

## **RDP 2014-2020 EAFRD Citizen Summary (as per Article 50(9) of EU regulation 1303/2013)**

### ***Reporting years 2014 and 2015***

#### **Introduction**

The Annual Implementation Report was submitted to the European Commission on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and covers the programming years 2014 and 2015. The Rural Development Programme (RDP) for Malta was adopted by the European Commission on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 with the launch and the first Monitoring Committee for RDP 2014-2020 subsequently held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Following wide discussions with several stakeholders and representatives potential beneficiaries, the RDP sets 5 themes:

1. Maltese Quality Produce;
2. Wider Rural Economy and Quality of Life;
3. Landscape and Environment;
4. Water, Waste and Energy; and
5. Sustainable Livestock.

The RDP 2014-2020 consists of 12 programmed measures amounting to €129,769,197.33, an increase of nearly 30% from the previous, 2007-2013 programming period.

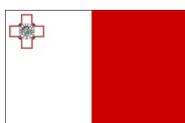
#### **Programme promotion**

During 2014 and 2015, the RDP for Malta was promoted in several ways, including press releases, television and radio programmes and printing of promotional material including roll up banners, newsletter and other publications, as well as the Rural Development Programme. The website ([www.eufunds.gov.mt](http://www.eufunds.gov.mt)) was regularly updated to facilitate access to information by citizens.

Preparations have also been underway for the National Rural Network Malta (NRNM); the National Rural Network Malta (NRNM) is a networking forum, focusing on the main areas of need of Malta as specified in the Rural Development Programme (2014-2020) and other related rural issues. It is also envisaged that this platform will support the overall RDP implementation.

#### **Training of MA officers**

MA officers participated in several meetings and training sessions both locally and foreign. The themes covered in these training sections include: the development of the LEADER Local Development Strategy (LDS) guidelines, a sectoral meeting on the eligibility and selection criteria and a capacity building event organised by the European Evaluation Helpdesk on monitoring and evaluation. Paying Agency personnel were regularly involved in such training and information sessions. Further training sessions are envisaged to be held during the remaining programming period.



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## **Launch of Agri-Environment Measures (AEMs) and Areas Facing Natural Constraints (ANCs)**

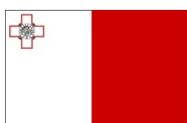
During the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2015 the ANC was launched; AEM payment applications were also received during 2015. A total of 2,135 applications were accepted for ANCs, amounting to €554,289.54. As per standard procedure, notification and promotion of these calls were channelled through different media including SMS, Government Gazette and newspaper publications.

## **2016 and beyond**

The required actions have also been taken to ensure that the Ex-Ante Conditionalities set out in the RDP 2014-2020 are fulfilled.

The MA aims to launch most of the measures in the RDP in 2016 and 2017.

The MA is also committed to continue to hold information sessions with several rural stakeholders including line Ministries, farmers and NGOs to ensure successful programme implementation.



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