

# **Renewable energy policy database and support – RES-LEGAL EUROPE**

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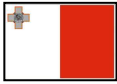
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### Malta – summary text

In Malta, electricity generated by PV installations is 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 and a training programme for installers in Malta.



## ***RES-E support schemes***

### Summary of support schemes

<b>Overview</b>	Electricity generated by PV installations in Malta is supported through a feed-in tariff.
<b>Summary of support system</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Feed-in tariff. Electricity generated by domestic solar installations is supported through a feed-in tariff</li></ul>
<b>Technologies</b>	Only Solar energy is eligible.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SL 547.27 (Subsidiary Legislation 423.46. Feed-In Tariff Regulations)</li></ul>



### Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Att Dwar Awtorita Ta'Malta Dwar Ir-Rizorsi		
<b>Full name</b>	Feed-in tariffs scheme (electricity generated from solar photovoltaic installations) regulations		
<b>Name (English)</b>	Subsidiary Legislation 545.27. Feed-In Tariff Regulations		
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	SL 545.27		
<b>Entry into force</b>	01.07.2013		
<b>Last amended on</b>	24.11.2015		
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	This regulation aims to establish a feed-in tariff scheme.		
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	The regulation applies to renewable energy only.		
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/febba135-6256-479b-99a9-7e4c733b85f4_dec3c0d4-9359-4b5c-b8ac-e64a41e7e797.pdf">http://downloads.rews.org.mt/files/febba135-6256-479b-99a9-7e4c733b85f4_dec3c0d4-9359-4b5c-b8ac-e64a41e7e797.pdf</a>		



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Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association (M.E.E.R.A.)	<a href="http://www.meerea.org/">http://www.meerea.org/</a>		+356 7953 8123	<a href="mailto:meereamalta@yahoo.com">meereamalta@yahoo.com</a>
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## Support schemes

### Feed-in tariff

Abbreviated form of legal source(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SL 545.27</li> </ul>	
Contact Authority	Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)	
Summary	A feed-in tariff is paid for the production of renewable electricity from solar PV installations.	
Eligible technologies	General information	Only PV installations are eligible (Art. 3 SL 545.27).
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	Eligible for photovoltaic installations with a maximum capacity of less than 1,000 kWp, installed in a residential or domestic premises or non-residential or institutional household (Art. 3 SL 545.27).
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
Amount	General information	
	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	Electricity generated between 3 August 2015 and 30 June 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>€ 0.155 per kWh for electricity generated by any</li> </ul>



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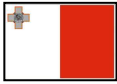
		<p>photovoltaic installation with an installed capacity between 1 and 40 kWp (2nd Schedule SL 545.27).</p> <p>Electricity generated between 2 December 2015 and 30 June 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>€ 0.15 per kWh for electricity generated by any photovoltaic installation with an installed capacity between 1 and 40 kWp (2nd Schedule SL 545.27).</li> </ul>
	Geothermal energy	
	Biogas	
	Hydro-power	
	Biomass	
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	Wind energy	
	Solar energy	
	Geothermal energy	
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Cap	Each kWp installed shall be attributed a generation of 1600 kWh per annum (1st Schedule Art. 4 SL 545.27).	



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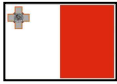
	<p>The total amount of electricity generated by solar photovoltaic installations and exported to the distribution system eligible to benefit from the FIT scheme for the years 2010 to 2016 equals 180,000,000 kWh (3rd schedule SL 545.27).</p> <p>Electricity exceeding the threshold is paid at the applicable electricity rate (Art. 6 SL 423.46).</p>	
<b>Eligibility period</b>	The feed-in tariff shall be allocated for a period of guaranteed payment of 20 years for installations of any type of premises (2 <sup>nd</sup> Schedule SL 545.27).	
<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 545.27).</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 Art. 4 SL 423.46).
	<b>Competent authority</b>	Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)
<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 plc, to the conclusion of a connection agreement. Plant operators are entitled to connection to the grid after they have obtained a licence from the Regulator for Energy &amp; Water Services (REWS) (Art. 4 SL 545.13).</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 REWS) (1st Schedule SL 545.13).</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.



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<b>Statutory provisions</b>	Electricity Market Regulations (SL 545.13)
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Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Subsidiary Legislation 545.13. Electricity Market Regulations		
<b>Full name</b>	Subsidiary Legislation 545.13. Electricity Market Regulations		
<b>Name (English)</b>	Electricity Market Regulations		
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	SL 545.13		
<b>Entry into force</b>	05.05.2011		
<b>Last amended on</b>			
<b>Future amendments</b>			
<b>Purpose</b>	Regulating the electricity market in Malta.		



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<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	This regulation also applies to the connection of renewable energy plants.		
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=12361&amp;l=1">http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=12361&amp;l=1</a>		
<b>Link to full text of legal source (English)</b>	<a href="http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=12361&amp;l=1">http://www.justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=12361&amp;l=1</a>		



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## Grid issues

### Connection to the grid

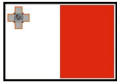
<b>Abbreviated form of legal sources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SL 545.13</li> </ul>	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Enemalta plc (DSO), Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)	
<b>Overview</b>	<p>Plant operators are entitled to connection to the grid after they have obtained a licence from the REWS (Art. 4 SL 545.13). The Regulator may refuse to grant a licence only under the conditions set out in the Electricity Regulations (3rd Schedule SL 545.13).</p> <p>The following entities do not require a licence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any producer who produces electricity only for his own use and is not connected in parallel to the distribution system and has installed a total peak generation capacity of less than 1,500 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 REWS) (1st Schedule SL 545.13).</li> </ul>	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	<p>Plant operators are entitled to connection to the grid after having obtained a licence from the REWS (Art. 4 SL 545.13). The REWS may refuse to enter into a connection agreement only under the conditions set out in the Electricity Regulations (3rd Schedule SL 545.13). The REWS is obliged to communicate its decision on authorisation to the applicant within 6 months (Art. 4(6) SL 545.13).</p>



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	<b>Deadlines</b>	The deadlines for the connection of a plant to the grid depend on the terms and conditions of the connection agreement.
	<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 is granted priority connection (Art. 13(4) SL 545.13).
<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>	

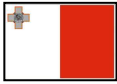


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### Use of the grid

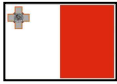
<b>Abbreviated form of legal sources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SL 545.13</li> </ul>	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Enemalta plc (DSO), Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)	
<b>Overview</b>	Plant operators are statutorily entitled against the grid operator to use the grid. Moreover, 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 SL 545.13).
	<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) SL 545.13).
<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) SL 545.13). 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) SL 545.13).	
<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>	



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

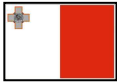


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### Grid expansion

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SL 545.13</li> </ul>	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Enemalta plc (DSO), Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)	
<b>Overview</b>	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 SL 545.13).	
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Process flow</b>	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 SL 545.13).
	<b>Enforcement of claims</b>	
	<b>Deadlines</b>	Calls for tenders must be published at least six months prior to their closing date (Art. 12 (3) SL 545.13).
	<b>Obligation to inform</b>	
<b>Regulatory incentives for grid expansion and innovation</b>		
<b>Distribution of costs</b>	As indicated by the REWS, the distribution of the costs of grid expansion is still to be determined.	
	<b>State</b>	
	<b>Consumers</b>	



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	Grid operator	
	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>	The National Scheme provides a grant of 40% up to €400 and is not restricted by social criteria
<b>Technologies</b>	Only solar water heating systems are eligible.
<b>Statutory provisions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GN 347/2011 (A Grant for the Purchase of Solar Water Heating Systems in the Domestic Sector – 2011/ 2011/SWH/ national call)</li> <li>• GN 1272/2015 Extension of Scheme Established by Means of Government Notice No. 347 of 2011</li> <li>• CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines / Solar Water heater Grant scheme – Guidelines)</li> </ul>



Basic information on legal sources

<b>Name of legal source (original language)</b>	Għotja fuq xiri ta' sistemi ta solar water heaters fis-settur domestiku – sejha nazzjonali 2011/SWH/	Estensjoni tal-Iskema Stabbilita bin- Notifikazzjoni  tal-Gvern Nru. 347 tal-2011	Solar Water heater iskema Għotja - Linji gwida
<b>Full name</b>	Għotja fuq xiri ta' sistemi ta solar water heaters fis-settur domestiku – sejha nazzjonali 2011/SWH/	Estensjoni tal-Iskema Stabbilita bin- Notifikazzjoni  tal-Gvern Nru. 347 tal-2011	Solar Water heater iskema Għotja - Linji gwida
<b>Name (English)</b>	A grant for the purchase of solar water heater systems in the domestic sector – 2011/SWH/ national call	Extension of Scheme Established by Means of Government Notice No. 347 of 2011	Solar Water heater Grant scheme - Guidelines
<b>Abbreviated form</b>	GN 347/2011	GN 1272/2015	CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines
<b>Entry into force</b>	15.04.2011	29.12.2015	15.04.2011
<b>Last amended on</b>	29.12.2015		





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Future amendments			
<b>Purpose</b>	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
<b>Relevance for renewable energy</b>	Promoting solar water heaters	Promoting solar water heaters	Promoting solar water heaters
<b>Link to full text of legal source (original language)</b>	<a href="http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Notice-in-GG_110415-1.pdf">http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Notice-in-GG_110415-1.pdf</a>	<a href="https://www.gov.mt/en/Government/Government%20Gazette/Documents/2015/12/Government%20Gazette%20-%2029th%20December.pdf">https://www.gov.mt/en/Government/Government%20Gazette/Documents/2015/12/Government%20Gazette%20-%2029th%20December.pdf</a>	<a href="http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/167/national-scheme-guidelines.pdf">http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/07/167/national-scheme-guidelines.pdf</a>
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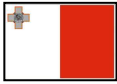
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## Support schemes

### Subsidy (National scheme - Solar Water Heaters)

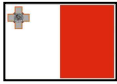
<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GN 347/2011</li> <li>• GN 1272/2015</li> <li>• CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines</li> </ul>	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)	
<b>Summary</b>	The Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs allocates once-only grants for solar water heating systems to private householders (No. 1 GN 347/2011). The scheme is being extended up to 31 December 2016 (GN 1272/2015).	
<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. 2 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines).



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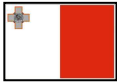
<b>Amount</b>	The amount of grant for solar water heaters is 40% of eligible costs up to a maximum of € 400 (1st Schedule GN347/2011).	
<b>Addressees</b>	<p><b>Entitled party.</b> The persons entitled to subsidies for solar water heating systems are those persons who are at least 18 years of age on the day of application residents of Malta and have installed a solar water heating system for domestic use (No. 1, 2 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines).</p> <p><b>Obligated party.</b> The obligated party is the state of Malta, which is represented by the Malta Resources Authority ((No. 1 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines).</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 guidelines (No. 3 CALL 2011/SWH/National Guidelines). The application can be downloaded at: <a href="http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/EU-funded-SWH-Application-part-A-20110315.pdf">http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/EU-funded-SWH-Application-part-A-20110315.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Grant.</b> The subsidy is granted after the application has been considered.</p>
	Competent authority	<b>Regulator for Energy &amp; Water Services (REWS)</b>
<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>	



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	European Union	
	Distribution mechanism	



## 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>

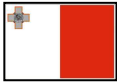


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### Basic information on legal sources

<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>	01.01.1995		
<b>Last amended on</b>	15.3.2016		
<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://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=8849">http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lom&amp;itemid=8849</a>		



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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>		+356 259 982 44	<a href="mailto:info.mfin@gov.mt">info.mfin@gov.mt</a>
<b>Malta Resources Authority (MRA)</b>	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/">http://www.mra.org.mt/</a>		+356 212 206 19	<a href="mailto:enquiry@mra.org.mt">enquiry@mra.org.mt</a>



## 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>Contact Authority</b>	Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment	
<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).	



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



## Policies

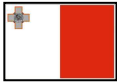
### Summary of policies

<b>Overview</b>	There is a registration scheme for RES installations and a training programme for installers 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://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GG-15.01.10.pdf">http://mra.org.mt/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/GG-15.01.10.pdf</a>		



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The Institute for Sustainable Energy of the University of Malta	<a href="http://www.um.edu.mt/iet">http://www.um.edu.mt/iet</a>	Prof. Robert Ghirlando	+356 2340 2361	
Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association	<a href="http://meerea.org/">http://meerea.org/</a>		+356 7953 8123	<a href="mailto:info@meerea.org">info@meerea.org</a>
Malta Resources Authority	<a href="http://www.mra.org.mt/">http://www.mra.org.mt/</a>		+356 2295 5000	<a href="mailto:enquiry@mra.org.mt">enquiry@mra.org.mt</a>
Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency	<a href="http://www.miema.org">http://www.miema.org</a>		+356 2133 1505	<a href="mailto:info@miema.org">info@miema.org</a>



## 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"> <li>National Qualification Framework LEVEL 4, training experience in plumbing, basic knowledge in electrical wiring</li> </ul> <p>ISE 2101: Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single Phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Qualification Framework LEVEL 4, Electrical engineers, architects, civil and mechanical engineers</li> </ul> <p>ISE 2103: Technical Guidance on Photovoltaic Systems Installations – Single &amp; Three Phase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Qualification Framework LEVEL 4, Electrical engineers, architects, civil and mechanical engineers</li> </ul>
Competent authority	Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta





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

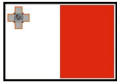


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### Certification Programmes for RES installations

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GN 52/2010</li> </ul>	
<b>Sector</b>	Electricity, Heating & Cooling	
<b>Contact Authority</b>	Regulator for Energy & Water Services (REWS)	
<b>Description</b>	<p>RES installations (solar water heaters, solar collectors and photovoltaic installations) must be registered with the REWS 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 REWS.	
<b>Further information</b>	Further information including the current retailers and modules list can be found at: <a href="https://www.rews.org.mt/#/en/fa/72">https://www.rews.org.mt/#/en/fa/72</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>	



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	<b>Plant Producers</b>	
	<b>European Union</b>	
	<b>Others</b>	

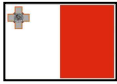


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### Exemplary role of public authorities in accordance with art. 13 par. 5 RES Directive

<b>Abbreviated form of legal source(s)</b>	
<b>Sector</b>	Electricity, Heating & Cooling
<b>Contact Authority</b>	
<b>Description</b>	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.
<b>Addressees</b>	
<b>Competent authority</b>	
<b>Further information</b>	Further information can be found at: <a href="http://www.fts.com.mt">http://www.fts.com.mt</a>



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