

Research RES LEGAL – Promotion system

Country: Malta

1. Summary of support system

Overview of support system	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 supported through a feed-in tariff.
Means of support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsidies. Investments in domestic systems generating electricity from wind and solar energy are eligible for subsidies.• Feed-in tariff. Electricity generated by domestic solar systems is supported through a feed-in tariff
Technologies	Only wind and solar energy are eligible.
Statutory provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SL 423.46 (Feed-In Tariff Regulations)• GN 136/2006 (A Once-Only Grant on the Purchase of Wind Energy Systems)• GN 82/2008 (Grant of schemes)

2. Basic information on legal sources

Name of legal source (original language)	Subsidiary Legislation 423.46	Government Gazette Notice No. 136/2006	Government Gazette Notice No. 82/2008
Full name	Subsidiary Legislation 423.46. Feed-In Tariff Regulations	A Once-Only Grant on the Purchase of Wind Energy Systems	Grant of Schemes
Name (English)			
Abbreviated form	SL 423.46	GN 136/2006	GN 82/2008
Entry into force	10.09.2010	01.01.2006	28.01.2008
Last amended on	04.03.2011	28.01.2008	
Future amendments			
Purpose	This regulation aims to establish a feed-in tariff scheme.	This directive aims to increase wind energy generation.	Change of the responsible Ministry
Relevance for renewable energy	The regulation aims to promote renewable energy only.	The directive promotes renewable energy only.	This notice aims to establish responsibility for grants.
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&itemid=11430&l=1	http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GN2006_136%20wind%20grant.pdf	http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GGno82.pdf
Link to full text of legal source (English)			

Name of legal source (original language)	Government Gazette Notice No. 840/2011	Government Gazette Notice No. 617/2011	Government Gazette Notice No. 895/2011
Full name			
Name (English)	A Once-only grant on the Purchase of Electric-powered Cars for One's Own Personal use – Call 2011/EV and Call 2011/PV/2	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
Abbreviated form	GN 840/2011	GN 617/2011	GN 895/2011
Entry into force	09.09.2011	05.07.2011	26.09.2011
Last amended on			
Future amendments			
Purpose	Establishing a grant for PV systems to the owners of electric cars and for electric cars	Establishing a PV grant	Amending the grant for PV system as of GN 617/2011
Relevance for renewable energy	Promoting PV	Promoting PV	Promoting PV
Link to full text of legal source (original language)	http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/GG%202011-9.9..pdf	http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/617.pdf	http://www.mra.org.mt/Downloads/Grants/2011%20Schemes/GG%2030.9.pdf
Link to full text of legal source (English)			

3. Further information

Institution (name)	Website	Name of contact person (optional)	Telephone number (head office)	E-mail (optional)
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Enemalta Corporation – grid operator	http://www.enemalta.com.mt/page.asp?p=925&l=1		+356 212 246 00	customercare(at)enemalta.com.mt
Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association (M.E.E.R.A.)	http://meerea.org/		+356 795 381 23	meereamalta(at)yahoo.com
Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA) (in planning)	http://www.miema.org/site/	Jesmond Xuereb	+356 213 315 05	jesmond.xuereb(at)ftz.org.mt

Means of support

4.1. Subsidy (Once-Only Grant)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	GN 136/2006 GN 82/2008	
Country-specific support_system	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).	
Promoted technologies	General information	Only wind energy systems are eligible.
	Wind energy	Wind energy is eligible only if generated by systems in Malta (No. 1 GN 136/2006).
	Solar energy	Not eligible
	Geothermal energy	Not eligible
	Biogas	Not eligible
	Hydro-electricity	Not eligible
Biomass	Not eligible	
Amount	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).	
Addressees	<p>Entitled party. 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>Obligated party. 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	Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application. 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: http://www.mra.org.mt/microwind.shtml • Grant. The subsidy is granted after the application has been considered.
	Competent authority	Ministry of Resources and Infrastructure
Flexibility mechanism		
Funding	State	The costs arising from the grants are borne by the state.
	Consumers	
	System operator	

	Grid operator	
	Distribution mechanism	

4.2. Subsidy (Once-Only Grant)

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	GN 840/2011 and related guidelines	
Country-specific support system	The Malta Resource Authority allocates once-only grants for and PV systems.	
Promoted technologies	General information	Only PV is promoted
	Wind energy	Not eligible
	Solar energy	PV systems, grid connected and larger than 0,5 kW are promoted
	Geothermal energy	Not eligible
	Biogas	Not eligible
	Hydro-electricity	Not eligible
	Biomass	Not eligible
Amount	The amount of grant is 50% of the costs of PV equipment, inverter, support frame, less value of discounts or offers. The sum of eligible and non-eligible expenditures should not be above € 4053/kWp (guidelines, point 4). The maximum grant is of € 3000 (guidelines, point 8).	
Addressees	<p>Entitled party. Private individuals who have purchased an electric car through call 2011/EV/1 within the 6 months preceding their request for a grant for a PV system (source: guidelines, point3).</p> <p>Obligated party. The obligated party is the state of Malta, which is represented by the Malta Resource Authority.</p>	
Procedure	Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application. Eligible persons shall submit an application for a grant. Applicants shall attach to Part A the documents specified in the guidelines and available at http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202011-EV.shtml (source: guidelines). • Approval / Rejection: communicated by letter from the Authority (guidelines). • Installation: carried out by the applicant (guidelines). • Grant. The subsidy is granted after Part B of the documents specified in the guidelines and available at http://www.mra.org.mt/Support%20Schemes%202011-EV.shtml has been filed to the Authority (guidelines).
	Competent authority	Malta Resource Authority
Flexibility mechanism		
Funding	State	The costs arising from the grants are borne by the state.
	Consumers	

	System operator	
	Grid operator	
	Distribution mechanism	

4.3. **Feed-in tariff (Name of means of promotion)**

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	SL 423.46	
Country-specific support system	Feed-in Tariff for Solar PV systems	
Promoted technologies	General information	Only PV systems are promoted (Art. 3 SL 423.46)
	Wind energy	Not eligible
	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 (1 st Schedule SL 423.46).
	Geothermal energy	Not eligible
	Biogas	Not eligible
	Hydro-electricity	Not eligible
	Biomass	Not eligible
Amount	General information	
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	€ 0.20 per kWh for installations located outside residential or domestic premises € 0.25 per kWh for installations in residential or domestic premises located on the island of Malta € 0.28 per kWh for installations in residential or domestic premises located on the island of Gozo (2 nd Schedule SL 423.46)
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-electricity	
	Biomass	
Degression	General information	
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-electricity	
	Biomass	
Cap	<p>Each kW installed shall be attributed a generation of 1600 kWh (1st 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"> • 4800 kWh/year for installations in residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46). <p>Overall thresholds:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 2011 equals 24,000,000 kWh plus any unallocated units remaining from 2010 (3rd schedule SL 423.46)</p> <p>Electricity exceeding the threshold is paid at the applicable electricity rate (Art. 6 SL 423.46).</p>	
Eligibility period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 years for installations located outside residential or domestic premises 8 years for installations in residential or domestic premises (2nd Schedule SL 423.46). 	
Addressees	<p>Entitled party. The persons entitled are the operators of PV systems Obligated party. Enemalta - distribution grid operator (4th schedule SL 423.46)</p>	
Procedure	Procedure	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 (1 st Schedule SL 423.46).
	Competent authority	Malta Resource Authority (MRA)
Flexibility Mechanism		
Funding	State	
	Consumers	
	Grid operator	
	System operator	
	Distribution mechanism	