



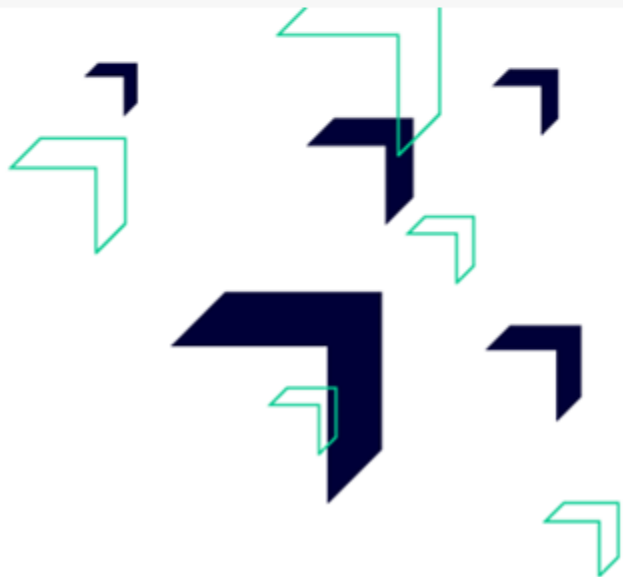
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Update on Implementation
2014 – 2020 Programming Period
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Operational Programme
Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

Monitoring Committee
17th November 2023



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The Monitoring Committee

- An update on the implementation of the EMFF Operational Programme was provided during the 8th Monitoring Committee meeting held on 25th January 2023.
- Three written procedures were issued since then.



Outline:

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 - Update on OP Commitments
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[i] Calls for Proposals

- Since 2016, a total of **31 operations** [including Technical Assistance] have been selected for co-financing, out of which 26 operations are fully completed.

Evaluation & Summary of Calls Issued (2016-2020)	
Project Selection Committee – Fact Sheet	
Date of First Meeting	1 st June 2016
Number of Meetings Held	52
Number of Clarification Letters Issued	25
Number of Projects Ranked and Recommended for Approval	31
Summary of Calls Issued (2016-2023)	
Number of Calls Issued	35
Number of Calls Awarded	31
Number of Closed Projects	26
Number of Ongoing Projects	5

- One restricted call for project proposals was issued to the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) on 29 September 2023, on the basis of Article 68(3) of the EMFF Regulation (EU) No. 508/2014 with regards to the **Ukraine Aid Scheme**.

Ukraine Aid Scheme:

A compensation scheme to alleviate the impact of additional operational costs incurred by fishers, as a result of the market disruption caused by Russia's act of aggression against Ukraine.

- An application form was submitted by the DFA on 16 October 2023 and was evaluated by the Project Selection Committee on 24 October 2023.
- The Grant Award Letter was issued by the Managing Authority on 6 November 2023.

[ii] EMFF Operations



EU funds
for Malta
2014-2020



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EMFF 1.4.1. TRAINING FOR FISHERS



Health and Safety at Sea



Fishing Regulations



Information Technology



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Maritime and Fisheries Operational Programme 2014-2020
Part-financed by the European Union
European Maritime and Fisheries Fund
Co-financing rate: 75% European Union Funds, 25% National Funds
Investing in Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture





Fondi tal-UE
għal Malta
2014-2020



SEGRETARJAT PARLAMENTARI GĦALL-AGRIKOLTURA,
SAJD U DRITTJIET TAL-ANIMALI

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

Isem tal-proġett: TRAINING FOR FISHERS

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

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

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

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



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



Union Priority 1: Article 29 Operation EMFF 1.4.1

Training for Fishers



Union Priority 1: Article 39 Operation EMFF 1.16.1

A scientific study to improve gear selectivity



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1 Operation EMFF 1.23.1

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



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1 Operation EMFF 1.23.2

Refurbishment and upgrading of slipways in the port of Marsaxlokk



Union Priority 1: Article 43.1

Operation EMFF 1.23.3

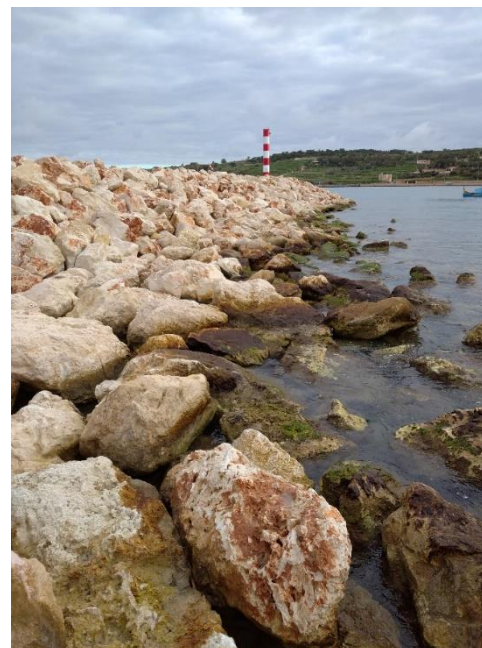
Construction of a breakwater at Qrejten point in the port of Marsaxlokk



*Works on site during the initial
project phase*

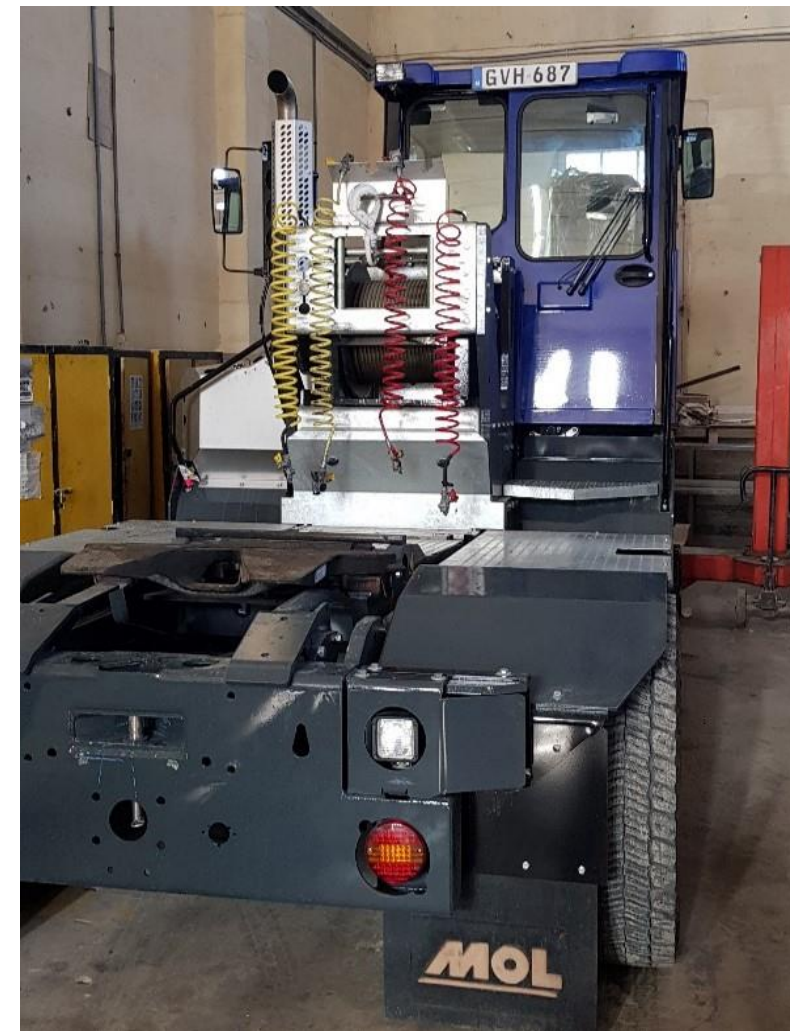
Operation EMFF 1.23.3 continued/ii

*Completed
works as at
inauguration in
January 2021*

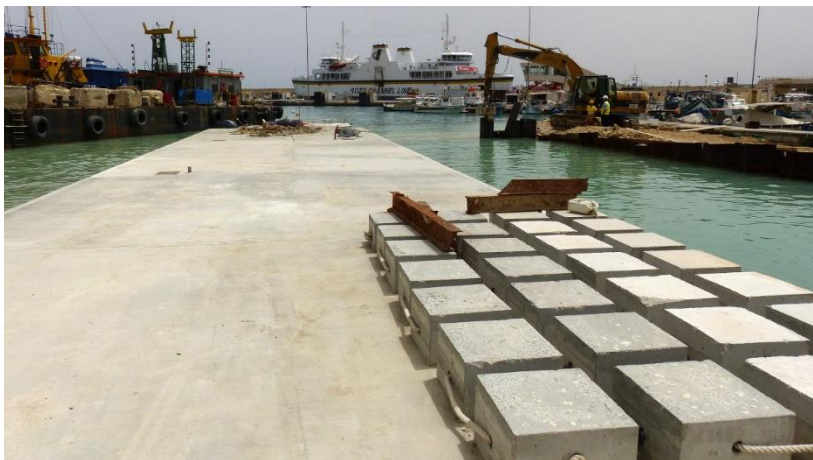


**Union Priority 1:
Article 43.1
Operation EMFF 1.23.5**

**Upgrading of the Fisheries
Infrastructure in Gozo**



Deliverables ready for usage by the Gozitan fishing community

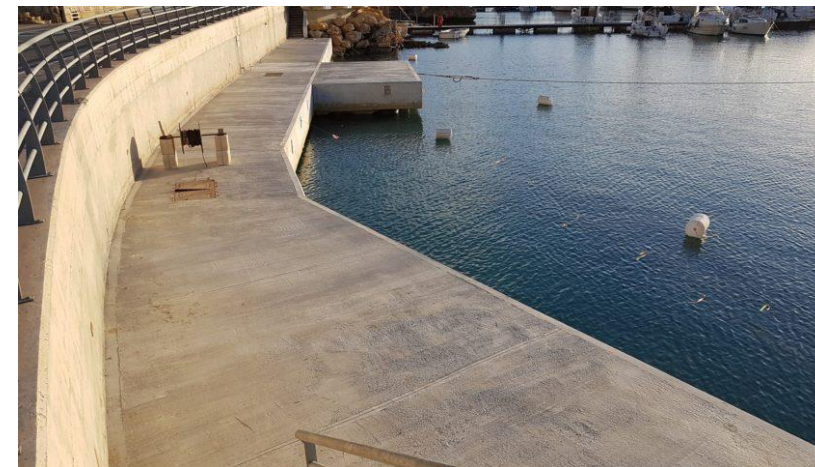


**Union Priority 1:
Article 43.1
Operation EMFF 1.23.6**

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



Interim phase works at Mġarr Gozo

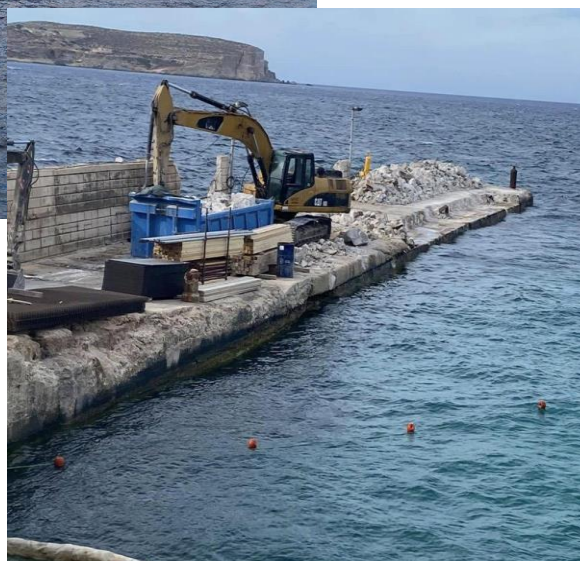


Completed works at Mġarr Gozo

Operation EMFF 1.23.6 continued/ii



State of the Marfa quay prior to commencement of works

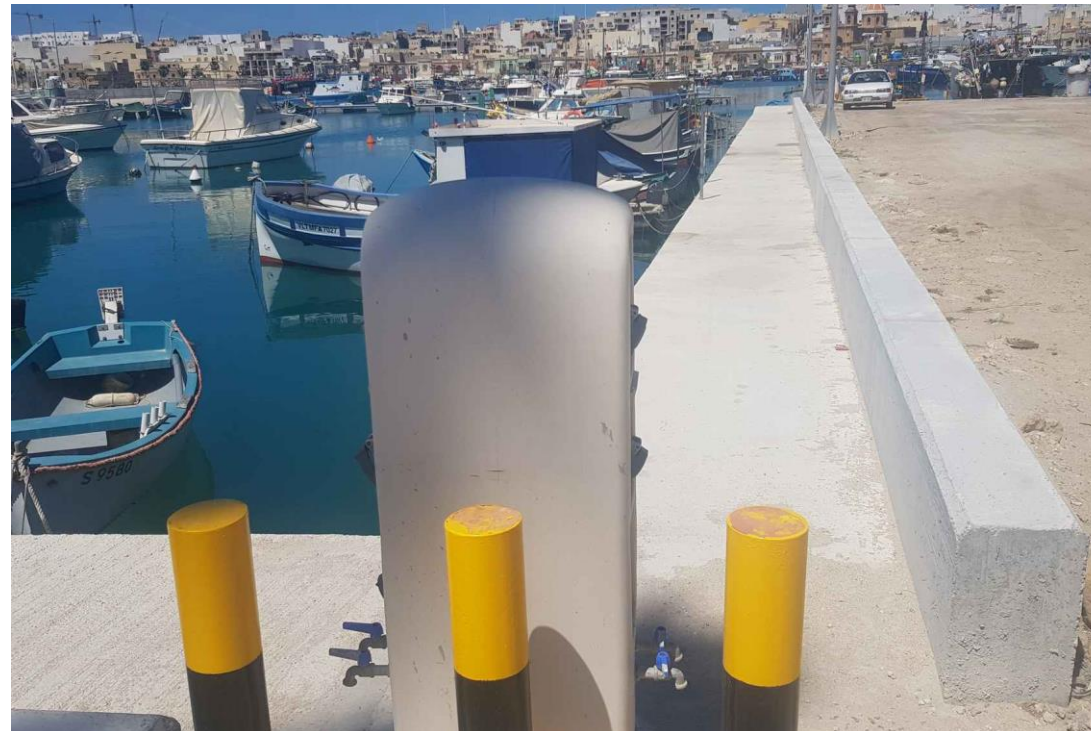


Works on site during the initial component phase



Finished project

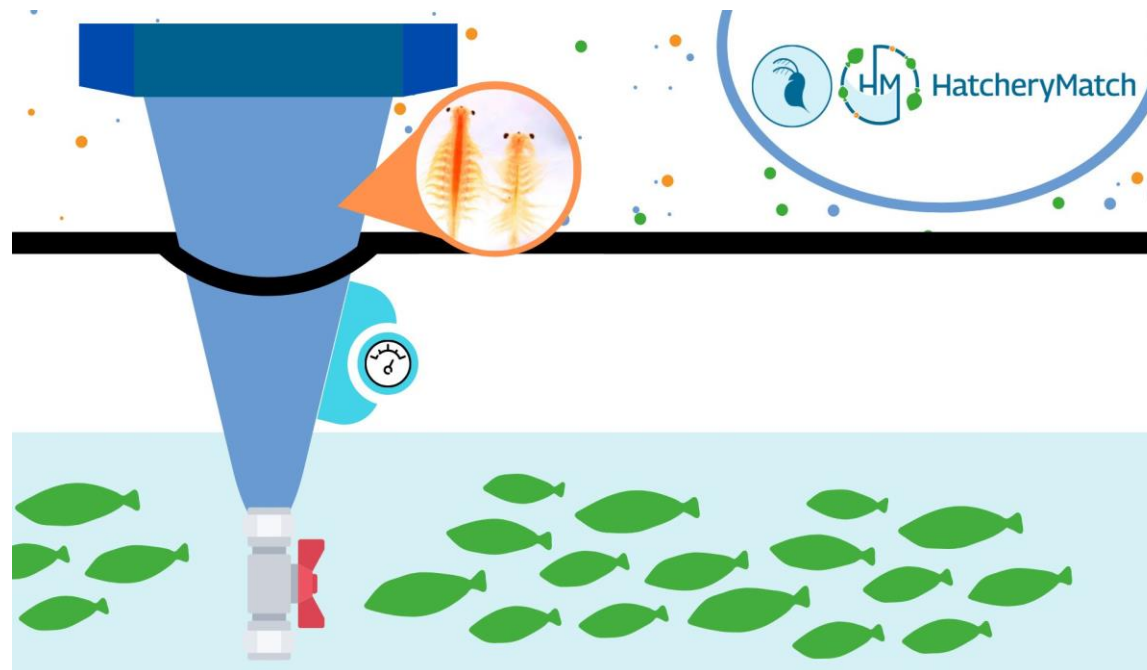
Operation EMFF 1.23.6 continued/iii



Finished project at Tal-Maghluq, Marsaxlokk

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

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



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

Operation EMFF 2.2.1

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

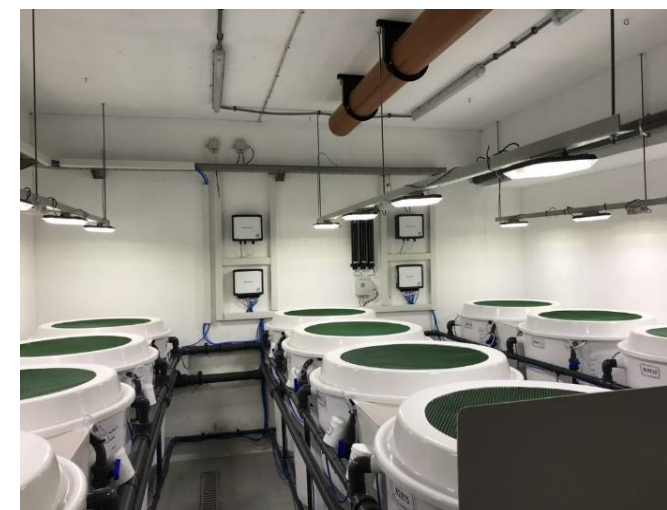


*Construction in Greece and delivery of an
aquaculture work boat*

Union Priority 2: Article 48.1 e, i, j

Operation EMFF 2.3.1

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



Deliverables revolving around the Recirculation Aquaculture System [RAS]

Union Priority 3

Article 76 Control & Enforcement Operation (e)



Union Priority 3

Article 76

Control & Enforcement

Operation (f)





Union Priority 3

Article 76

Control & Enforcement

Operation (j)



Union Priority 3

Article 77 Data Collection



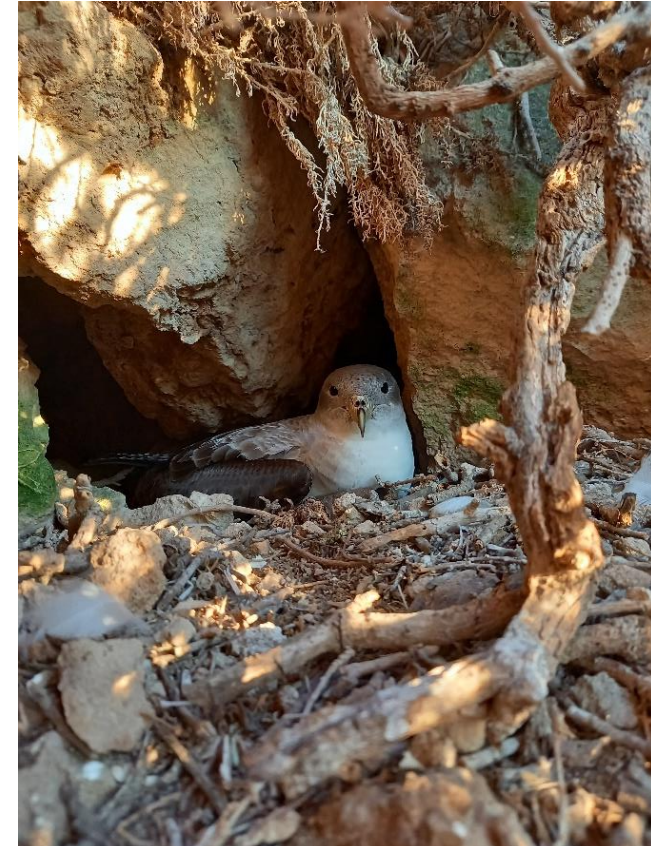
Union Priority 5: Article 68 Operation EMFF 4.3.1

Nesploraw Flimkien it-Teżori tal-Baħar!



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

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



Annual Implementation Report

- Following circulation of the draft Annual Implementation Report (reporting year 2022), which was accepted by the Monitoring Committee via written procedure, the report was submitted to the European Commission on 30th May 2023 and was subsequently found admissible by the Commission on 13th June 2023.

[iii] Financials

Statement of Expenditures undertaken in 2022 and 2023 – Accounting Year 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023

3 SOEs completed until December 2022 for accounting year ending 30th June 2023

- 1 payment application amounting to €868,065.61 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 21st November 2022
 - 1 payment application amounting to €1,060,349.91 (EU Share) was submitted to EC on 27th December 2022
 - 1 payment application amounting to €897,832.03 (EU Share) was submitted on 25th July 2023
- 71 documentary OTS checks were conducted for accounting year 1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023.

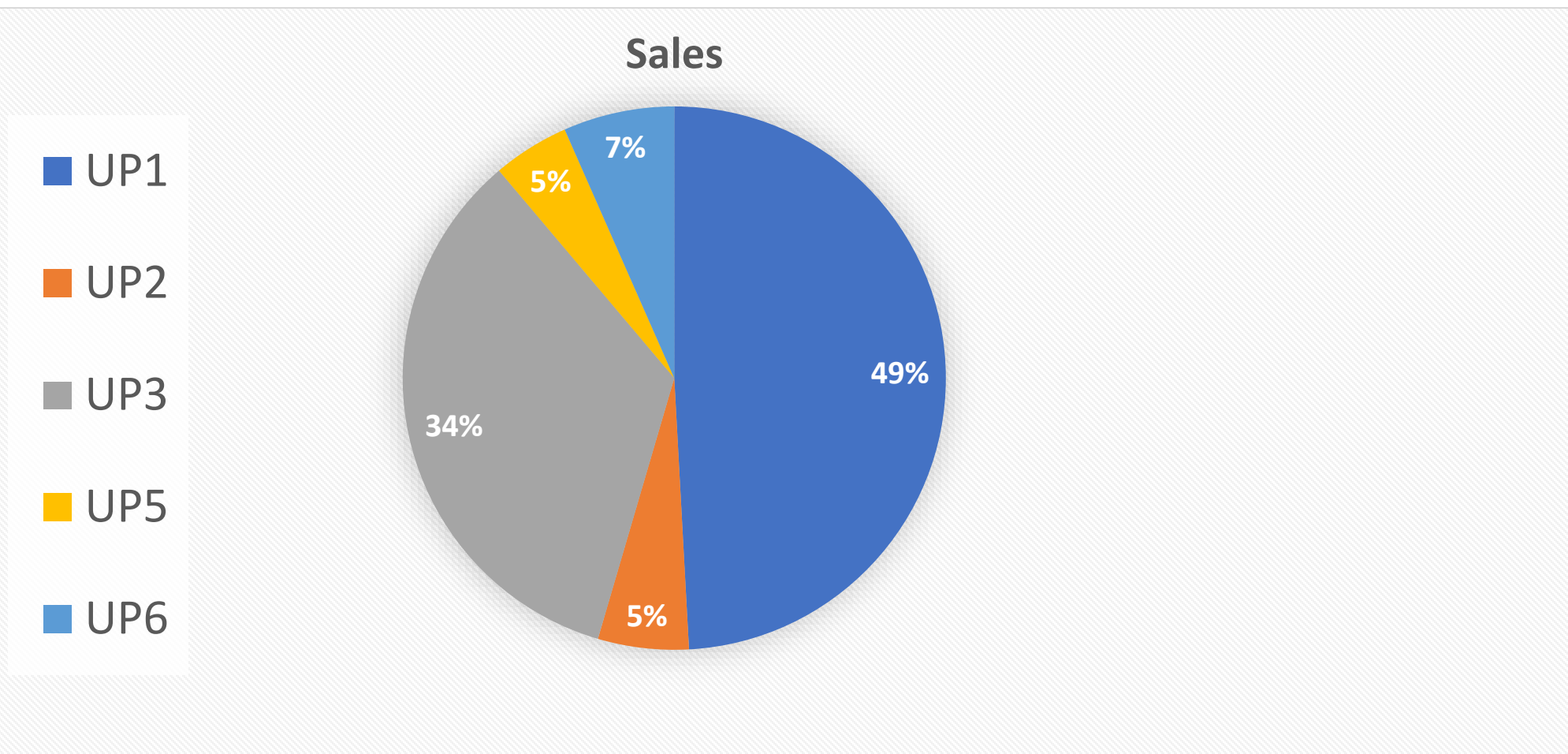
Statement of Expenditures undertaken in 2023 and 2024 – Accounting Year 1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024

1 SOE completed for accounting year ending 30th June 2024

- 1 payment application amounting to €1,291,936.81 (EU Share) was submitted to EC.

- 14 documentary OTS checks were conducted (till October 2023) for accounting year 1st July 2023 – 30th June 2024.

State of Play: OP Allocation

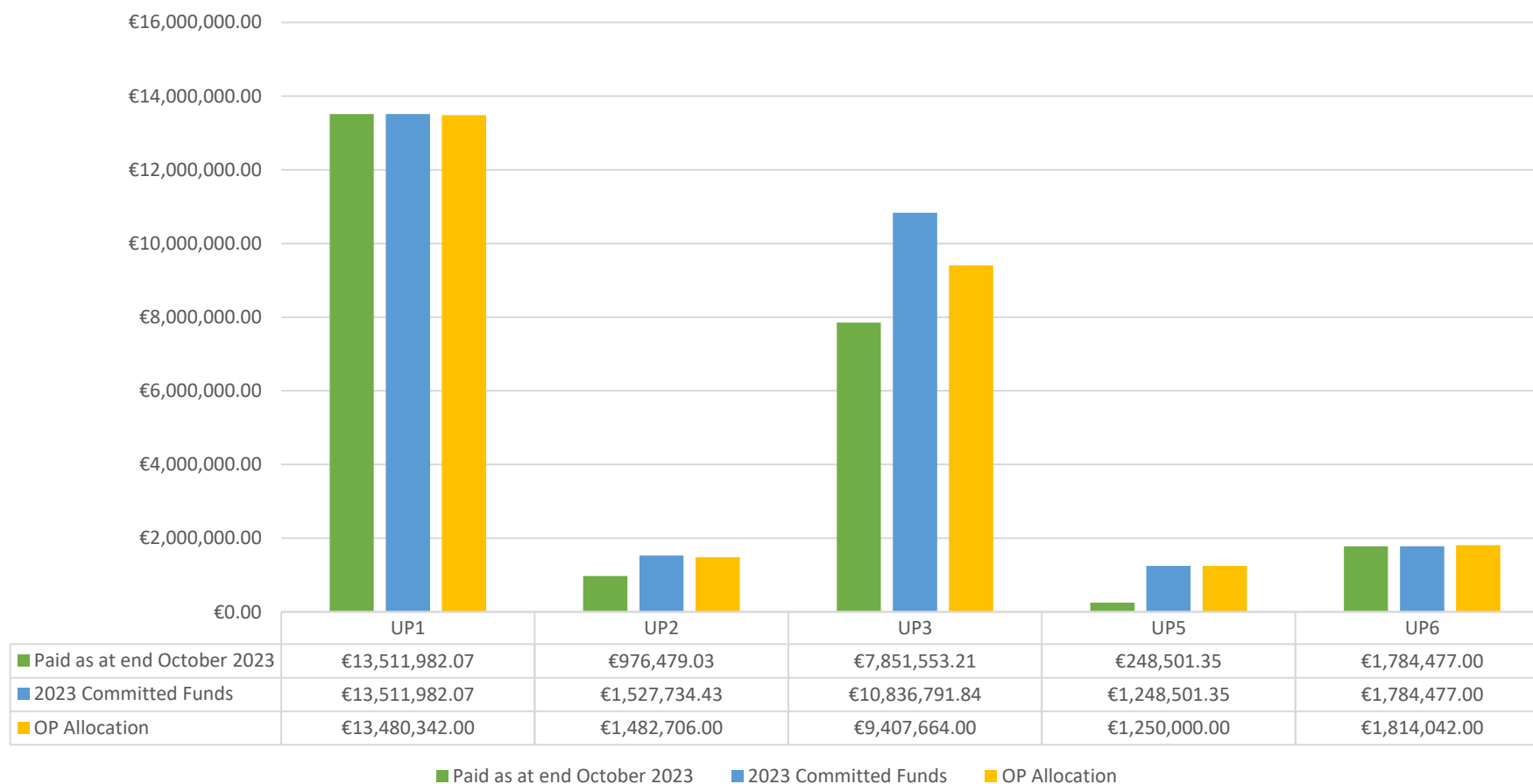


Funds Committed

Union Priority	Approved Allocation in the OP	% of EMFF Funds committed through approved projects
UP1	13,480,342	13,511,982.07 (100.23%)
UP2	1,482,706	1,527,734.43 (103.03%)
UP3	9,407,664	10,836,791.84 (115.19%)
UP5	1,250,000	1,248,501.35 (99.88%)
UP6	1,814,042	1,784,477 (98.37%)

- Figures refer to public eligible amount

Progress towards EMFF OP Allocation



Update on the Performance Framework

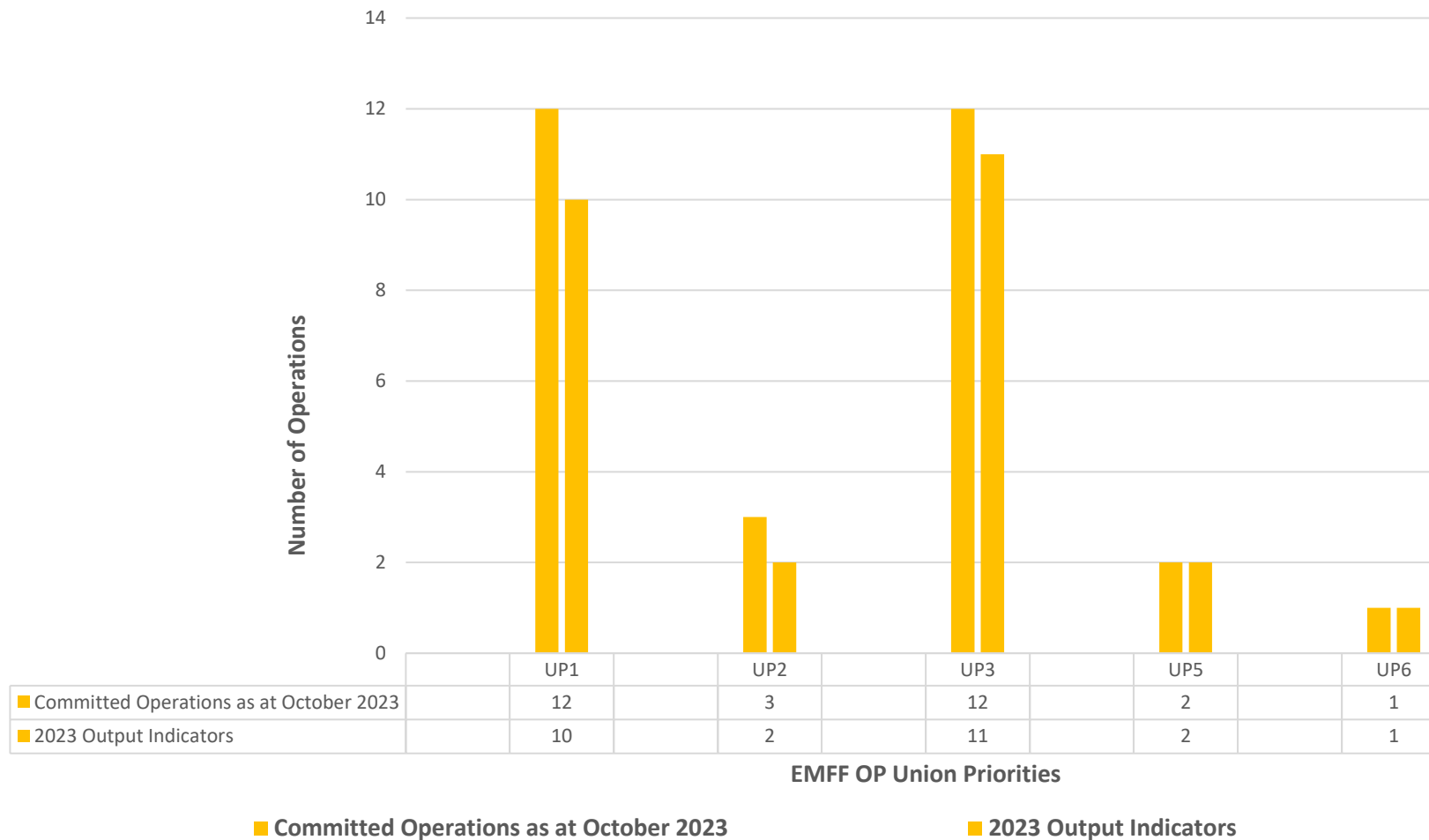
Progress made towards 2018 & 2023

Performance Framework Milestones & Targets

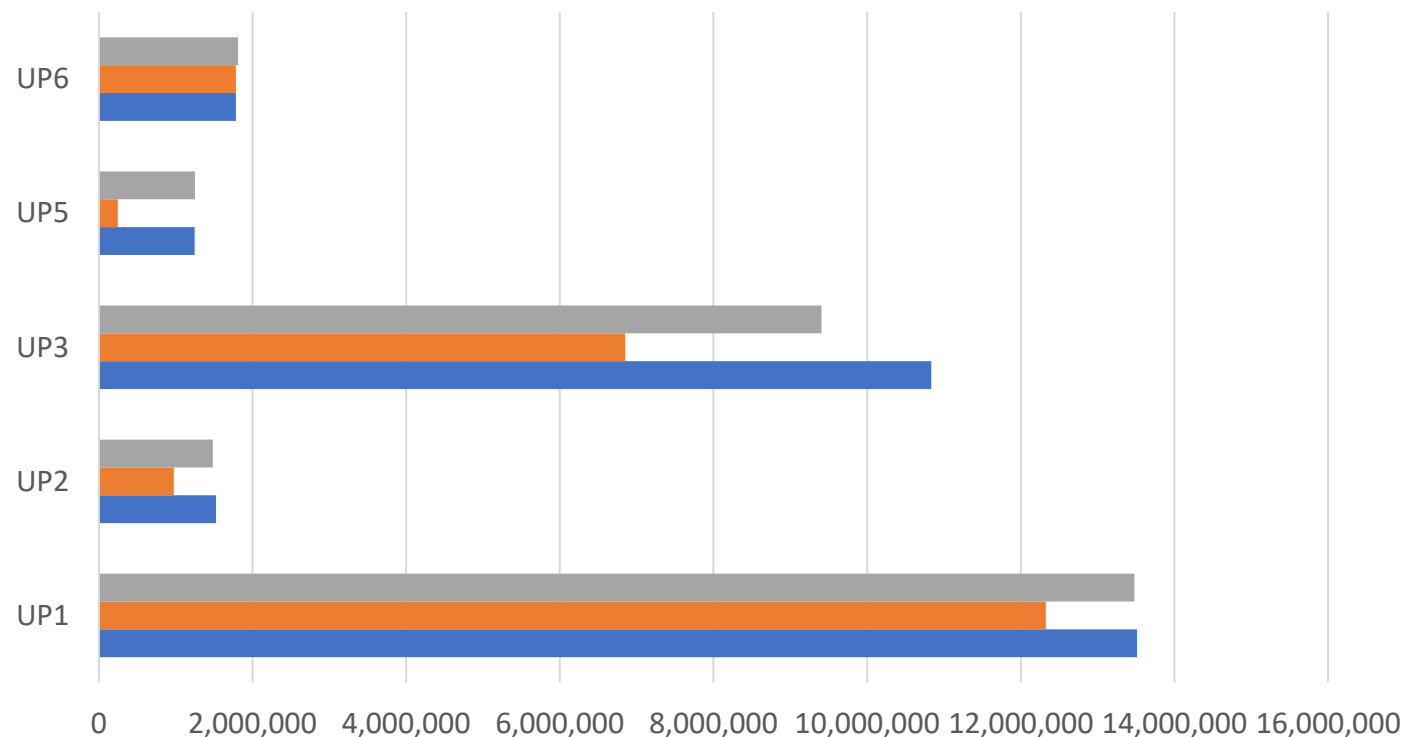
	Output Achieved - Operations	2023 Output Planned - Operations	Financials Achieved - Paid	Financials Achieved - Certified	2023 Financials Planned
UP1	12	10	13,511,982.07	€12,327,690.67	€13,480,342
UP2	3	2	€976,479.03	€976,478.98	€1,482,706
UP3	12	11	€7,851,553.21	€6,849,599.28	€9,407,664
UP5	2	2	€248,501.35	€248,501.29	€1,250,000
UP6	1	1	€1,784,477	€1,784,477	€1,814,042
Total	30	26	€24,372,992.66	€22,186,747.22	€27,434,754

- Figures refer to the public eligible amount
- Achieved = Committed

Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Output Targets



Progress towards EMFF Performance Framework Financial Targets



	UP1	UP2	UP3	UP5	UP6
■ 2023 Financial Targets	13,480,342	1,482,706	9,407,664	1,250,000	1,814,042
■ 2023 Certified Funds	12,327,691	976,479	6,849,599	248,501	1,784,477
■ 2023 Committed Funds	13,511,982	1,527,734	10,836,792	1,248,501	1,784,477

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

Update on OP Commitments

- As at today, EUR 30,643,426.69 (total public eligible) were committed out of the total contribution of EUR 29,168,694.33 (including Technical Assistance). This amounts to circa **105.05% of total public eligible allocated Funds (overcommitted)**.

Forecast of N+3

- **N+ 3 target for 2023:** As at 1st January 2023, n+3 target for Allocation Year 2020 is €6.38m. Being the Final Accounting Year, initial and annual pre-financing must be cleared against certified expenditure to be declared at the latest, in the Final Application for Payment to be submitted by the 31st July 2024. The expenditure certified during the current financial year (2022-2023) amounts to €0.9m (EU share), thus the amount of €5.48m in EU funds remain to be certified in the current and final accounting year to absorb 100% of Malta's EMFF allocation.

[iv] Communication & Publicity Activities

➔ Publicity obligation

The Communications Unit is currently focusing on a specific funding programme each week. The fisheries sector was the *#focusoftheweek* during a particular week in August.

Three projects were featured:

- 1) *Nesploraw Flimkien it-Teżori tal-Baħar!*
- 2) *Marine Environmental Monitoring: Towards Effective Management of Malta's Marine Waters*
- 3) *Productive investment in non-food aquaculture using Recirculation Aquaculture System (RAS)*



[v] EMFF / EMFAF Database System

- The EMFF Database was launched in year 2016, whilst the Structural Funds Database (SFD), which is a horizontal system that caters for all funds, including EMFAF, was launched in 2023;
- So far the EMFF Database includes 48 active users and 1694 claims for payment have been processed. These include Technical Assistance;
- Further updates on both systems are envisaged.

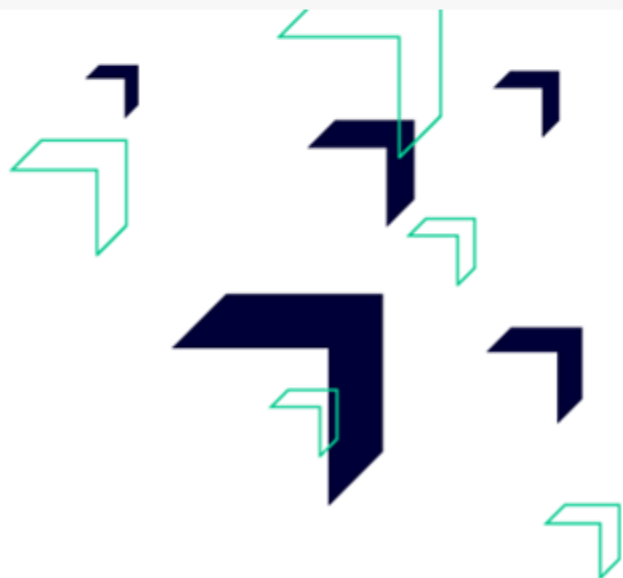


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