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## RES-E support schemes

### Summary of support schemes

<b>Overview</b>	Malta promotes the construction of solar installations and wind energy plants for domestic use through a subsidy scheme. Furthermore, electricity generated by domestic PV installations is supported through a feed-in tariff.
<b>Summary of support system</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subsidies. Investments in domestic plants generating electricity from wind and solar energy are eligible for subsidies.</li><li>• Feed-in tariff. Electricity generated by domestic solar installations is supported through a feed-in tariff</li></ul>
<b>Technologies</b>	Only wind and solar energy are eligible.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SL 423.46 (Feed-In Tariff Regulations)</li><li>• GN 136/2006 (A Once-Only Grant on the Purchase of Wind Energy Systems)</li><li>• GN 82/2008 (Grant of schemes)</li><li>• Guidelines (Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources in the Domestic Sector – PV Grant Scheme 2011/PV/1)</li><li>• GN 617/2011 (Grant for the Purchase of Photovoltaic Systems in the Domestic Sector)</li><li>• GN 895/2011 (Grant for the Purchase of Photovoltaic Systems in the Domestic Sector)</li></ul>



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### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Att Dwar Awtorita Ta'Malta Dwar Ir-Rizorsi	Għotja ta' Darba fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi li Jużaw l-Energja mir-Riħ għall-Użu Domestiku	Skemi ta' Għotjiet
<b>Full name</b>	Regolamenti ta' l-2010 dwar it-Tariffi Feed-in (Elettriku Generat minn Stallazzjonijiet Fotovoltajci tax-Xemx)	Għotja ta' Darba fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi li Jużaw l-Energja mir-Riħ għall-Użu Domestiku	Skemi ta' Għotjiet
<b>Name (English)</b>	Subsidiary Legislation 423.46. Feed-In Tariff Regulations	A Once-Only Grant on the Purchase of Wind Energy Systems	Grant of Schemes
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	SL 423.46	GN 136/2006	GN 82/2008
<b>Entry into force</b>	10.09.2010	01.01.2006	28.01.2008
<b>Last amended on</b>	04.03.2011	28.01.2008	
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	This regulation aims to establish a feed-in tariff scheme.	This directive aims to increase wind energy generation.	Change of the responsible Ministry
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	The regulation applies to renewable energy only.	The directive applies to renewable energy only.	This notice establishes responsibility for grants.
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=11430&amp;l=1">http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=11430&amp;l=1</a>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GN2006_136%20wind%20grant.pdf">http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GN2006_136%20wind%20grant.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GGno82.pdf">http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GGno82.pdf</a>
<b>Link to full text of legal source (English)</b>			



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<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources in the Domestic Sector – PV Grant Scheme 2011/PV/1	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi Fotovoltajċi fis-Settur Domestiku - Sejħa 2011/PV/1	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi Fotovoltajċi fis-Settur Domestiku - Sejħa 2011/PV/1 - Emenda għall-Iskema.
<b>Full name</b>		Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi Fotovoltajċi fis-Settur Domestiku - Sejħa 2011/PV/1	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi Fotovoltajċi fis-Settur Domestiku - Sejħa 2011/PV/ 1 - Emenda għall-Iskema.
<b>Name (English)</b>		Grant for the Purchase of Photovoltaic Systems in the Domestic Sector – Call 2011/PV/1	Grant for the Purchase of Photovoltaic Systems in the Domestic Sector – Call 2011/PV/1 – Amendment to the scheme
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	Guidelines	GN 617/2011	GN 895/2011
<b>Entry into force</b>		05.07.2011	26.09.2011
<b>Last amended on</b>			
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	The guidelines set rules and requirements for granting subsidies for PV installations	Establishing a PV grant	Amending the grant for PV installations as of GN 617/2011
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	Promoting PV installations	Promoting PV installations	Promoting PV installations
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/PV2011%20Guidelines20110930v2.pdf">http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/PV2011%20Guidelines20110930v2.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/617.pdf">http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/617.pdf</a>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/GG%2030.9.pdf">http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/GG%2030.9.pdf</a>
<b>Link to full text of legal source (English)</b>			



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**Support schemes**

**Subsidy I (Once-Only Grant - Wind)**

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GN 136/2006</li> <li>• GN 82/2008</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary</b>	The Ministry of Resources and Infrastructure allocates once-only grants for small wind energy plants to private investors (No. 1, 2, 4, 5 iv GN 136/2006, in connection with GN 82/2008).	
<b>Eligible technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	Only wind energy plants are eligible.
	<b>Wind energy</b>	Wind energy is eligible only if generated by plants in Malta (No. 1 GN 136).
	<b>Solar energy</b>	
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	





	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
Amount	The amount of grant for wind energy plants is 25% of the purchase price of the installation, subject to a maximum grant of € 232.94 (No. 5 GN 136/2006).	
Addressees	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> The persons entitled to subsidies for wind energy plants are those land owners who are at least 18 years of age on the day of application and have installed a grid-connected wind power plant for domestic use (No. 1 GN 136/2006).</p> <p><b>Obligated party.</b> The obligated party is the state of Malta, which is represented by the Ministry of Resources and Infrastructure (No. 4 iv GN 136/2006, in connection with GN 82/2008).</p>	
Procedure	Process flow	<p><b>Application.</b> Eligible persons shall submit an application for a grant. Applicants shall attach the documents specified in the directive (No. 4 iv GN 136/2006). The application form can be downloaded at: <a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/microwind.shtml">http://www.mra.org.mt/microwind.shtml</a></p> <p><b>Grant.</b> The subsidy is granted after the application has been considered.</p>



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	<b>Competent authority</b>	Ministry of Resources and Infrastructure
<b>Flexibility mechanism</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	The costs arising from the grants are borne by the state.
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	



### Subsidy II (Solar Grant)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GN 617/2011</li> <li>• GN 895/2011</li> <li>• Guidelines</li> </ul>	
Summary	The Malta Resource Authority allocates once-only grants for PV installations (GN 617/2011).	
Eligible technologies	General information	Only PV is eligible (GN 617/2011).
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	Grid connected and larger than 0.5 kW PV installations are eligible (No. 5. Guidance).
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
Amount	The amount of grant is 50% of the eligible costs of PV installation. The maximum grant is of € 3,000 (GN 617/2011).	
Addressees	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> Private individuals and organisations that do not carry out an economic activity from their residential premises (No. 3 Guidelines).</p> <p><b>Obligated party.</b> The obligated party is the state of Malta, which is represented by the Malta Resource Authority.</p>	
Procedure	Process flow	<b>Application.</b> Eligible persons shall submit an application for a grant. Applicants shall attach to Part A the documents specified in the guidelines and available at



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		<p><a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202011-EV.shtml">http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202011-EV.shtml</a> (Guidelines).</p> <p><b>Approval / Rejection:</b> The application must be approved by the Malta Resources Authority and a grant offer letter sent to the Applicant <b>before</b> equipment is purchased and installed (Guidelines).</p> <p><b>Installation:</b> the Applicant may purchase and install the installation (Guidelines).</p> <p><b>Grant.</b> The subsidy is granted after Part B of the documents specified in the guidelines and available at <a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202011-EV.shtml">http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202011-EV.shtml</a> has been filed to the Authority (Guidelines).</p>
	Competent authority	Malta Resource Authority
Flexibility mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	The subsidy is funded by the ERDF (European Regional Development Fund) and distributed by the Malta Resources Authority (GN 617/2011).
	Distribution mechanism	



Feed-in tariff

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SL 423.46</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary</b>	Feed-in Tariff for solar PV installations.	
<b>Eligible technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	Only PV installations are eligible (Art. 3 SL 423.46).
	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	Eligible (PV only) (Art. 3 SL 423.46) if the total maximum of electricity generated by solar photovoltaic installations eligible to benefit from the FIT scheme for the applicable year has not been exceeded (1st Schedule SL 423.46).
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-power</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	<b>General information</b>	
	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>€ 0.20 per kWh for installations located outside residential or domestic premises;</li> <li>€ 0.25 per kWh for installations in residential or domestic premises located on the island of Malta;</li> <li>€ 0.28 per kWh for installations in residential or domestic</li> </ul>



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		premises located on the island of Gozo (2nd Schedule SL 423.46).
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-power</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Degression</b>	<b>General information</b>	
	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-power</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Cap</b>	<p>Each kW installed shall be attributed a generation of 1600 kWh (1st Schedule SL 423.46).</p> <p>Furthermore, thresholds per plant and overall thresholds are provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Threshold per plant: 4800 kWh per year for installations in residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46).</li> <li>- Overall thresholds: 160,000 kWh for installations located outside residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46).</li> </ul> <p>The total amount of electricity generated by solar photovoltaic installations and exported to the distribution system eligible to benefit from the FIT scheme for 2012 equals 24,000,000 kWh plus any unallocated units remaining from 2011 (3rd</p>	



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	<p>schedule SL 423.46).</p> <p>Electricity exceeding the threshold is paid at the applicable electricity rate (Art. 6 SL 423.46).</p>	
<b>Eligibility period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 years for installations located outside residential or domestic premises;</li> <li>• 8 years for installations in residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46).</li> </ul>	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> The persons entitled are the operators of PV installations</p> <p><b>Obligated party.</b> Enemalta - distribution grid operator (4th schedule SL 423.46).</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	The installer files a request with the Malta Resource Authority (Art. 2 SL423.46). Participation to the FIT scheme is determined on a first-come first-served basis (1st Schedule SL 423.46).
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Malta Resource Authority (MRA)
<b>Flexibility Mechanism</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	



## RES-E Grid issues

### Overview

<b>Overview of grid issues</b>	Electricity generated by renewable energy plants must be given priority transmission. According to the regulations in place, new grid capacity will be offered through a tendering procedure where required.
<b>Connection to the grid</b>	<p>Plant operators are contractually entitled against the grid operator, Enemalta Corporation, to the conclusion of a connection agreement. Plant operators are entitled to connection to the grid after they have obtained a licence from the Malta Resource Authority (MRA) (Art. 4 LN 166/2011).</p> <p>The following entities do not require a licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any operator who produces electricity solely for his own use, is not connected in parallel to the distribution system and has installed a total peak generation capacity of less than 1500 kVA;</li> <li>any operator with a total peak generation capacity that is rated up to and including 16 Amps per phase, single-phase or multi-phase, 230/400V AC, and produced solely from renewable energy sources or by cogeneration plants (still, these producers will need to notify the MRA) (1st Schedule LN 166/2011).</li> </ul>
<b>Use of the grid</b>	Plant operators are entitled against the grid operator to the priority dispatch of electricity from renewable sources.
<b>Grid development</b>	Where grid expansion is required in order to connect new plants, the supply of new capacity is awarded through a tendering procedure.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electricity Market Regulations 2011 (LN 166/2011)</li> <li>Network Code (NC)</li> </ul>





### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Regolamenti tal-2011 dwar is-Suq tal-Elettriku	The Network Code. Approved by the Malta Resources Authority. Version 1.2d. December 2007	
<b>Full name</b>	Regolamenti tal-2011 dwar is-Suq tal-Elettriku		
<b>Name (English)</b>	Electricity Market Regulations 2011	The Network Code. Approved by the Malta Resources Authority. Version 1.2d. December 2007	
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	LN 166/2011	NC	
<b>Entry into force</b>	10.05.2011	01.12.2007	
<b>Last amended on</b>	04.05.2012.		
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	Regulating the electricity market in Malta.	The Network Code outlines the basic technical and operational conditions for the connection of plants to the grid with respect to both electricity producers and consumers.	



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<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	This regulation also applies to the connection of renewable energy plants.	The Network Code also applies to the producers of electricity from renewable energy sources.	
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=10685&amp;l=1">http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=10685&amp;l=1</a>	<a href="http://www.enemalta.com.mt/enemaltastorage/images/files/network%20code/networkcode.pdf">http://www.enemalta.com.mt/enemaltastorage/images/files/network%20code/networkcode.pdf</a>	
<b>Link to full text of legal source (English)</b>			

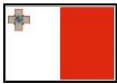


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Further information

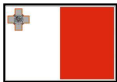
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<b>Enemalta Corporation – grid operator</b>	<a href="http://www.enemalta.com.mt">http://www.enemalta.com.mt</a>		+356 212 246 00	<a href="mailto:customercare@enemalta.com.mt">customercare@enemalta.com.mt</a>
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## Grid issues

### Connection to the grid

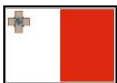
Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>LN 166/2011</li><li>NC</li></ul>	
Overview	<p>Grid operator shall wherever technically feasible and with regard to system stability</p> <p>Plant operators are entitled to connection to the grid after they have obtained a licence from the Malta Resource Authority (MRA) (Art. 4 LN 166/2011). The MRA may refuse to grant a licence only under the conditions set out in the Electricity Regulations (3rd Schedule LN 166/2011).</p> <p>The following entities do not require a licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>any operator who produces electricity solely for his own use, is not connected in parallel to the distribution system and has installed a total peak generation capacity of less than 1500 kVA;</li><li>any operator with a total peak generation capacity that is rated up to and including 16 Amps per phase, single-phase or multi-phase, 230/400V AC, and produced solely from renewable energy sources or by cogeneration plants (still, these producers will need to notify the MRA) (1st Schedule LN 166/2011).</li></ul>	
Procedure	Process flow	Plant operators are entitled to connection to the grid after having obtained a licence from the MRA (Art. 4 LN 166/2011). The MRA may refuse to enter into a connection agreement only under the conditions set out in the Electricity Regulations (3rd Schedule LN 166/2011). The MRA is obliged to communicate its decision on authorisation to the applicant within 6 months (Art. 4(6) LN 166/2011).
	Deadlines	The deadlines for the connection of a plant to the grid depend on the terms and conditions of the connection agreement.



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	<b>Obligation to inform</b>	
<b>Priority to renewable energy (qualitative criteria)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority to renewable energy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-discrimination	A non-discriminatory regime is in place. (Art. 13(4) LN 166/2011).
<b>Capacity limits (quantitative criteria)</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	The costs arising from the connection of a plant to the grid are borne by the plant operator.
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	



### Use of the grid

<b>Abbreviated form of legal sources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LN 166/2011</li> <li>• NC</li> </ul>	
<b>Overview</b>	Plant operators are statutorily entitled against the grid operator to use the grid. Moreover, electricity from renewable energy sources shall be granted priority transmission.	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	Plant operators are statutorily entitled against the grid operator to use the grid (Art. 13 LN 166/2011).
	<b>Deadlines</b>	The regulations do not specify any deadlines with regard to grid use.
	<b>Obligation to inform</b>	
<b>Priority to renewable energy (qualitative criteria)</b>	( x ) Priority to renewable energy ( ) Non-discrimination	Electricity from renewable energy sources shall be granted priority transmission (Art. 13(4) LN 166/2011).
<b>Curtailement</b>	The grid operator is not obliged to grant priority dispatch where the security and reliability of the grid is at risk (Art. 13(4) LN 166/2011). Where the grid operator has to shut down power stations due to capacity shortage, he has to avoid shutting down renewable energy plants wherever possible (Art. 13(4) LN 166/2011).	
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	The costs of use of the grid are borne by the grid operator.
	<b>Plant operator</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	Statutory law does not provide for a cost distribution mechanism.



Grid expansion

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LN 166/2011</li> </ul>	
<b>Overview</b>	<p>The construction of new grid capacity will be authorised through a tendering procedure or any equivalent procedure in terms of transparency and non-discrimination (Art. 12 LN 166/2011).</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	<p>A tender for new capacity may be launched by a public body or a private body independent from electricity generation, distribution and supply activities, appointed for the purpose by the Minister by notice in the Gazette. The details of the tendering procedure shall be published in the Official Journal of the European Union (Art. 12 LN 166/2011).</p>
	<b>Enforcement of claims</b>	
	<b>Deadlines</b>	<p>Calls for tenders must be published at least six months prior to their closing date (Art. 12 (3) LN 166/2011).</p>
	<b>Obligation to inform</b>	
<b>Regulatory incentives for grid expansion and innovation</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<p>As indicated by the MRA, the distribution of the costs of grid expansion is still to be determined.</p>	
	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	



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	Plant operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	
Grid studies		





## ***RES-H&C support schemes***

### Summary of support schemes

<b>Overview</b>	Malta promotes solar water heating systems for domestic use through a subsidy scheme.
<b>Summary of support schemes</b>	Subsidies. Investments in solar water heating systems are eligible for subsidies.
<b>Technologies</b>	Only solar water heating systems are eligible.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GN 161/2010 (A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating Systems in the Domestic Sector)</li><li>• GN 305/2011 (A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating Systems in the Domestic Sector - Amendment to the Scheme)</li></ul>

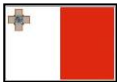


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### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi ta' Solar Water Heating fis-Settur Domestiku	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi ta' Solar Water Heating fis-Settur Domestiku - Emenda għall-Iskema	
<b>Full name</b>	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi ta' Solar Water Heating fis-Settur Domestiku	Għotja fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi ta' Solar Water Heating fis-Settur Domestiku - Emenda għall-Iskema	
<b>Name (English)</b>	A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating Systems in the Domestic Sector	A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating Systems in the Domestic Sector - Amendment to the Scheme	
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	GN 161/2010	GN 305/2011	
<b>Entry into force</b>	12.02.2010	01.04.2011	
<b>Last amended on</b>			
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	Establishing a grant for solar water heating systems	Amending the grant for solar water heating systems as of GN 161/2010	
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	Promoting solar water heaters	Promoting solar water heaters	



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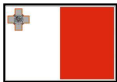


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Support schemes

**Subsidy (Once-Only Grant - Solar Water Heaters)**

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GN 161/2010</li> <li>• GN 305/2011</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary</b>	The Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs allocates once-only grants for solar water heating systems to private investors (No. 1, 6 GN 161/2010).	
<b>Eligible technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	Only solar water heaters are eligible.
	<b>Aerothermal</b>	
	<b>Hydrothermal</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Solar Thermal</b>	Solar energy is eligible only if generated by systems in Malta (No. 3 GN 161/2010).
<b>Amount</b>	The amount of grant for solar water heaters is 40% of eligible costs up to a maximum of 560 Euro. A maximum of 2,476 households shall benefit from this scheme (1st Schedule GN 161/2010).	



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<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> The persons entitled to subsidies for solar water heating systems are those persons who are at least 18 years of age on the day of application and have installed a solar water heating system for domestic use (No. 1, 3 GN 161/2010).</p> <p><b>Obligated party.</b> The obligated party is the state of Malta, which is represented by the Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs (No. 1 GN 161/2010).</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	Process flow	<p><b>Application.</b> Eligible persons shall submit an application for a grant. Applicants shall attach the documents specified in the directive (No. 3 GN 161/2010). The application form can be downloaded at: <a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202010-customers.shtml">http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202010-customers.shtml</a></p> <p><b>Grant.</b> The subsidy is granted after the application has been considered.</p>
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs
<b>Flexibility mechanism</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	The costs arising from the grants are borne by the state.
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Plant operator</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	



## RES-T support schemes

### Summary of support schemes

<b>Overview</b>	Support for renewable energy sources used in transport is provided through tax relief. The Malta Resources Authority is proposing that the existing system of tax exemption on biofuels is partly replaced by a mandatory substitution obligation. When the new regulation enters into force, importers will be obliged to blend a specific percentage of biofuels into their product.
<b>Summary of support schemes</b>	Tax mechanism. Biomass content in biodiesel is exempt from the payment of excise duty.
<b>Technologies</b>	The tax mechanism applies to biofuels only.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Excise Duty Act (Att Dwar Dazju Tas-Sisa)</li> </ul>



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### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Att Dwar Dazju Tas-Sisa		
<b>Full name</b>			
<b>Name (English)</b>	Excise Duty Act		
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	Excise Duty Act		
<b>Entry into force</b>	1.01.1995		
<b>Last amended on</b>	01.05.2006		
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	The law sets the tax on excise goods.		
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	Tax exemption on biofuels.		
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.doi.gov.mt/en/legalnotices/2010/05/LN%20284.pdf">http://www.doi.gov.mt/en/legalnotices/2010/05/LN%20284.pdf</a>		





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## Support schemes

Tax regulation mechanism (Tax exemption)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excise Duty Act</li> </ul>	
<b>Summary</b>	Companies producing, processing, holding, receiving or dispatching energy products are obliged to pay the tax (§ 2 Excise Duty Act). The biomass content in biodiesel is exempt from the payment of excise duty (4th Schedule Excise Duty Act).	
<b>Eligible technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	Only biofuels are subject to the tax allowance.
	<b>Biofuels</b>	Eligible
	<b>Electricity</b>	
	<b>Hydrogen</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	The biomass content in biodiesel is exempt from the payment of excise duty (4th Schedule Excise Duty Act).	
<b>Addressees</b>	Companies producing, processing, holding, receiving or dispatching energy products are obliged to pay the tax (§ 2 Excise Duty Act).	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	The obliged companies must declare their taxable energy products on a monthly basis and indicate the percentage volume of biomass contained in the product which is being offered for sale (§ 38 Excise Duty Act).
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment



Flexibility Mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	The costs of tax relief are borne by the state.
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



## ***Policies***

### **Summary of policies**

<b>Overview</b>	There is a registration scheme for RES installations in Malta.
<b>Summary of policies</b>	RES installations must be registered with the Malta Resources Authority in order to be eligible for support schemes for the domestic sector in Malta.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	GN 52/2010 (Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems - Registrazzjoni ta' Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors u Sistemi Fotovoltajċi)



### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Registrazzjoni ta' Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors u Sistemi Fotovoltajiċi		
<b>Full name</b>			
<b>Name (English)</b>	Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems		
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	GN 52/2010		
<b>Entry into force</b>	15.01.2010		
<b>Last amended on</b>			
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	Scheme for the registration of RES installations.		
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	Scheme for the registration of solar water heaters, solar collectors and photovoltaic systems.		
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2010%20Schemes/GG%2015.01.10.pdf">http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2010%20Schemes/GG%2015.01.10.pdf</a>		
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Policy categories

Training programmes for installers

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)		
<b>Description</b>	There is not yet a national approach to the training of RES installers in Malta. According to the Malta Resources Authority, a national training and certification scheme for RES installers is currently being discussed and developed in co-operation with the University of Malta and the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology.	
<b>Addressees</b>		
<b>Competent authority</b>		
<b>Further information</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Private Financing</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Others</b>	





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### Certification Programmes for RES installations

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GN 52/2010</li> </ul>	
<b>Description</b>	<p>RES installations (solar water heaters, solar collectors and photovoltaic installations) must be registered with the Malta Resources Authority in order to be eligible for support schemes for the domestic sector in Malta. Installations shall comply with the following standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>solar water heaters: EN-12976 or Solar Keymark certificate;</li> <li>solar collectors: EN-12975 or Solar Keymark certificate;</li> <li>photovoltaic panels: EN-61215 or 61646 (§ 3 a-c GN 52/2010).</li> </ul> <p>Sellers and retailers are required to provide a minimum guarantee of five years on RES plants (§ 2 vi GN 52/2010).</p>	
<b>Addressees</b>	The registration scheme applies to sellers and retailers of solar water heaters, solar collectors and photovoltaic installations (§ 1 GN 52/2010).	
<b>Competent authority</b>	The registration scheme is managed by the Malta Resources Authority.	
<b>Further information</b>	Further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.mra.org.mt">http://www.mra.org.mt</a> .	
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	<b>State</b>	The costs for inspections of installed systems are borne by the state (§ 2 v GN 52/2010).
	<b>Industry</b>	
	<b>Plant Producers</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Others</b>	

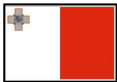


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### Exemplary role of public authorities in accordance with art. 13 par. 5 RES Directive

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	
Description	There are no policies aiming to increase the use of RES by public authorities in Malta. The Foundation for Tomorrow's Schools implements projects involving the refurbishment of schools and the development of new colleges to increase the use of renewable energy sources and provide for an autonomous energy supply.
Addressees	
Competent authority	
Further information	Further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.fts.com.mt">http://www.fts.com.mt</a>



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### RES-H building obligations

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	
Description	The building regulations in Malta do not impose minimum requirements for renewable energy. However, the support schemes introduced so far have strongly promoted renewable energy use in buildings, e.g. domestic water heating using solar technologies or electricity generation with roof-top PV systems or micro wind generators.
Obligated entities	
Competent authority	
Further information	
Obligation on regional level	There is no obligation on the regional level.



Support of RES-H infrastructure

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	
Description	District heating or cooling infrastructure does not exist on the Maltese islands.
Addressees	
Competent authority	
Further information	