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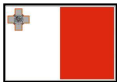
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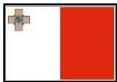


Malta – summary text

In Malta, electricity generated by domestic PV installations is mainly supported through a feed-in tariff. Malta promotes solar water heating systems for domestic use through a subsidy scheme. 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.

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.

There is a registration scheme for RES installations in Malta.



RES-E support schemes

Summary of support schemes

Overview	Electricity generated by domestic PV installations in Malta is supported through a feed-in tariff and a subsidy scheme.
Summary of support system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed-in tariff. Electricity generated by domestic solar installations is supported through a feed-in tariff • Subsidy: The installation costs for PV in the domestic sector are partly granted through a subsidy scheme
Technologies	Only wind and solar energy are eligible.
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL 423.46 (Subsidiary Legislation 423.46. Feed-In Tariff Regulations) • L.N. 71 of 2013 (Feed-in Tariffs (Electricity Generated from Solar Photovoltaic Installations) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013) • GN 371/2013 (Government notice No. 371) • PV grant scheme guidelines



Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Att Dwar Awtorita Ta'Malta Dwar Ir-Rizorsi	Regolamenti tal-2013 li jemendaw ir-Regolamenti dwar it-Tariffi Feed-in (Elettriku Ġenerat minn Stallazzjonijiet Fotovoltajċitax-Xemx)	PV grant scheme 2013 guidelines
Full name	Regolamenti ta'l-2010 dwar it-Tariffi Feed-in (Elettriku Ġenerat minn Stallazzjonijiet Fotovoltajċi tax-Xemx)		Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources in the Domestic Sector – PV Gran Scheme 2013/PV: Guidelines – Call for applications
Name (English)	Subsidiary Legislation 423.46. Feed-In Tariff Regulations	Feed-in Tariffs (Electricity Generated from Solar Photovoltaic Installations) (Amendment) Regulations, 2013	
Abbreviated form	SL 423.46	L.N. 71 of 2013	PV grant scheme guidelines
Entry into force	10.09.2010	22.02.2013	13.05.2013
Last amended on	01.07.2013.		
Future amendments			
Purpose	This regulation aims to establish a feed-in tariff scheme.		These guidelines regulate amongst others the procedure of application for the PV grant scheme.
Relevance for renewable energy	The regulation applies to renewable energy only.		The guidelines apply to renewable energy only.



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Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/46.Feed-in-Tariffs-Electricity-Generated-from-Solar-Photovoltaic-Installations-Regulations.pdf	http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lp&itemid=24691&l=2 (LINK zur Zeit defekt)	
Link to full text of legal source (English)	http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/46.Feed-in-Tariffs-Electricity-Generated-from-Solar-Photovoltaic-Installations-Regulations.pdf	http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lp&itemid=24691&l=1 (LINK zur Zeit defekt)	http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/3673/PV2013-Guidelines-for-Applicants-2013.pdf

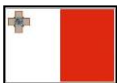
Name of legal source (original language)	Nru. 371: G 371: fuq Xiri ta' Sistemi Fotovoltajjo fis-Settur Domestiku omSejes 2013/PV		
Full name	<i>Government notice No. 371: Grant on the Purchase of Photovoltaic Systems in the Domestic Sector – Call 2013/PV</i>		
Name (English)	<i>Government notice No. 371</i>		
Abbreviated form	<i>GN 371/2013</i>		
Entry into force	<i>13.05.2013</i>		
Last amended on	<i>04.10.2013</i>		
Future amendments			



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Purpose	<i>This notice regulates the 2013 PV grant scheme.</i>		
Relevance for renewable energy	<i>This notice applies to renewable energy only.</i>		
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/3664/Government-Gazette-3-May.pdf		
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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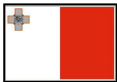
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Enemalta Corporation – grid operator	http://www.enemalta.com.mt/		+356 212 246 00	customercare@enemalta.com.mt
Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association (M.E.E.R.A.)	http://www.meerea.org/		+356 795 381 23	meereamalta@yahoo.com
Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA) (in planning)	http://www.miema.org	Jesmond Xuereb	+356 213 315 05	jesmond.xuereb@ftz.org.mt



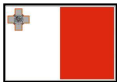
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Feed-in tariff

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SL 423.46 • L.N. 71 of 2013 	
Contact Authority	Enemalta	
Summary	Feed-in Tariff for solar PV installations.	
Eligible technologies	General information	Only PV installations are eligible (Art. 3 SL 423.46).
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	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).
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
Amount	General information	
	Wind energy	



	<p style="text-align: center;">Solar energy</p>	<p>Electricity generated between 1 July and 30 September 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 0.17 per kWh for roof-mounted installations with an installed capacity of less than 1000 kW and installed on any type of premises, when the PV installation has not benefited from a grant on the initial investment payment • € 0.16 per kWh for roof-mounted installations with an installed capacity of 1000 kWp or more and installed on any type of premises, when the PV installation has not benefited from a grant on the initial investment payment • € 0.16 per kWh for ground-mounted installations with an installed capacity of less than 1000 kWp and installed on any type of premises, when the PV installation has not benefited from a grant on the initial investment payment • € 0.155 per kWh for ground-mounted installations with an installed capacity of 1000 kWp or more and installed on any type of premises, when the PV installation has not benefited from a grant on the initial investment payment <p>Electricity generated from PV installations approved for the FIT scheme 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 0.22 per kWh for installations operated on residential or domestic premises, when the operator benefits from a grant of not more than 50% of the initial capital investment with the regard to the solar photovoltaic installation <p>Electricity generated between 1 July and 31 December 2013:</p>
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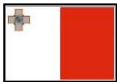
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 0.15 per kWh for installations operated on non-residential premises or institutional households, when the operator has been awarded a grant before 1 July 2013 of not more than 50% of the initial capital investment with regard to the solar photovoltaic installation • € 0.11 per kWh for installations operated on non-residential premises or institutional households, when the operator has benefitted from a grant after the 30 June 2013 of not more than 50% of the initial capital investment with regard to the solar photovoltaic installation (2nd Schedule SL 423.46).
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
Degression	General information	
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	



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<p>Cap</p>	<p>Each kW installed shall be attributed a generation of 1600 kWh per annum (1st Schedule SL 423.46).</p> <p>Furthermore, thresholds per plant and overall thresholds are provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Threshold per plant: 4800 kWh per year for installations in residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46). - Overall thresholds: 160,000 kWh for installations located outside residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46). <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 2013 equals 56,000,000 kWh plus any unallocated units remaining from 2012 and for 2014 equals 56,000,000 kWh plus any unallocated units remaining from 2013 (3rd schedule SL 423.46).</p> <p>Electricity exceeding the threshold is paid at the applicable electricity rate (Art. 6 SL 423.46).</p>	
<p>Eligibility period</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 years for installations located outside residential or domestic premises, when the operator benefits from a grant of not more than 50% of the initial capital investment with the regard to the solar photovoltaic installation (2nd Schedule SL 423.46). • 7 years for installations located outside residential or domestic premises, , installed between 1 July and 31 December 2013, when the operator benefits from a grant of not more than 50% of the initial capital investment with regard to the solar photovoltaic installation,(2nd Schedule SL 423.46).. • 20 years for installations of any type of premises, approved for the FiT scheme between 1 July and 30 September 2013 (2nd Schedule SL 423.46). 	
<p>Addressees</p>	<p>Entitled party. The persons entitled are the operators of PV installations</p> <p>Obligated party. Enemalta - distribution grid operator (4th schedule SL 423.46).</p>	
<p>Procedure</p>	<p>Process flow</p>	<p>The installer files a request with the Malta Resource Authority (Art. 2</p>



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		SL423.46). Participation to the FIT scheme is determined on a first-come first-served basis (1st Schedule SL 423.46).
	Competent authority	Malta Resource Authority (MRA)
Flexibility Mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



Subsidy (Grant scheme for PV)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GN 371/2013 PV grant scheme guidelines 	
Summary	This ERDF-funded scheme offers grants for the establishment of PV installations in the domestic sector (§ 3 GN 371/2013).	
Eligible technologies	General information	This scheme is only eligible for PV.
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	Only eligible for PV (§ 3 GN 371/2013).
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
Amount	50 % of eligible costs up to a maximum of € 2,500 (§ 3 GN 371/2013).	
Addressees	<p>Entitled party. The party entitled to the subsidies are private individuals for use on their residential properties as well as organisations that do not fall within the concept of “undertaking” for use on communal residences (§ 3 PV grant scheme guidelines).</p> <p>Obligated party. The obligated party is Malta Resources Authority (GN 371/2013).</p>	



Procedure	Process flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment. The applicant has to assess the electricity demand of the household, roof space and sun exposure to determine the appropriate type and size of the installation required (Introduction PV grant scheme guidelines) • Application. Applications shall be submitted by mail or personally by hand at MRA offices. Part A of the application form must be approved by MRA and a grant offer letter sent to the applicant before equipment is purchased and installed (Introduction PV grant scheme guidelines). • Selection. In case of acceptance, the applicant will receive a grant offer letter. At this stage, the installation may be purchased and installed. The MRA notification form for Photovoltaics and feed-in tariff application has to be submitted to MRA. When the installation of the PV system is completed, Part B of the application form has to be filled in and has to reach MRA within the date indicated on the grant offer letter (Introduction PV grant scheme guidelines). • Subsidy contract. Following the receipt of Part B from the Applicant, the Malta Resources Authority will assess the request for reimbursement and the details of the installed system against information provided in the original pre-purchase application (Introduction PV grant scheme guidelines).
	Competent authority	Malta Resources Authority
Flexibility mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	



	Plant operator	
	Grid operator	
	European Union	This scheme is funded by ERDF (GN 371/2013)
	Distribution mechanism	

RES-E Grid issues

Overview

Overview of grid issues	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.
Connection to the grid	<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"> 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; 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).



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Use of the grid	Plant operators are entitled against the grid operator to the priority dispatch of electricity from renewable sources.
Grid development	Where grid expansion is required in order to connect new plants, the supply of new capacity is awarded through a tendering procedure.
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity Market Regulations 2011 (LN 166/2011)• Network Code (NC)



Basic information on legal sources

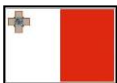
Name of legal source (original language)	Regolamenti tal-2011 dwar is-Suq tal-Elettriku	The Network Code. Approved by the Malta Resources Authority. Version 1.2d. December 2007	
Full name	Regolamenti tal-2011 dwar is-Suq tal-Elettriku		
Name (English)	Electricity Market Regulations 2011	The Network Code. Approved by the Malta Resources Authority. Version 1.2d. December 2007	
Abbreviated form	LN 166/2011	NC	
Entry into force	10.05.2011	01.10.2013	
Last amended on	04.05.2012		
Future amendments			
Purpose	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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Relevance for renewable energy	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.	
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=10685&l=1	http://enemalta.com.mt/EnemaltaStorage/Images/Files/Network%20Code/Network%20Code%20EMC%20Approved%20%20October%202013.pdf	
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Enemalta Corporation – grid operator	http://www.enemalta.com.mt		+356 212 246 00	customercare@enemalta.com.mt
Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA) (in planning)	http://www.miema.org	Jesmond Xuereb	+356 213 315 05	jesmond.xuereb@ftz.org.mt



Grid issues

Connection to the grid

Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LN 166/2011• NC
Contact Authority	Enemalta Corporation, Malta Resources Authority
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">• 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;• 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).



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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.
	Obligation to inform	
Priority to renewable energy (qualitative criteria)	() Priority to renewable energy (x) Non-discrimination	A non-discriminatory regime is in place. (Art. 13(4) LN 166/2011).
Capacity limits (quantitative criteria)		
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	
	Grid operator	
	Plant operator	The costs arising from the connection of a plant to the grid are borne by the plant operator.



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	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



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Use of the grid

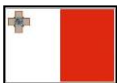
Abbreviated form of legal sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LN 166/2011 • NC 	
Contact Authority	Enemalta Corporation, Malta Resources Authority	
Overview	Plant operators are statutorily entitled against the grid operator to use the grid. Moreover, electricity from renewable energy sources shall be granted priority transmission.	
Procedure	Process flow	Plant operators are statutorily entitled against the grid operator to use the grid (Art. 13 LN 166/2011).
	Deadlines	The regulations do not specify any deadlines with regard to grid use.
	Obligation to inform	
Priority to renewable energy (qualitative criteria)	(x) Priority to renewable energy () Non-discrimination	Electricity from renewable energy sources shall be granted priority transmission (Art. 13(4) LN 166/2011).
Curtailment	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).	
Distribution of costs	State	
	Consumers	
	Grid operator	The costs of use of the grid are borne by the grid operator.
	Plant operator	



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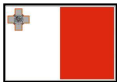


	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	Statutory law does not provide for a cost distribution mechanism.



Grid expansion

Abbreviated form of legal source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LN 166/2011 	
Contact Authority	Enemalta Corporation, Malta Resources Authority	
Overview	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).	
Procedure	Process flow	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).
	Enforcement of claims	
	Deadlines	Calls for tenders must be published at least six months prior to their closing date (Art. 12 (3) LN 166/2011).
	Obligation to inform	
Regulatory incentives for grid expansion and innovation		
Distribution of costs	As indicated by the MRA, the distribution of the costs of grid expansion is still to be determined.	
	State	
	Consumers	



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	Grid operator	
	Plant operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	
Grid studies		



RES-H&C support schemes

Summary of support schemes

Overview	Malta promotes solar water heating systems for domestic use through a subsidy scheme.
Summary of support schemes	The National Scheme provides a grant of 40% up to €400 and is not restricted by social criteria
Technologies	Only solar water heating systems are eligible.
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GN 347/2011 (A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating Systems in the Domestic Sector – 2011/ 2011/SWH/ national call)• GN 145/2012 (Renewal of Scheme established by Means of Government Notice No. 347 of 2011)• CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines / Solar Water heater Grant scheme – Guidelines)• CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines (Guidelines for establishing a grant for solar water heating systems)•



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Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Għotja fuq xiri ta' sistemi ta solar water heaters fis-settur domestiku – sejha nazzjonali 2011/SWH/	Tiġdid tal-Iskema Mwaqqfa bin-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Nru. 347 tal-2011	Solar Water heater iskema Għotja - Linji gwida
Full name	Għotja fuq xiri ta' sistemi ta solar water heaters fis-settur domestiku – sejha nazzjonali 2011/SWH/	Tiġdid tal-Iskema Mwaqqfa bin-Notifikazzjoni tal-Gvern Nru. 347 tal-2011	Solar Water heater iskema Għotja - Linji gwida
Name (English)	A grant for the purchase of solar water heater systems in the domestic sector – 2011/SWH/ national call	Renewal of Scheme established by Means of Government Notice No. 347 of 2011	Solar Water heater Grant scheme - Guidelines
Abbreviated form	GN 347/2011	GN 145/2012	CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines
Entry into force	15.04.2011	17.02.2012	15.04.2011
Last amended on			
Future amendments			
Purpose	Establishing a grant for solar water heating systems	Amending the grant for solar water heating systems as of GN 347/2011	Guidelines for establishing a grant for solar water heating systems
Relevance for renewable energy	Promoting solar water heaters	Promoting solar water heaters	Promoting solar water heaters



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Name of legal source (original language)		Solar Water heater iskema Għotja - Linji gwida	
Full name		Solar Water heater iskema Għotja - Linji gwida	
Name (English)		Solar Water heater Grant scheme - Guidelines	
Abbreviated form		CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines	
Entry into force		15.04.2011	
Last amended on			



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Future amendments			
Purpose		Guidelines for establishing a grant for solar water heating systems	
Relevance for renewable energy		Promoting solar water heaters	
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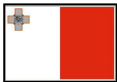
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Malta Resources Authority (MRA)	http://www.mra.org.mt		+356 212 206 19	enquiry@mra.org.mt
Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association (M.E.E.R.A.)	http://www.meerea.org/		+356 795 381 23	meereamalta@yahoo.com
Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA)	http://www.miema.org	Jesmond Xuereb	+356 213 315 05	jesmond.xuereb@ftz.org.mt



Support schemes

Subsidy (National scheme - Solar Water Heaters)

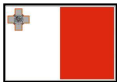
Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GN 347/2011 • GN 145/2012 • CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines 	
Contact Authority	Malta Resources Authority	
Summary	The Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs allocates once-only grants for solar water heating systems to private householders (No. 1 GN 347/2011). The scheme is being renewed up to 31 st December 2012 (GN 145/2012).	
Eligible technologies	General information	Only solar water heaters are eligible.
	Aerothermal	
	Hydrothermal	
	Biogas	
	Biomass	
	Geothermal energy	
	Solar Thermal	Solar energy is eligible only if generated by systems in Malta (No. 2 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines).



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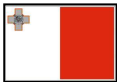
Amount	The amount of grant for solar water heaters is 40% of eligible costs up to a maximum of € 400 ((1st Schedule GN347/2011).	
Addressees	<p>Entitled party. The persons entitled to subsidies for solar water heating systems are those persons who are at least 18 years of age on the day of application residents of Malta and have installed a solar water heating system for domestic use (No. 1, 2 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines).</p> <p>Obligated party. The obligated party is the state of Malta, which is represented by the Malta Resources Authority ((No. 1 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines).</p>	
Procedure	Process flow	<p>Application. Eligible persons shall submit an application for a grant. Applicants shall attach the documents specified in the guidelines (No. 3 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines). The application can be downloaded at: http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/EU-funded-SWH-Application-part-A-20110315.pdf</p> <p>Grant. The subsidy is granted after the application has been considered.</p>
	Competent authority	Malta Resources Authority
Flexibility mechanism		
Distribution of costs	State	The costs arising from the grants are borne by the state.
	Consumers	
	Plant operator	



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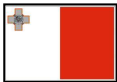
	Grid operator	
	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



RES-T support schemes

Summary of support schemes

Overview	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.
Summary of support schemes	Tax mechanism. Biomass content in biodiesel is exempt from the payment of excise duty.
Technologies	The tax mechanism applies to biofuels only.
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• -Excise Duty Act (Att Dwar Dazju Tas-Sisa)



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Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Att Dwar Dazju Tas-Sisa		
Full name			
Name (English)	Excise Duty Act		
Abbreviated form	Excise Duty Act		
Entry into force	01.01.1995		
Last amended on	12.06.2012.		
Future amendments			
Purpose	The law sets the tax on excise goods.		
Relevance for renewable energy	Tax exemption on biofuels.		
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=8849&l=1 (LINK zur Zeit defekt)		



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Link to full text of legal source (English)			
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Support schemes

Tax regulation mechanism (Tax exemption)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excise Duty Act 	
Contact Authority	Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment	
Summary	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).	
Eligible technologies	General information	Only biofuels are subject to the tax allowance.
	Biofuels	Eligible
	Electricity	
	Hydrogen	
Amount	The biomass content in biodiesel is exempt from the payment of excise duty (4th Schedule Excise Duty Act).	
Addressees	Companies producing, processing, holding, receiving or dispatching energy products are obliged to pay the tax (§ 2 Excise Duty Act).	



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Procedure	Process flow	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).
	Competent authority	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

Overview	There is a registration scheme for RES installations in Malta.
Summary of policies	RES installations must be registered with the Malta Resources Authority in order to be eligible for support schemes for the domestic sector in Malta.
Statutory provisions	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

Name of legal source (original language)	Registrazzjoni ta' Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors u Sistemi Fotovoltajiċi		
Full name			
Name (English)	Registration of Solar Water Heaters, Solar Collectors and Photovoltaic Systems		
Abbreviated form	GN 52/2010		
Entry into force	15.01.2010		
Last amended on			
Future amendments			
Purpose	Scheme for the registration of RES installations.		
Relevance for renewable energy	Scheme for the registration of solar water heaters, solar collectors and photovoltaic systems.		
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GG-15.01.10.pdf		
Link to full text of legal source (English)			



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Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association	http://meerea.org/		+356 7953 8123	info@meerea.org
Malta Resources Authority	http://www.mra.org.mt/		+356 2295 5000	enquiry@mra.org.mt
Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency	http://www.miema.org		+356 2133 1505	info@miema.org



Policy categories

Training programmes for installers

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	
Sector	Electricity, Heating & Cooling
Contact Authority	Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta
Description	The Institute for Sustainable Energy of the University of Malta offers training courses in the areas of solar heating and solar photovoltaic installations. These courses are being organised for technicians and professionals who would require the necessary certification to install solar systems, as required by the EU Directive 2009/28/EC on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.
Addressees	<p>ISE 2102: Technical Guidance on Solar Heating Systems Installations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Qualification Framework LEVEL 4, training experience in plumbing, basic knowledge in electrical wiring <p>ISE 2101: Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single Phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Qualification Framework LEVEL 4, Electrical engineers, architects, civil and mechanical engineers <p>ISE 2103: Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single & Three Phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Qualification Framework LEVEL 4, Electrical engineers, architects, civil and mechanical engineers
Competent authority	Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta



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Further information	Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single Phase: http://www.um.edu.mt/iet/studyunit/ise2101 Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single & Three Phase: http://www.um.edu.mt/iet/studyunit/ise2103 Technical Guidance on Solar Heating Systems Installations: http://www.um.edu.mt/iet/studyunit/ise2102	
Distribution of costs	State	
	Private Financing	The courses are partly financed by the installers themselves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single Phase: €400 • Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single & Three Phase: €475 • Technical Guidance on Solar Heating Systems Installations: €400 Additionally, there is a list of companies sponsoring the courses.
	European Union	
	Others	



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Certification Programmes for RES installations

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GN 52/2010 	
Sector	Electricity, Heating & Cooling	
Contact Authority	Malta Resources Authority	
Description	<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"> solar water heaters: EN-12976 or Solar Keymark certificate; solar collectors: EN-12975 or Solar Keymark certificate; photovoltaic panels: EN-61215 or 61646 (§ 3 a-c GN 52/2010). <p>Sellers and retailers are required to provide a minimum guarantee of five years on RES plants (§ 2 vi GN 52/2010).</p>	
Addressees	The registration scheme applies to sellers and retailers of solar water heaters, solar collectors and photovoltaic installations (§ 1 GN 52/2010).	
Competent authority	The registration scheme is managed by the Malta Resources Authority.	
Further information	Further information can be found at: http://www.mra.org.mt .	
Distribution of costs	State	The costs for inspections of installed systems are borne by the state (§ 2 v GN 52/2010).
	Industry	



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	Plant Producers	
	European Union	
	Others	

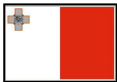


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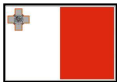
Exemplary role of public authorities in accordance with art. 13 par. 5 RES Directive

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	
Sector	Electricity, Heating & Cooling
Contact Authority	
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: http://www.fts.com.mt



RES-H building obligations

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