the programme (%)
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	0.00	0.00%
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	0.00	0.00%
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	0.00	0.00%
4 - Increasing employment and territorial cohesion	0.00	
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	0.00	0.00%
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	0.00	0.00%
7 - Technical assistance	0.00	0.00%
TOTAL OP	0.00	

4. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND CORRECTIVE MEASURES TAKEN

4.1. Actions taken to fulfil the ex-ante conditionalities (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Table 6: Actions taken to fulfil applicable EMFF-specific ex-ante conditionalities

Thematic ex-ante conditionalities which are not or partially fulfilled	Criteria not fulfilled	Action to be taken	Deadline	Bodies responsible for fulfilment	Action completed by the deadline	Criteria fulfilled	Expected date for full implementation of remaining actions	Commentary
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4.2. Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the corrective measures taken (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

At OP level the main corrective measure proposed (in October 2021) was the same document's modification (new version 7.2) to enact shifts of funds between UP 2 to UP1 and from UP5 to UP1, with the aim of full absorption of Malta's allocation by the end of the N+3 period.

Concerning operations coded as EMFF 1.23.5 / EMFF 2.2.1 / EMFF 2.3.1:

Delays in the delivery of specialised material ordered from abroad and/or delays in the accomplishment of on-site installations were experienced due to the second year COVID-19 *force majeure* emanating from exogeneous variables of international economic slowdown as indicated by the Beneficiaries. These mainly were (i) shorter working weeks in numerous factories across continental Europe due to a generic decrease in orders, (ii) stringent limitations to the quantities of personnel working within the same manufacturing quarters, together with (iii) continued decline in port activities and the related frequency of transportation by sea. Extensions to the said operations' implementation deadlines were granted as necessary by the MA following discussions with the Beneficiaries aiming at agreeing on realistic deadlines.

Concerning operation coded as EMFF 1.9.1:

Invitations with attached Application Forms for the temporary cessation scheme were sent by postal mail to respective fishers on the full-time and part-time registers of the DFA (the competent public entity), rather than proposing a personal pick-up of documentation by prospective beneficiaries from the Department's premises. The scheme was launched in the beginning of October 2021. Uptake was once again satisfactory – application deadline was moved forward by one month to encourage participation.

Concerning operation coded as EMFF 6.1.1 c:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were delays related to the shipment of five hand palletisers. The Beneficiary was in regular contact with the contractor for updates on delivery and a subsequent request for an extension to the GA was approved by the MA.

Concerning operation coded as EMFF 6.2.2:

Challenges were encountered on the service tender for Otolith Extraction and Age Reading for Lampuki, Swordfish, and BFT for the years 2014-2019. The second extension within lot 2 of this tender had to be extended with a six-month period due to COVID-19 related issues. Since flights between Malta and Cyprus were suspended and laboratories ordered to be closed by the Cypriot Health Authorities, samples could not be processed as originally planned. The end date of these deliverables was hence extended until June 2021

Concerning operation coded as EMFF 8.3.1:

ERA (the Beneficiary) experienced unprecedented delays in the drafting, publishing and evaluation of tenders due to lengthy discussions with respect to timeframes and the use of Best Price Quality Ratio in

two particular tenders. ERA needed to strike a balance between the need to ensure good quality deliverables and the timelines of the project. This applied in particular to the seabirds and mammals/reptiles tenders, since ERA needed to ensure that the tender and eventual contracts cover most of the breeding periods of the three seabird species in Malta and enough time for the pilot implementation of a long-term monitoring strategy for marine mammals and reptiles in the Maltese waters. Within this context, the tenders underwent various revisions prior to being published to make sure that the technical aspects and project obligations were satisfied, resulting in clarifications and delays. Various mitigation measures were taken by ERA. It provided feedback to the contractors and ensured smooth execution of contracts. In order to save time and facilitate evaluation, the sole award criterion of one of the tenders was price. Within this context, ERA requested an extension to the GA.

5. INFORMATION ON SERIOUS INFRINGEMENTS AND REMEDY ACTIONS (ARTICLE 114(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 508/2014)

Information and actions taken on cases of serious infringements as referred to in Article 10(1) and non-respect of durability conditions and remedy actions as set out in Article 10(2).

No serious infringements were detected neither by the MA during the course of its regular documentary and physical verifications.

As part of the accounting and management procedure, the AA (and an engaged third-party contractor) carried out audits on operations in quarter 4 of 2020 (final reports issued in quarter 1 of 2021). No observations of a financial nature were reported. Minor administrative inquiries and observations for improvement were mostly tackled in earnest by the respective Project Leaders, therefore reinforcing systematic documentary trails and comprehensive contradictory procedures. Pending follow-up checks were carried out as necessary.

The MA continued to follow publicly available developments *vis-à-vis* the so-called Tarantello case (impacting the terminated operation coded as EMFF 2.3.2). Constant liaison with the DFA also took place in connection with updates on the national remedial action addressing the Control infringement procedure opened by the EC. In both these instances, the MA's decisions disbursement-wise kept safeguarding the diligent use of Union funds as remarked in Section 3.1. Moreover, the office of the state attorney was also consulted in view of any updates.

With regards to the third call for applications issued in quarter 4 of 2021 by the DFA on behalf of the MA under Article 33 Temporary cessation of fishing activities, the successful protocol used in 2019 and 2020 for the previous two calls was applied. This effective system of dual checks (already described in the AIR 2019), detected no serious infringements under Article 10 (1) of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014. No complaints were received and hence no action in this regard was required.

Physical management verifications on UP 1 and UP 2 operations confirmed compliance with the statutory durability obligations even on material exposed to heavy wear-and-tear. Beneficiaries were duly instructed by the MA at GA stage on what procedure to follow in case replacements are needed, most importantly in terms of inventories.

6. INFORMATION ON ACTIONS TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH ARTICLE 41(8) (ARTICLE 114(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 508/2014)

A summary of actions taken is to be provided on the progress to achieve the provision set out in Article 41(8) with regard to the priority up to 60 % of the public assistance to be ensured to small-scale coastal fishing sector, including data on actual share of small-scale coastal fishing within the operations financed under the measure of Article 41(2)

Article 41 (8) states that applications made by operators from the small-scale coastal fishing sector shall be treated as a priority up to 60% of the total support allocated for the replacement or modernisation of main or ancillary engines referred to in paragraph 2, over the entire 2014-2020 programming period. This was addressed in past calls under UP 1, Specific Objective 5, Article 41.2. A clause was included in the Guidance Notes to applicants where it was indicated that ‘In line with Article 41.2 of Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014, support shall be granted to vessels up to 12 meters in overall length, provided that the new or modernised engine does not have more power in KW than the current engine.’ However, no engine-related calls were issued in 2021. None are currently envisaged, but should further calls be issued in 2022, the same approach will be followed.

7. INFORMATION ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN TO ENSURE THE PUBLICATION OF BENEFICIARIES (ARTICLE 114(2)) OF REGULATION (EU) No 508/2014)

A summary of actions taken is to be provided in line with Annex V of EMFF Regulation, with special regard to national legislation including any applicable threshold regarding the publication of data of natural persons

Updated lists of selected operations in accordance with Annex V and Article 199 (2) of the Fund-specific Regulation were published online on the MA's website. Four updates made in 2021 – weblink below.

https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/Agricultural%20Fisheries%20Fund/Documents/EMFF%20links%20and%20downloads/Information%20and%20Publicity/List%20of%20Operations%2027_10_2021.pdf

Press Conferences and Press Releases through the Department of Information were held in order to inform the general public with tangible project milestones reached successfully and the overall benefits of Union support to the local aquaculture and fisheries sectors. An example of a Press Release published in January 2021 upon physical completion of operation coded as EMFF 1.23.3 under UP 1, can be accessed through the weblink below.

<https://www.gov.mt/en/Government/DOI/Press%20Releases/Pages/2021/January/28/pr210179en.aspx>

The MA is aware of the stipulations listed in the General Data Protection Regulation.

8. ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE EVALUATION PLAN AND SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS (ARTICLE 114(2)) OF REGULATION (EU) No 508/2014, ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

A summary should be provided on activities undertaken in relation to the implementation of the evaluation plan, including follow-up given to the findings of evaluations.

A synthesis of the findings should be provided of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, with reference of name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

Additionally, the access to evaluations that were made publicly available pursuant to Article 54(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 should be communicated here.

In line with the Evaluation Plan adopted in March 2016, the Interim Evaluation for Malta's OP was conducted by a third-party consulting firm as scheduled; the final report was concluded by May 2019. The latter can be accessed on the weblink below. The MA assumed a coordination role.

<https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/EU%20Funds%20Programmes/Agricultural%20Fisheries%20Fund/Documents/EMFF%202014-2020/Reports/Final%20Interim%20Evaluation%20Report.pdf>

A detailed summary of the outcomes and recommendations was presented in the AIR 2019. The report's findings were given their due importance by the MA in its endeavour to transform best practices into the *de facto* standard procedures. Lessons learnt will also be part of an administrative legacy to be applied in the upcoming programming period 2021-2027.

Throughout quarters 1 and 2 of 2021, the MA compiled its sixth AIR in congruence with Regulations and the dedicated template. The seventh MC meeting and the ARM with EC representatives were held in quarter 4 of 2021, whereby a detailed technical update on the implementation of the OP was provided. The negative effects of COVID-19 on Programme execution were once again the dominant subject matter.

Throughout the reporting year, Project Progress Reports covering ongoing operations were submitted by the Beneficiaries on a template prepared by the MA. Assistance with the filling-in of the said template was provided when needed. The same applies for Project Closure Reports under projects which reached their final implementation stages. Bilateral and generic meetings were also organised with the target of clearly determining with stakeholders the actual status of operations, i.e. the basis for informed decision-making.

On 18 November 2021, the FAME Support Unit Annual Stakeholders Meeting was held via Zoom. The FAME Support Unit holds a stakeholder meeting annually so that communication among stakeholders (MAs, the EC, evaluators and other experts) is strengthened. The objectives of the meeting were (i) to review FAME performance throughout the 2014-2020 programming period and to (ii) draw conclusions for the upcoming one 2021-2027. Various participants came forward to offer short comments on the usefulness of the peer review sessions and on what Member States consider to be essential for the future.

9. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the AIRs should be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the AIR.

10. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46(1) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

11. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

11.1. Assessment of data and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme

For each Union priority an assessment should be carried out on the information and data provided in Part A and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme (incorporating the findings and recommendations of evaluations)

Union priority	Assessment of data and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	
7 - Technical assistance	

11.2. Assessment whether progress made toward milestones and targets is sufficient to ensure their eventual fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned

An assessment by Union priority of whether progress made toward milestones and targets is sufficient to ensure their eventual fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate

Union priority	Assessment whether progress made toward milestones and targets is sufficient to ensure their eventual fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned
1 - Promoting environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based fisheries	
2 - Fostering environmentally sustainable, resource efficient, innovative, competitive and knowledge based aquaculture	
3 - Fostering the implementation of the CFP	
5 - Fostering marketing and processing	
6 - Fostering the implementation of the Integrated Maritime Policy	
7 - Technical assistance	

12. HORIZONTAL PRINCIPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

12.1. An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on partnership and multi-level governance, with particular emphasis on the role of partners in the implementation of the programme.

12.2. An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including accessibility for disabled persons as well as the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the Operational Programme.

12.3. An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development.

13. REPORTING ON SUPPORT USED FOR CLIMATE CHANGE OBJECTIVES (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Figures are calculated automatically and will be included into Table 4 on financial data. A clarification on the given values may be provided, particularly if the actual data is lower than the planned.

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14. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH (ARTICLE 50(5) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

Information and assessment should be provided on the Operational Programme's contribution to achieving the objectives of the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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**15. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK
(ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and the report by the deadline referred to in Article 138(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 (for targets)

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16. WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE CONTRIBUTION TO MACRO-REGIONAL AND SEA BASIN STRATEGIES.

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, article 27(3) on the "content of programmes", article 96(3)(e) on the "content, adoption and amendment of operational programmes under the Investment for growth and jobs goal", article 111(3) and 4(d) on "implementation reports for the Investment for growth and jobs goal", and Annex 1, section 7.3 on "contribution of mainstream programmes to macro-regional and sea-basin strategies, this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS

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- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)
- WestMED Sea Basin Strategy (WestMED)

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