

## Research RES LEGAL – Promotion system

Country: Malta

### 1. Summary of support system

<b>Overview of support system</b>	Malta promotes the construction of solar and wind energy systems for domestic use through a subsidy scheme. Furthermore, electricity generated by domestic photovoltaic systems is subject to a feed-in tariff.
<b>Means of support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Subsidies.</b> Investments in domestic systems generating electricity from wind and solar energy are eligible for subsidies.</li><li>• <b>Feed-in tariff.</b> Electricity from solar energy generated by domestic solar systems is subject to 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) GN 82/2008 (Grant of schemes)</li><li>•</li></ul>

## 2. Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Subsidiary Legislation 423.46	Government Gazette Notification 136/2006	Government Gazette Notifications 82/2008
<b>Full name</b>	Subsidiary Legislation 423.46. Feed-In tariff regulations	A Once-Only Grant on the Purchase of Wind Energy Systems	Grant of schemes
<b>Name (English)</b>			
<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>	These regulations aim to establish a feed-in tariff.	This directive aims to increase wind energy generation.	Change of the responsible Ministry
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	The regulations aim to promote renewable energy only.	The directive promotes renewable energy only.	To establish 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>			

### 3. Further information

Institution (name)	Website	Name of contact person (optional)	Telephone number (head office)	E-mail (optional)
<b>Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment (MFIN)</b>	<a href="http://www.finance.gov.mt/">http://www.finance.gov.mt/</a>		+356 212 335 65	info.mfin(at)gov.mt
<b>Malta Resources Authority (MRA)</b>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/home.shtml">http://www.mra.org.mt/home.shtml</a>		+356 212 206 19	enquiry(at)mra.org.mt
<b>Enemalta Corporation – grid operator</b>	<a href="http://www.enemalta.com.mt/page.asp?p=925&amp;l=1">http://www.enemalta.com.mt/page.asp?p=925&amp;l=1</a>		+356 212 246 00	customercare(at)enemalta.com.mt
<b>Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association (M.E.E.R.A.)</b>	<a href="http://meerea.org/">http://meerea.org/</a>		+356 795 381 23	meereamalta(at)yahoo.com
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## Means of support

### 4.1. Subsidy (Once-Only Grant)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	GN 136/2006 GN 82/2008	
<b>Country-specific <u>support</u> system</b>	The Ministry of Resources and Infrastructure allocates once-only grants for small wind energy systems to private investors (No. 5, 4 iv GN 136/2006, in connection with GN 82/2008).	
<b>Promoted technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	Only wind energy systems are eligible.
	<b>Wind energy</b>	Wind energy is eligible only if generated by systems in Malta (No. 1 GN 136/2006).
	<b>Solar energy</b>	
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-electricity</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	The amount of grant for wind energy systems is 25 % of the purchase price of the installation, subject to a maximum grant of 100 Lira (233 €) (No. 5 GN 136/2006).	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> The persons entitled to subsidies for wind energy systems 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 system 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>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <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/Downloads/Grants/wind%20turbine%20application%20form.pdf">www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/wind%20turbine%20application%20form.pdf</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Grant.</b> The subsidy is granted after the application has been considered.</li> </ul>
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Ministry of Resources and Infrastructure
<b>Flexibility mechanism</b>		
<b>Funding</b>	<b>State</b>	The costs arising from the grants are borne by the state.
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>System operator</b>	

	Grid operator	
	Distribution mechanism	

#### 4.2. Feed-in tariff (Name of means of promotion)

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	SL 423.46	
<b>Country-specific support system</b>	Feed-in Tariff for Solar PV systems	
<b>Promoted technologies</b>	<b>General information</b>	Only PV systems are promoted (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 (1 <sup>st</sup> Schedule SL 423.46).
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-electricity</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Amount</b>	<b>General information</b>	
	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	0.20 €/kWh for installations located outside residential or domestic premises 0.25 €/kWh for installations in residential or domestic premises located on the island of Malta 0.28 €/kWh for installations in residential or domestic premises located on the island of Gozo (2 <sup>nd</sup> Schedule SL 423.46)
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-electricity</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
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	<b>Wind energy</b>	
	<b>Solar energy</b>	
	<b>Geothermal energy</b>	
	<b>Biogas</b>	
	<b>Hydro-electricity</b>	
	<b>Biomass</b>	
<b>Cap</b>	<p>Each kW installed shall be attributed a generation of 1600kWh (1<sup>st</sup> Schedule SL 423.46). Furthermore, thresholds per plant and overall thresholds are provided:</p> <p>Threshold per plant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4800 kWh/year for installations in residential or domestic premises (2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule SL 423.46).</li> </ul> <p>Overall thresholds:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>160.000 kWh for installations located outside residential or domestic premises (2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule SL 423.46).</li> </ul> <p>The total maximum electricity generated by solar photovoltaic installations and exported to the distribution system eligible to benefit from the FIT scheme for 2011 equals 24,000,000 kWh plus any unallocated units remaining from 2010 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Schedule SL 423.46).</li> </ul>	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> The persons entitled are operators of PV systems</p> <p><b>Obligated party.</b> Enemalta - distribution grid operator (4<sup>th</sup> schedule SL 423.46)</p>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	The installer files in a request to the Malta Resource Authority (Art. 2 SL423.46). Participation to the FIT scheme is determined on a first-come first-served basis (1 <sup>st</sup> Schedule SL 423.46).
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Malta Resource Authority (MRA)
<b>Flexibility Mechanism</b>		
<b>Funding</b>	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	
	<b>Grid operator</b>	
	<b>System operator</b>	
	<b>Distribution mechanism</b>	