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## Pass for Free Transport of Agricultural Products from Gozo to Malta

**Type of Scheme:** Free Ferry Ticket

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Rural Gozo Directorate

### Scheme Description:

This application is used when farmers require a permit to be eligible for free ferry ticket for the transportation of agriculture products from Gozo to Malta.

### Support Rates:

Ferry ticket for the transportation of agricultural produce between Gozo and Malta.

### Beneficiaries:

Gozitan farmers transporting agricultural produce from Gozo to Malta.

### Link:

[https://www.servizz.gov.mt/en/Pages/Environment\\_-Energy\\_-Agriculture-and-Fisheries/Agriculture/Ag-riculture/WEB1997/default.aspx](https://www.servizz.gov.mt/en/Pages/Environment_-Energy_-Agriculture-and-Fisheries/Agriculture/Ag-riculture/WEB1997/default.aspx)

## Access to Employment Scheme 3.1

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 31/08/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Jobsplus

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme seeks to promote the recruitment of the more challenged amongst job seekers and inactive persons. Through this Scheme, the integration into the labour market is facilitated by enhancing opportunities to access the labour market and providing work experience to those furthest away from gainful employment; bridging the gap between labour market supply and demand and increasing social cohesion.

### Support Rates:

Beneficiaries are eligible to receive a subsidy of €105.45 or €52.70 per week per new recruit engaged on a full-time or part-time basis respectively, for a period of 52 weeks or 104 weeks depending on the target group.

In the case of registered disabled persons, a subsidy of €158.20 (full-time) or €79.10 (part-time) is provided per week for a maximum of 156 weeks.

### Beneficiaries:

Eligible applicants include employers having an economic activity irrespective of their legal form. These may include partnerships, companies, family businesses, associations, individual self-employer or other body of persons, NGOs and Social Partners, recruiting new employees or keeping in employment newly registered disabled person.

### Link:

<https://jobsplus.gov.mt/a2e/a2einfo>

## Bridging the Gap Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Expenditure Exemptions

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Jobsplus

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme is designed to support disadvantaged persons in the transition period from unemployment to employment. It allows the employer to evaluate the performance of such employees in the workplace, prior to proper engagement. The employer and Jobsplus enter into an agreement regarding the work exposure period, whereby the disadvantaged person is placed on the scheme with the prospect of employment.

### Support Rates:

Employers participating in this Scheme are exempted from paying social security contributions, wages and sick leave benefits.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries include employers who engage registered persons with disability and other persons in a disadvantaged situation.

### Link:

<https://jobsplus.gov.mt/schemes-jobseekers/bridge-gap-scheme>



## Business Development 2021

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant / Tax Credit

**Deadline:** 31/12/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

The Business Development Scheme facilitates value-added projects, including new business initiatives, expansions and transformation activities that shall contribute to the regional development of Malta. The scheme may support various activities such as the initial development phase of Undertakings establishing an operational base in Malta, expansion projects, consolidation of activities and the re-engineering of business processes. Supported initiatives should lead to new opportunities, additional employment, increased competitiveness or widening market reach.

### Support Rates:

Tax Credits or Cash Grants of up to € 200,000 will be awarded to Undertakings that carry out a project aimed to expand and transform their business operation or to consolidate their current activities and re-engineer their business processes.

Eligible costs may include: relocation costs of key personnel, payroll costs, lease and rental of real estate, support and advisory services, rights, licences and certifications, relocation of tangible assets, procurement of tangible assets and construction and development of facilities for manufacturing activities.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries include businesses with an operational base in Malta working on projects related to future development of the following activities:

- a) Manufacturing;
- b) Management of waste and environmental solutions;
- c) Research and development activities;
- d) Provision of industrial services and solutions to manufacturing operations;
- e) Digitisation of processes;
- f) Development of digital service and systems;
- g) Maintenance, repair and overhaul of aircraft and other electromechanically equipment;
- h) Artisanal works;
- i) Services that by nature are not limited to geographic scope and are scalable internationally.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Business%20Development%202021%20V1.2%20Final.pdf>

## Business Re-Engineering and Transformation Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant

**Deadline:** 31/10/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Business First

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to support SMEs to realign their business activity, restructure their employees, product/service portfolio, optimise the use of technology and embrace green technology and practices. This Scheme provides part financing to support businesses that engage advisors to facilitate business re-engineering and transformation efforts.

### Support Rates:

The aid shall be awarded in the form of a cash Grant covering 50% of the costs incurred up to a maximum Grant of €5,000 per advisory service per undertaking.

### Beneficiaries:

This Scheme is open to duly registered SMEs carrying out an economic activity in Malta and that at point of application employ 10 to 250 people.

### Link:

[https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Business%20Re-engineering%20and%20Transformation%20Scheme%20with%20Annex%20%28Version%201.0%29%20Final\\_0.pdf](https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Business%20Re-engineering%20and%20Transformation%20Scheme%20with%20Annex%20%28Version%201.0%29%20Final_0.pdf)

## Change to Grow

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 31/10/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

The Change to Grow initiative supports businesses to kick-start transformation processes that lead to growth, sustainability, and optimised performance. The scope of this incentive is to support self-employed persons, Micro Enterprises, and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises to realign their business activity, restructure their employees, product/service portfolio, optimise the use of technology and embrace green technology and practices.

### Support Rates:

The Change to Grow initiative will support an Advisory Stage and a subsequent Implementation Phase to any recommendations pursuant from the advisory. Eligible Undertakings may benefit from a maximum Grant of €10,000 disbursed as a reimbursement of 75% of eligible costs incurred.

Malta Enterprise shall consider eligible costs having a value of at least €500 that are identified in the Advisory Report and that cover the following areas:

- a) Investment costs in tangible assets;
- b) Procurement of off-the-shelf software solution (including new licenses);
- c) New subscriptions to Software As A Service (SaaS) solutions, covering a period of up to 12 months;
- d) One-off services or the initial engagements covering a period of 3 months of service providers addressing new solutions to which the Beneficiary had no prior access.

### Beneficiaries:

Self-employed, Micro Enterprises and SMEs operating in Malta.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Change%20to%20Grow%20%28V1.0%29%20-%2010.01.2022.pdf>

## COVID-19 Guarantee Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Guarantee Fund

**Closing on:** 30/06/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Development Bank

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme enables companies which have been negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic to access commercial lending facilities for their working capital requirements. Through this Scheme, the Malta Development Bank provides guarantees to commercial banks and promote bank financing for working capital requirements of SMEs and Large Enterprises.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme provides a guarantee of up to 90% of the working capital facility as extended by the bank. Businesses of any size and type can apply for loan amounts that can go up to €2 million for SMEs and €5 million for large entities. Amounts higher than €2 million but limited to a maximum of €10 million for SMEs; and amounts higher than €5 million but limited to a maximum of €25 million for Large Enterprises, require the prior ad-hoc approval of MDB.

Under this Scheme, businesses can also benefit from improved access to liquidity, at lower interest rates. The interest rate is to be determined by the intermediating commercial bank which would need to give an interest rate reduction to beneficiaries of at least 1% on the average lending rate as compared to similar facilities prior to the introduction of the guarantee scheme.

In addition, this Scheme will provide the much-needed breathing space for businesses by providing a 6-month moratorium on both the interest payments as well as on capital repayments.

### Beneficiaries:

This Scheme covers SMEs and Large Enterprises established and operating in Malta.

### Link:

<https://mdb.org.mt/en/news-and-media/Pages/MDB-extends-Covid-19-Guarantee-Scheme-until-June-2022.aspx>

## COVID-19 Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Subsidy

**Closing on:** 30/06/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Development Bank

### Scheme Description:

A complementary scheme to the COVID-19 Guarantee Scheme which further softens the terms of working capital loans to businesses experiencing acute liquidity shortages due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Support Rates:

Businesses benefit from a subsidy of up to 2.5% on the interest rate charged by banks during the first two years of working capital loans guaranteed by the Covid-19 Guarantee Scheme. The borrower has to pay an interest rate of at least 0.1% on the loan, net of the guarantee fee.

### Beneficiaries:

This subsidy applies automatically to those businesses which have working capital loans approved by commercial banks under the Covid-19 Guarantee Scheme.

### Link:

[https://mdb.org.mt/en/Schemes-and-Projects/Pages/MDB-Interest-Rate-Subsidy-Scheme-%E2%80%93-COVID-19-Response.aspx#:~:text=MDB%20COVID%2019%20INTEREST%20RATE%20SUBSIDY%20SCHEME%20\(CIRSS\)&text=Through%20the%20CIRSS%2C%20all%20beneficiaries,net%20of%20the%20guarantee%20fee.](https://mdb.org.mt/en/Schemes-and-Projects/Pages/MDB-Interest-Rate-Subsidy-Scheme-%E2%80%93-COVID-19-Response.aspx#:~:text=MDB%20COVID%2019%20INTEREST%20RATE%20SUBSIDY%20SCHEME%20(CIRSS)&text=Through%20the%20CIRSS%2C%20all%20beneficiaries,net%20of%20the%20guarantee%20fee.)



## COVID-19 Small Loans Guarantee Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Guarantee Fund

**Closing on:** 30/06/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Development Bank

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to facilitate access for commercial lending to small businesses under the MDB Covid-19 Guarantee Scheme without the need to provide commercial banks with high levels of personal guarantees.

This Scheme is therefore a carefully thought equitable solution that addresses the concerns of smaller businesses regarding the high levels of soft collateral requested by banks, while giving due regard for the risks faced by the intermediary banks.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme provides protection to commercial banks for the 10% of the loan which is not covered by the 90% guarantee provided under the MDB COVID-19 Guarantee Scheme.

### Beneficiaries:

Small businesses which are not able to provide commercial banks with high levels of soft collateral in the form of personal guarantee.

### Link:

<https://mdb.org.mt/en/Schemes-and-Projects/Pages/MDB-Small-Loans-Guarantee-Scheme-COVID-19-Response.aspx>

## Exploring Research Grant

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant

**Deadline:** 31/01/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme supports costs incurred for carrying out a feasibility study in relation to a proposed R&D project. The objective of this Scheme is to support business in planning better their R&D initiatives. Through this measure, Malta Enterprise aims to encourage businesses to think strategically, consider the market disruptions the research results could lead to and look beyond the organisation for strategic collaborations.

### Support Rates:

Malta Enterprise may support the implementation of a feasibility study with a cash Grant of up to €50,000 which shall be capped at:

- a) 50% of eligible costs if the beneficiary is a Large Undertaking;
- b) 60% of eligible costs if the beneficiary is a Medium-Sized Undertaking;
- c) 70% of eligible costs if the beneficiary is a Small Undertaking.

Support is only provided in relation to one concurrent feasibility study for each 100 full-time employees.

Eligible costs include wage costs, costs related to contractual research, technical knowledge and patents and other operational costs incurred specifically for carrying out the feasibility study.

### Beneficiaries:

Limited liability companies, partnerships and cooperatives operating in Malta.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Exploring%20Research%20Grant%20Incentive%20Guide-lines%20FINAL.pdf>

## Facilitating Work Life for Individuals with Disability

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant

**Deadline:** 31/08/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme supports people having a disability who work in the private sector. Employers and self-employed persons can apply for this Grant towards the cost of adapting or making the workplace more accessible for employees with disabilities. The supported projects must address the needs of employees currently employed or due to be employed by the employer.

### Support Rates:

The aid will cover 90% of incurred eligible costs up to a maximum Grant of €10,000 for every project. Eligible expenditure include equipment costs, minor internal alterations at the place of work, assistive technology, resurfacing, accessible formats and professional training.

### Beneficiaries:

Employers carrying out an economic activity and employing at least one worker with disability.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Facilitating%20Work%20Life%20for%20Individuals%20with%20Disability%20-%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20V1.0.pdf>

## Family Businesses Grant

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 30/11/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

The Family Businesses Grant shall support family businesses to address transitional issues by facilitating access to advisory and mediation services.

### Support Rates:

The maximum Grant that can be awarded under these guidelines is capped at €15,000 per family business in any rolling 3-year period.

Eligible activities include:

- a) Advisory on succession planning - this Scheme would cover 50% of the advisory costs up to a maximum Grant of €2,000 per assignment;
- b) Mediation - this Scheme supports mediation services based on an hourly rate of up to €100 per hour up to a maximum of 25 hours per approval.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries include family businesses operating in Malta and registered with the family business office.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Incentive%20Guidelines%20Family%20Businesses%20Grant%20%28V1.0%29.pdf>

## Gozo Back Office Employment Refund Scheme 2021

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 30/11/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Tourism and Economic Development Directorate

### Scheme Description:

By encouraging the setting-up of Gozo-based back office operations, the scheme will stimulate further investment by the private sector and help create more and better-quality job opportunities in Gozo, to attract highly skilled and educated workers. The scheme will also contribute to reducing existing disparities in average basic salaries between Malta and Gozo. This Scheme provides aid to employers, in the form of partial reimbursement of salaries for full-time work, on an indefinite basis:

- a) Either of newly employed staff as from 1st March 2020, to carry out back office operations based in Gozo;
- b) Of staff already employed with the undertaking but, as from 1st March 2020, carrying out back office operations based in Gozo.

Aid will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the annual ceiling and total budget available.

### Support Rates:

The aid received by beneficiaries over a period of 3 years, will cover partial reimbursement of the annual basic salary of each employee on an indefinite contract carrying out back office operations in Gozo. The applicable rate will be calculated according to the following annual basic salaries:

Annual Basic Salary €	Yearly Reimbursement per employee	Total Reimbursement per employee after 3 years
17,000 - 23,000	€ 4,500	€ 13,500
24,000 - 30,000	€ 6,000	€ 18,000
31,000 & Above	€ 8,000	€ 24,000

The annual maximum financial aid is capped at the amount of €65,000 per single undertaking.

### Beneficiaries:

The beneficiaries of this Scheme are Undertakings with a registered address in Gozo from where back-office operations are carried out.

### Link:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/Gozo%20Back%20Office%20Refund%20Scheme%202021/Notes%20to%20Applicants%20-%20Gozo%20Back%20Office%20Employment%20Scheme%202021%20ver%203%20-%20final.pdf>



## Gozo Employment Refund Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 30/11/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Tourism and Economic Development Directorate

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme provides aid to employers, located and with a registered address in Gozo, to promote the transition from high levels of part-time employment as primary employment into full-time employment. The scheme also aims to contribute towards the reduction of the disparity between gross annual basic salaries in Gozo when compared to Malta, and finally it is also envisaged that the scheme will assist in addressing the issue of a higher dependency on the public sector for full time employment in Gozo.

Aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the annual ceiling and total budget.

### Support Rates:

The Gozo Employment Refund Scheme consists of a partial reimbursement to employers, for the wage of each eligible employee given a minimum of a three-year contract. The reimbursement will be up to 30% of wage costs, with a maximum threshold of €6,000.

### Beneficiaries:

The beneficiary is the employer benefitting from the partial wage reimbursement of newly employed staff when recruiting an eligible participant based on a signed Grant Agreement.

### Link:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/Gozo%20Employment%20Scheme%202021/Notes%20to%20Applicants%20-%20Gozo%20Employment%20Scheme%202021%20rev%2027%20Oct%202020%20-%20final.pdf>

## Investing in Skills 2.0

**Type of Scheme:** Subsidy

**Deadline:** 23/06/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Jobsplus

### Scheme Description:

The aim of this Scheme is to promote the training of persons actively participating in the Maltese labour market, with the aim of increasing productivity and enhance adaptability.

### Support Rates:

Employers applying for the IIS Scheme are eligible to receive a subsidy of €26.60 per trainee per hour for training costs and €5.25 for wage costs. The latter is eligible for training that is held as Classroom Style Training and E-Learning Online Training. Personnel costs are not eligible for E-Learning Online Training (Self-Led) or Distance Learning.

Large Enterprises are entitled to 50% of eligible costs, Medium Enterprises are entitled to 60% and Small and Micro Enterprises are entitled to 70% of the training programme's eligible costs.

Eligible costs include the following:

- a) Trainer/s personnel costs, for the hours during which the trainers participate in the training;
- b) Trainer/s and trainees operating costs directly related to the training project such as travel expenses;
- c) Trainees personnel costs for the hours during which the trainees participate in the training.

### Beneficiaries:

Eligible beneficiaries include partnerships, companies, family businesses, associations, individual self-employed or other body of persons, NGOs and social partners (whether these carry out an economic activity or otherwise).

### Link:

<https://jobsplus.gov.mt/iis/iisinfo>

## Investment Aid for Energy Efficiency Projects

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant / Tax Credit

**Deadline:** 31/10/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to support Undertakings in carrying out investments leading to improved energy-efficiency. The assistance is intended to facilitate investments in technological solutions that provide higher energy efficiency and contribute directly towards a reduction in the energy requirements of the beneficiaries.

Projects must have the aim of improving energy efficiency and may include:

- a) Investment in substitution or upgrading of equipment and installations to reduce energy consumption;
- b) Renovation or upgrading of equipment of existing installation for heating (or cooling) systems;
- c) The improvement of energy efficiency of existing illumination systems.

### Support Rates:

The investment aid shall not exceed €15 million per undertaking per investment project. The total aid may not exceed the maximum aid intensity allowable in relation to the size of the undertaking receiving the support as established below:

- a) Small Enterprise - 50%
- b) Medium Enterprise - 40%
- c) Large Enterprise - 30%

### Beneficiaries:

This incentive is available to eligible Undertakings duly registered in the European Union as a partnership en nom collectif, en commandite or a limited liability company or a similar set-up, has an operating base in Malta, and which adhere to the applicable State Aid Regulations.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Incentive%20Guidelines%20Energy%20Efficiency%20%20Version%203.0%20FINAL.pdf>

## Mature Workers Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Tax Deduction

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Jobsplus - Employment Services Division

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to promote access to employment for unemployed aged between 45-65.

### Support Rates:

Employers will receive up to a maximum of €11,600 in tax deductions on chargeable income for the first 2 years of employment for each eligible employee. This will result in savings of €5,800 per annum. Employers who engage eligible employees may also benefit from a further tax deduction of 50% of the cost of training up to a maximum of €400 per employee.

### Beneficiaries:

This Scheme is directed to employers, including self-employed individuals, who as from 2014 employ persons aged between 45 and 65, and who have been registering for work on Parts 1 and 2 of the unemployment register for the preceding 6 months.

### Link:

<https://jobsplus.gov.mt/schemes-jobseekers/mature-workers-scheme>

## Micro Invest

**Type of Scheme:** Tax Credit

**Deadline:** 13/12/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise - Gozo Office

### Scheme Description:

The scheme encourages Undertakings to invest in their business, so as to innovate, expand and develop their operations. Undertakings benefitting from this measure will be supported through a tax credit calculated as a percentage of eligible expenditure, which also covers increase in wage costs.

### Support Rates:

Malta Enterprise may approve a tax credit equivalent to 45% of eligible expenditure in favour of each undertaking. An additional bonus of 20% (that is a total of 65% tax credit) applies to Undertakings operating from Gozo. For costs incurred in 2020 and 2021 by start-up Undertakings operating from Gozo, the applicable aid intensity can be increased by a further 15% to 80%.

The maximum eligible tax credits per single undertaking shall be capped at €50,000 over any period of three (3) consecutive fiscal years, starting from eligible expenses incurred and paid for during the year preceding the year in which the claim is submitted. This capping specified above shall be increased by €20,000 (to a total of €70,000) for single Undertakings:

- a) Operating from Gozo;
- b) Registered as a Family Business; and
- c) Having more than 50% of the ownership attributed to female persons.

Eligible costs include increase in wages, refurbishing and refurbishing of business premises, investment costs, motor vehicle costs and certification costs.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of this Scheme include Micro and Small Enterprises (including Start-ups, Family businesses and Self-employed) operating in Malta or Gozo.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Micro%20Invest%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20%28Version%209.2%29.pdf>



## New Electric Vehicles Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to promote the use of new electric vehicles in Category L, M and N and pedelecs. This incentive allows a mix and match of purchase of new electric vehicles and pedelecs, and replacement of old vehicles. The Grant shall support the purchase of: New passenger cars; Goods carrying vehicles; Minibuses; Coaches; Quadricycle; Motorcycles; and Pedelecs.

The Grant includes a scrappage scheme intended to provide further financial support to applicants who, while purchasing and registering a new electric vehicle or pedelec, de-register a vehicle of any Category which is older than 10 years from its year of manufacture.

### Support Rates:

Grant amounts to be paid for each vehicle registered by eligible Undertakings established in Malta.

Each individual applicant may be issued with a maximum of 10 Grants under this incentive.

Grant amounts to be paid for each electric Category L vehicle or pedelec purchased by any eligible applicant varies from €500 in the case of pedelecs up to €6,000 for heavy quadricycles or quadri-mobiles. A maximum of 30 Grants may be issued under this incentive.

Grant amounts to be paid when a vehicle is scrapped in conjunction with any other Grant for the purchase of electric vehicles can be accessed from the link below.

### Beneficiaries:

Persons residing in Malta, Local Councils, Voluntary Organisations (including NGOs) and Undertakings established in Malta.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/New-Electric-Vehicles-5439>

## New or Used Plugin Hybrids and Used Electric Vehicles Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to further promote the use of new or used Plugin Hybrid and electric vehicles in Category M and N. This incentive allows a mix and match of purchase of new or used Plugin Hybrid vehicles and / or used electric vehicles, and replacement of old vehicles. The Grant shall support the purchase of: Passenger cars, Goods carrying vehicles, Minibuses and Coaches.

The Grant includes a scrappage scheme intended to provide further financial support to applicants who, while purchasing and registering a new or used Plugin Hybrid or electric vehicle, de-register a vehicle of any Category which is older than 10 years from its year of manufacture.

### Support Rates:

Grant amounts to be paid for each new or used Plugin Hybrid vehicles and used electric vehicles in Category M and N. Grant amounts to be paid when a vehicle is scrapped in conjunction with any other Grant for the purchase of a new or used Plugin Hybrid vehicles and used electric vehicles in Category M and N can be accessed from the link below.

### Beneficiaries:

Persons residing in Malta, Local Councils, Voluntary Organisations (including NGOs) and Undertakings established in Malta.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/New-or-Used-Plugin-Hybrids-and-Used-Electric-Vehicles-5441>

## New Petrol-Powered Motorcycles

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to further promote the use of petrol powered motorcycles (Category L vehicles). This incentive allows a mix and match of purchase of new electric vehicles and pedelecs, and replacement of old vehicles.

The Grant includes a scrappage scheme intended to provide further financial support to applicants who, while purchasing and registering a new petrol Category L vehicle (motorcycle), de-register a vehicle of Category M1 (car) or N1 (van) which is older than 10 years from its year of manufacture.

### Support Rates:

Each individual applicant may be issued with a maximum of 10 Grants under this incentive.

Grant amounts to be paid can be accessed from the link below.

### Beneficiaries:

Potential beneficiaries include persons residing in Malta, Local Councils, Voluntary Organisations (including NGOs), and Undertakings established in Malta.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/New-Petrol-powered-Motorcycles-5443>

## Promotion of Energy Audits in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 01/09/2023

**Responsible Entity:** The Energy and Water Agency

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to encourage SMEs to conduct an energy audit in order to identify actions and investments that could be carried out in order to reduce energy consumption on a daily basis, resulting in lower bills and overall expenditure.

This Scheme is divided into two. Enterprises which have not received Grants which exceeded or will exceed the aggregate of €200,000 over a rolling three fiscal year period (2020 – 2022) in terms of the de minimis Regulation should apply under Scheme A. Otherwise, they may apply under Scheme B.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme will refund the cost raised by the Certified Energy Auditor in the course of carrying out the Energy Audit.

Scheme A : 100% of the eligible cost is refunded up to the capping;

Scheme B : Small Enterprises – 70% of the eligible cost is refunded; Medium Enterprises – 60% of the eligible cost is refunded.

	Categories from 2022	Grant
Category 1	Medium Sized Enterprises in the NACE Code C and I	€ 5,000
Category 2	Medium Sized Enterprises in all other NACE Codes	€ 3,000
Category 3	Small Sized Enterprises in the NACE Code C and NACE Code I subgroups 55	€ 3,000
Category 4	Small Sized Enterprises in all other NACE Codes and NACE Code subgroups	€ 1,000

The Enterprise may claim an additional €500 against the presentation of one of the energy improvement opportunities identified in the Audit Report.

### Beneficiaries:

SMEs operating in the Maltese islands.

### Link:

[https://www.energywateragency.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/EA-Scheme-2022\\_Overview.pdf](https://www.energywateragency.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/EA-Scheme-2022_Overview.pdf)

## Research and Development 2020

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant / Tax Credit

**Deadline:** 31/12/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme supports Undertakings that aim to achieve further economic growth through innovation and that require Industrial Research and / or Experimental Development to address uncertainties to achieve their objectives.

Additional support may also be provided to collaborative projects including projects endorsed by the EUREKA Network under its various instruments. Collaborative R&D projects must involve effective collaboration between at least two independent Undertakings or between an undertaking and one or more Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisations.

### Support Rates:

Approved projects are mainly supported through a tax credit, but Malta Enterprise may also consider approving support as a cash Grant. The maximum levels of aid that may be provided under this incentive are found in the link below.

A Project may receive an additional 15% of eligible costs over the above percentages, up to a maximum aid intensity of 80% of eligible costs, if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

- a) The project involves effective collaboration as outlined above;
- b) The results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software within one year of completion of the project and such intention is declared at application stage.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries must be either:

- a) A partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership en nom collectif, en commandite or a limited liability company;
- b) A body of persons constituted, incorporated or registered outside Malta and of a nature similar to the aforesaid partnerships and registered as an overseas company in accordance with the Companies Act;
- c) Be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Research%20and%20Development%202020%20-%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20%28Amended%20Version%202.0%29%20Final.pdf>



## ReStart

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 31/10/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to support businesses which due to the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic had to terminate operations, by helping them access advisory services and providing a kick-start Grant to help them restart operations.

### Support Rates:

Businesses and entrepreneurs who had to close their business or had a significant downturn in activity, will be supported through the ReStart scheme with full reimbursement of costs capped at €5,000 for advisory to restart their business activity or venture into a new business. Beneficiaries are to complete the Advisory Stage within 3 months of the approval.

In addition, Malta Enterprise will support businesses that have made use of restart advisory with a further Grant of up to €5,000 to facilitate the restart of a business activity.

### Beneficiaries:

Businesses and entrepreneurs operating in Malta which had to cease operations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Research%20and%20Development%202020%20-%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20%28Amended%20Version%202.0%29%20Final.pdf>

## Retrofitting of Battery Electric Powertrains on Motor Vehicles

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to promote the retrofitting of approved battery electric powertrains on motor vehicles including Passenger cars, Vans, Goods carrying vehicles, Minibuses, Buses and Coaches.

### Support Rates:

The following Grant amounts shall be issued subject to applicable conditions:

- a) An amount equal to 80% of the investment costs required for the retrofitting of the electric powertrain; but
- b) Not more than €20,000 in the case of a Category M1 or N1 vehicle (cars and vans); or
- c) Not more than €40,000 in the case of a Category M2 or N2 vehicle (minibus and small trucks);
- d) Not more than €80,000 in the case of a Category M3 or N3 vehicle (buses, coaches and big trucks).

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of this Scheme include persons residing in Malta and Undertakings established in Malta.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/Retrofitting-of-Battery-Electric-Powertrains-on-Motor-Vehicles-5450>

## Skills Development Scheme 2020

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant / Tax Credit

**Deadline:** 31/11/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Business First

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme supports Business Undertakings in the provision of training to develop and update the skills and knowledge of their workforce when such training is not legally mandatory for the operation of the business. Through the supported training, assisted Undertakings will upgrade skills of employees, address skills shortages, facilitate re-skilling, tackle skill mismatches and work towards developing a knowledge-based workforce.

### Support Rates:

The aid intensity shall be established according to the size of the undertaking. The maximum support shall be of €2,000,000 per skills development project.

The aid intensity applicable shall not exceed the following percentages of the eligible costs depending on the size of the Undertaking:

- a) Small Enterprise - 70%
- b) Medium Enterprise - 60%
- c) Large Enterprise - 50%

### Beneficiaries:

This measure is available to duly registered Undertakings (including self-employed persons) that carry out an economic activity in Malta.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Skills%20Development%20Scheme%202020%20%28Version%201.0%29%20FINAL.pdf>

## Smart and Sustainable Investment Grant

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant / Tax Credit

**Deadline:** 30/11/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise - Gozo Office

### Scheme Description:

The Smart and Sustainable Investment Grant provides business funding to support the undertaking of investments that lead to more sustainable and digitalised processes leading to the enhancement of competitiveness of the Enterprises through the optimisation of the use of resources in their activities.

### Support Rates:

The maximum Grant that can be awarded to support an eligible investment shall cover 50% of the eligible expenditure up to a maximum Grant of €50,000 per project. Applications will be considered on a case by-case basis and the level of funding will be determined following an assessment of the proposed investment and implementation plan.

Furthermore a Tax Credit of up to €20,000 per project may be awarded as an additional 10% (to 60%) if the project meets one of the below criteria and 20% (to 70%) if the project meets any two of the below criteria:

- a) The project results in new investment (including expansion of existing investments) in Gozo;
- b) The project is carried out by an undertaking which has been established for less than three (3) years calculated from the date of registration;
- c) The project is supported by an independent carbon footprint audit and assessment demonstrating a significant reduction in the applicant's carbon footprint.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of this Scheme include Undertakings registered as a limited liability company with the Malta Business Register, partnership or self-employed and are engaged in an economic activity that operates from a licensed commercial property.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Smart%20and%20Sustainability%20Development%20Grant%20%28V%201.0%29.pdf>

## Start-up Finance 2020

**Type of Scheme:** One-time Accelerator / Financial Grant as a Repayable

**Deadline:** 31/12/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

The aim of this measure is to support Small Start-up Undertakings that demonstrate a viable business concept and that exhibit commitment to expand and further develop their economic activity.

Through this Scheme, Malta Enterprise shall support Start-ups at various stages in their development process based on the milestones achieved and their vision for growth. Start-ups receiving support should demonstrate innovative approaches of doing business and a vision to expand beyond the Maltese market.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme provides support not exceeding €400,000 which may be increased to up to €800,000 if the Start-up is an Innovative Enterprise.

Small Start-ups may be supported to participate in a Start-up Accelerator Programme. Through this one time Grant the Malta Enterprise may provide funding as subsistence to the core group of persons engaged in the development of the Start-up business, following enrolment in the Start-up Accelerator Programme. Participants in a Start-up Accelerator Program may be approved €100 per week per team member who is not resident in the country where the programme is taking place, as a subsistence Grant for the duration of the programme. This funding is limited to 5 team members who must be registered as full-time employees of the Start-up with Jobsplus.

Support could be in the form of an accelerator Grant, co-investment in payroll costs, co-investment linked to private equity, support as working capital, support for the procurement of tangible and intangible assets and support linked to crowd-funding. The support, with the exception of a one-time Accelerator Grant, shall be awarded as a repayable advance. Beneficiary may reapply for additional support up to three times.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of this Scheme should be Start-up Undertakings established within the European Union and with an operating base in Malta. Such Start-ups should be engaged in one of the several different economic activities which can be viewed through the link below.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Incentive%20Guidelines%20Startup%20Finance%202020%20%28Version%203.0%29%20Final.pdf>

## Tax Incentive Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Tax Deduction

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Jobsplus

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme is intended for employers who are willing to participate and train participants in a hands-on-training job exposure.

### Support Rates:

Employers can benefit from €600 deduction from taxable income for each hands-on-training placement with a duration of 26 weeks or more.

### Beneficiaries:

Duly registered employers who have a valid active P.E. number with the Inland Revenue Department.

### Link:

<https://jobsplus.gov.mt/schemes-jobseekers/tax-incentive-scheme>

## Use of LPG as Fuel for Vehicles

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to further promote the use of LPG as fuel for vehicles.

### Support Rates:

Subject to the applicable conditions, the following Grant amounts shall be issued:

- a) €400 when a petrol-powered Category M1 or N1 vehicle is retrofitted to operate on LPG or petrol;
- b) €900 when a diesel-powered Category M1 or N1 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously;
- c) €1,000 when a diesel-powered Category M2 or N2 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously;
- d) €1,500 when a diesel-powered Category M3 or N3 vehicle is retrofitted to operate with LPG and diesel simultaneously.

### Beneficiaries:

Persons residing in Malta and Undertakings established in Malta.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/Use-of-LPG-as-Fuel-for-Vehicles-5442>

## Events Assurance Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 03/10/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Arts Council Malta

### Scheme Description:

The objective of this financial instrument is to setup an assurance facility specifically supporting the cultural and artistic activities which are directly impacted by the introduction of further restrictive measures due to COVID-19 pandemic.

### Support Rates:

This Grant may cover up to 100% of several irrecoverable costs (or up to a maximum of €45,000 per applicant, whichever is the lowest).

Such irrecoverable costs include artistic fees, health and safety, rental of spaces, travel visa, and operational costs. Other irrecoverable costs which are covered under this Scheme can be accessed from the link below.

### Beneficiaries:

The Grant is open to Undertakings which qualify as one of the following:

- a) Creative professionals / individual artists;
- b) Entities registered with the Malta Business Registry (including companies, partnerships, foundations and organisations / associations);
- c) Groups, Collectives and Consortia;
- d) Registered Cooperatives;
- e) Voluntary Organisations enrolled with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations.

### Link:

<https://www.artscouncilmalta.org/files/uploads/misc/Events%20Assurance%20Scheme%20v2.pdf>



## Gozo Cultural Events Fund

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 31/09/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Cultural Heritage Directorate

### Scheme Description:

The Gozo Cultural Events Fund is a Ministry for Gozo measure for community-led creative and artistic activities in Gozo. It provides the opportunity for the development of artistic projects led by the community for the community, while celebrating cultural diversity. The fund is looking to co-finance projects which encourage active cultural participation, promote local talent and boost the community's creative expression or appreciation of its identity.

The objectives of the Gozo Cultural Events Fund are:

- a) To enhance Gozo's Cultural Calendar;
- b) To support creative and innovative initiatives in Gozo by individuals and organisations with the objective of promoting Gozo through its tangible and intangible cultural heritage;
- c) To promote cultural understanding in a diverse society;
- d) To encourage active participation of local communities in the culture and arts sector.

### Support Rates:

Costs that strictly emanate from the organisation of the proposed event are eligible.

### Beneficiaries:

Applicants can be a:

- a) A Voluntary Organization;
- b) An independent individual or a group of individuals;
- c) Entities;
- d) Local Councils who would like to present a cultural event.

### Link:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/CulturalEventsFund/Gozo%20Culture%202022/Gozo%20Cultural%20Events%20Fund%20Scheme%202022.pdf>

## International Cultural Exchanges Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Closed

**Responsible Entity:** Arts Council Malta

### Scheme Description:

The objective of this Scheme is to assist Malta based artists with the following:

- a) To encourage international collaborations and exchanges;
- b) To increase international accessibility and exposure, to tour their productions, to build networks and to experience the work of artists from around the world in its cultural context;
- c) To promote cultural diversity and strengthen cultural relations worldwide;
- d) To showcase creative excellence to international cultural programmers, festival-makers, operators and audiences at large and to sustain and develop professional work.

### Support Rates:

This Grant may cover up to 100% of eligible costs or up to a maximum of €10,000 per project, whichever is the lowest. A comprehensive list of eligible cost is found in the guidance document. Examples include artistic fees, costs related to health and safety measures, freight, insurance, marketing, adverts etc.

All costs will be considered only if these resources are not already covered / cannot be covered by the applicants or supporting / partner organisations.

### Beneficiaries:

The Grant is open to Undertakings which qualify as one of the following:

- a) Creative professionals / individual artists;
- b) Entities registered with the Malta Business Registry (including companies, partnerships, foundations and organisations / associations);
- c) Groups, Collectives and Consortia;
- d) Registered Cooperatives;
- e) Voluntary Organisations enrolled with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations.

### Link:

<https://www.artscouncilmalta.org/files/uploads/misc/International%20Cultural%20Exchanges%20Scheme%20Guidelines%202022.pdf>

## Seat Utilisation Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 03/10/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Arts Council Malta

### Scheme Description:

The Seat Utilisation Scheme is intended to increase the economic viability of cultural and artistic events. This Scheme will enable compensation for seated ticketed events which would have to operate below full seating capacity due to public health restrictions as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Support Rates:

The compensation is equal to the difference between the projected ticket sales in circumstances without public health restrictions and the projected ticket sales with the current public health restrictions (which may vary over time).

This Grant may cover up to 100% of the following costs (up to a maximum of €15,750 per applicant, whichever is the lowest) as per guidelines published by Health Authorities from time to time. Compensation will be calculated with a capping of €15 per ticket for each seated ticketed event up to a maximum of 350 seats and 3 events.

### Beneficiaries:

The Grant is open to Undertakings which qualify as one of the following:

- a) Creative professionals / individual artists;
- b) Entities registered with the Malta Business Registry (including companies, partnerships, foundations and organisations / associations);
- c) Groups, Collectives and Consortia;
- d) Registered Cooperatives;
- e) Voluntary Organisations enrolled with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations.

### Link:

<https://www.artscouncilmalta.org/files/uploads/misc/Seat%20Utilisation%20Scheme%20Guidelines%2011112021.pdf>

## Business START 2021

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 31/10/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

Business START is intended to support small Start-up Undertakings that are in the process of establishing and / or consolidating a business operation that has been deemed as economically feasible and innovative by Malta Enterprise prior to seeking third party equity.

### Support Rates:

An initial seed funding of up to €10,000 may be awarded to Start-up Undertakings that are in their early development phase. Such Start-ups should have a developed business concept which is not yet backed by a formal business plan. The extent of support will be determined by the Corporation after taking into consideration the innovative elements of the proposed business, the employment levels at application stage and the vision of the promoters on how to further develop their business.

The method in which the initial seed funding is disbursed is explained in the link below.

In addition, eligible Start-ups that present a viable business plan may be awarded a maximum Grant of €200,000. The award is limited to €20,000 per quarter and shall be granted for a period not exceeding 36 months. The Grant shall be disbursed at 3 month intervals. Malta Enterprise may also approve that up to €5,000 of the Grant are disbursed to finance the procurement of assets required for the business operation.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of this Scheme include Start-up Undertakings operating in one of several economic sectors, which can be viewed in the link below.

### Link:

[https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Business%20Start%202021%20%28V1.0%29\\_0.pdf](https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Business%20Start%202021%20%28V1.0%29_0.pdf)

## Investment Aid for the Production of COVID-19 Relevant Products

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant, a Repayable Advance or a Tax Credit

**Deadline:** Closed

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme supports Undertakings that have the technological competence to set-up and / or development production units that result in products and services that support health authorities in their work to control the COVID-19 pandemic or products and services that the health sector can use in treating COVID-19 health issues or to limit and contain transmission during and post the COVID-19 outbreak.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme provides financial support not exceeding 80% of eligible costs to support Undertakings to carry out investment projects to increase or initiate production of COVID-19 relevant products / technologies or to diversify existing production to be able to produce COVID-19 relevant products / technologies. This may be increased by an additional 15% if the project is carried out in collaboration with another undertaking established in another Member State which is also receiving support from that Member State.

The Categories that eligible costs must fall within can be accessed through the link below.

### Beneficiaries:

This Scheme is available to duly registered Undertakings (including self-employed persons) that carry out an eligible project. Such eligible projects can be viewed from the link below.

### Link:

[https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Investment%20Aid%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20-%20COVID-19%20Version%203.1B%20%28FINAL%29\\_0.pdf](https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Investment%20Aid%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20-%20COVID-19%20Version%203.1B%20%28FINAL%29_0.pdf)

## Patent Box Deduction Rules

**Type of Scheme:** Income Tax Deduction

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Business First

### Scheme Description:

The Patent Box Deduction Rules establishes a fiscal regime for income arising from patents, similar Intellectual Property (IP) Rights and copyrighted software. The rules additionally provide that small companies may utilise the patent box rules on income from any intellectual property based on an invention that could be patented.

### Support Rates:

A tax payer which qualifies for the Patent Box Deduction will be entitled to deduct a percentage of its income from taxable income. This deduction will be adjusted depending on the percentage resulting from dividing the qualifying IP expenditure by the total expenditure related to the particular IP.

A company may claim benefits from the patent box regime for:

- a) A utility model;
- b) An Orphan Drug;
- c) Assets in respect of which protection rights are granted in terms of national, European or international legislation, relating to human and veterinary products including plants and genetic material and plant or crop protection products.

### Beneficiaries:

Tax payers whose income arise from patents, similar Intellectual Property (IP) Rights and copyrighted software.

### Link:

[https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Patent%20Box%20Deductions%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20%28Version%201.0%29\\_0.pdf](https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Patent%20Box%20Deductions%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20%28Version%201.0%29_0.pdf)

## Supporting Business Entities to Attend International Internet Technology Events

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 31/07/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Tourism and Economic Development Directorate

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to induce Gozo based businesses to pursue the path of innovation that can further drive their economic success and keep abreast with the latest developments in the tech world. This Scheme will support participation at ONE international internet / digital media technology related event, held between 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, per business entity.

### Support Rates:

Financial support for participation will cover up to a maximum of ONE person for the following activities:

- Economy class air fare ticket;
- Up to the maximum of the registration costs / participation fees;
- Up to the maximum of 60% of the standard subsistence allowance cost to cover for bed and breakfast accommodation. This will cover only up to a maximum of a day before the event, and a day after its conclusion.

International representatives who participate on behalf of the business entity shall not be considered eligible.

### Beneficiaries:

Beneficiaries of this Scheme include Gozo based businesses operating in the internet technology and software development industries. Digital Media Enterprises in the following fields are also eligible to apply.

- Video game development;
- iGaming, augmented and virtual reality;
- Mobile app development;
- Animation.

### Link:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/IT%20Events2022/Notes%20to%20Applicants%20-%20International%20IT%20Events%202022.pdf>

## New Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to further promote the use of wheelchair accessible vehicles for the transport of passengers. The Grant shall support the purchase of wheelchair accessible Taxis, Light Passenger Transport Vehicles that can carry up to 8 passengers or more besides the driver.

### Support Rates:

Eligible applicants shall be entitled for a Grant of €10,000 upon registering a wheelchair accessible vehicle to be used as a taxi, light passenger transport vehicle or passenger transport vehicle.

### Beneficiaries:

Taxi owners and Passenger Transport Operators.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/New-Wheelchair-Accessible-Vehicles-5447>



## Retrofitting of DPFs and SCR Systems on Heavy Duty Vehicles

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to promote the retrofitting of Diesel Particulate Filters (DPFs) and Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) systems on heavy duty vehicles. The Grant shall support the retrofitting of DPFs and SCR Systems on heavy duty vehicles with a maximum permissible mass exceeding 3,500 kgs, such as Buses, Coaches, Minibuses, Trucks and Big Vans.

### Support Rates:

Eligible applicants shall be entitled for a Grant of €10,000 following the retrofitting of type-approved DPFs and SCR Systems on their heavy duty vehicles.

### Beneficiaries:

Undertakings established in Malta.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/Retrofitting-of-DPFs-and-SCR-Systems-on-Heavy-Duty-Vehicles-5449>

## Retrofitting of Photovoltaic Panels on Passenger Transport Vehicles

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Transport Malta Land Transport Office - Gozo

### Scheme Description:

This financial incentive intends to promote the retrofitting of approved photovoltaic panels on passenger transport vehicles including Buses, Coaches and Minibuses.

### Support Rates:

The following Grant amounts shall be issued subject to applicable conditions:

- a) 15% of the investment costs required for the installation of approved photovoltaic panels; but not more than €900 in the case of a Category M3 vehicle (bus or coach); or not more than €450 in the case of a Category M2 vehicle (minibus);
- b) Persons who have retrofitted their passenger transport vehicle with photovoltaic panels in compliance with the requirements set out in this document during the past years may still apply for the Grant.

### Beneficiaries:

Undertakings established in Malta engaged in the transportation of passengers.

### Link:

<https://www.transport.gov.mt/Land/Sustainable-Transport/Financial-Incentives-2022/Retrofitting-of-Photovoltaic-Panels-on-Passenger-Transport-Vehicles-5448>

## Support in Organising and Hosting MICE Activities in Gozo Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 30/11/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Tourism and Economic  
Development Directorate

### Scheme Description:

Financial assistance is granted to Destination Management Companies (DCMs) who offer their services to organise and host Meetings, Incentive, Conventions and Exhibition (MICE) activities in Gozo that reach quality standards, including, hiring of venue, catering services and touring activities.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme will finance 25% of venue fees (incl. all ancillary facilities) and catering fees for a one day event and 50% of venue fees (incl. all ancillary facilities), catering fees and group touring activities in Gozo for a minimum of two-day events.

### Beneficiaries:

DCMs are tourism businesses whose function is to provide other client organisations with professional services to meet their local transportation, event management, accommodation and entertainment interests and needs.

### Link:

[https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/SOH%20MICE%202021/Notes%20to%20Applicants%20-%20Organising%20MICE%20Activities%202021%20ver%203%20\(clean\).pdf](https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/SOH%20MICE%202021/Notes%20to%20Applicants%20-%20Organising%20MICE%20Activities%202021%20ver%203%20(clean).pdf)

## Supporting Marketing Initiatives for Specific Niche Tourism Markets in Gozo 2022

**Type of Scheme:** Promotion

**Deadline:** 30/11/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Ministry for Gozo - Tourism and Economic Development Directorate

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to promote and kindle investment in particular niche markets, mainly through marketing campaigns, while at the same time promoting Gozo as a destination. The scheme provides several advantages to beneficiaries such as increasing awareness of the niche market and related activities, developing applicants' brands on an international level, enhancing Gozo's branding value, and further stimulating investment in the quality of the local product.

This Scheme supports marketing initiatives falling under these two categories:

- a) Participation in specialised fairs / events abroad;
- b) Advertising on an international level.

### Support Rates:

This Scheme covers up to 75% of the following eligible expenditure:

- a) Up to a maximum of €3,000, in case of entities which decide to undertake either advertising in publications / social media / online / television targeted to a foreign audience and where Gozo is clearly communicated as a holiday destination OR participation in international fairs / events abroad with the objective of promoting Gozo as a holiday destination;
- b) Up to a maximum of €4,000 in case of entities which decide to undertake both advertising initiatives and participation in international fairs / events abroad.

The costs of participation in international fairs will cover up to a maximum of one person for the following activities:

- c) Economy class air fare ticket;
- d) Up to the maximum of the registration costs / participation fees;
- e) Up to the maximum of 60% of the standard subsistence allowance cost to cover for bed and breakfast accommodation. This will cover only up to a maximum of a day before the event, and a day after its conclusion.

### Beneficiaries:

This Scheme mainly caters for businesses operating in several tourism niche markets which can be viewed on the below link.

### Link:

<https://mgoz.gov.mt/en/Documents/eForms/Niche%20Market%202022/Notes%20to%20Applicants%20Niche%20Markets%202022%20-%20final.pdf>

## Access to Finance

**Type of Scheme:** Soft Loans

**Deadline:** 31/10/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme is designed to support Undertakings engaged in a manufacturing or service activity to accelerate their plans in establishing new products or entering a new geographic market, addressing environmental concerns and digitise processes.

### Support Rates:

Undertakings may be supported through a soft loan covering part of the funding requirements of up to €1,000,000. The loan may cover up to 75% of costs related to the proposed project including the procurement of assets, wage costs, knowhow and other non-recurring costs. The loan shall, by way of collateral, be secured by a special hypothec covering at least 50% of the loan amount. The loan amount shall not exceed:

- a) €1 million, or €500,000 for Undertakings performing road freight transport if repaid over a five year term;
- b) €500,000, or €250,000 for Undertakings performing road freight transport if repaid over a ten year term.

The Corporation shall charge a fixed interest rate which is not lower than 0.5% per annum and which shall be established after considering the project and the current European Central Bank reference rate. Malta Enterprise may also agree to a moratorium of not more than 24 months.

### Beneficiaries:

Eligible beneficiaries should be registered as a limited liability company with the Malta Business Register and should be engaged in a manufacturing or service activity.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Access%20to%20Finance%20%28Soft%20Loan%29%20Incentive%20Guidelines%20V1.0.pdf>

## Gozo Transport Grant

**Type of Scheme:** Financial Grant

**Deadline:** 03/07/2023

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise - Gozo Office

### Scheme Description:

This measure supports manufacturing Undertakings operating from Gozo by reducing the additional inter-island transport costs incurred for transporting materials, goods and finished products between Malta and Gozo. This assistance serves to reduce the cost-disadvantages for manufacturers based in Gozo, rendering these businesses in a better position to compete effectively within the single market.

### Support Rates:

Eligible costs include transport expenses incurred using owned or leased commercial vehicles, subcontracted haulage expenses and courier services.

With regards to transport expenses, the Grant per trip shall be based on the vehicle utilised ranging from €50 per trip for Car and Driver Gozo Resident ticket and €120 for Gozo Subsidised Commercial Vehicle Category 7. Subcontracted Courier services are eligible for a refund of 70% of the invoiced value excluding VAT, whereas subcontracted haulage expenses (including ferry costs) are eligible for a refund of 100% of the invoiced value excluding VAT.

### Beneficiaries:

Gozo based businesses operating in the manufacturing sector.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Gozo%20Transport%20Grant%20Guidelines%20%28revised%20version%204.0%29%20Final.pdf>

## Rent Subsidy Scheme

**Type of Scheme:** Cash Grant

**Deadline:** 31/12/2022

**Responsible Entity:** Malta Enterprise

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme provides support to Undertakings that require industrial space as a temporary, or permanent, solution to:

- a) Commence a new business activity;
- b) Implement growth plans;
- c) Handle an increase in orders;
- d) Optimise supply chains;
- e) Carry out process innovations required to increase efficiency.

### Support Rates:

The total aid which may be granted to a single undertaking over a 12-month period will be capped at €25,000. The support may be approved for a period of 3 consecutive years, thus the maximum aid per single undertaking may not exceed €75,000. The aid intensity is established at up to 50% of the cost incurred after excluding any taxes.

### Beneficiaries:

The scheme is applicable to businesses engaged in the following activities:

- a) Manufacturing;
- b) Maintenance and Repairs of Motor Vehicles;
- c) Repair of Machinery and Equipment;
- d) Industrial activities related to the above;
- e) Business activities requiring temporary facilities for the storage of goods and materials to optimise supply chains and / or mitigate for fluctuations in supply and fluctuations in costs.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/Rent%20Subsidy%202020%20%20Version%201.2.pdf>

## One-Time Grant for Business Operations kept closed after 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions

**Type of Scheme:** One-time Grant

**Deadline:** Ongoing

**Responsible Entity:** Business First

### Scheme Description:

This Scheme aims to support businesses which were ordered to remain closed after 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 in accordance with the instructions issued by the health authorities due to the additional risk of viral transmission associated with their activity. Such Undertakings, which are also receiving the COVID-19 Wage Supplement, are given the opportunity to apply for a one-time Grant of €1,000.

### Support Rates:

The one-time Grant may not exceed €1,000.

### Beneficiaries:

Businesses that have been ordered to remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic as from the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 and which are eligible for the COVID-19 Wage Supplement Scheme.

### Link:

<https://maltaenterprise.com/sites/default/files/One%20Time%20Grant%20may%202021%20%28V1.0%29.pdf>







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