



GAG4 – Rejuvenating Gozo

Improve the attractiveness of living in Gozo for young persons and young families

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General and Specific Objectives of the measure for Gozo

- 'New Economy Activities' : The action is expected to provide lifestyle attractions to young people and young families by focusing on amenities and activities associated with the new economy', with potential spin-off effects on employment generation;
- 'Climate and Environment': Investment and activities promoted through this action will need to deliver improvements in environmental and climate performance, due to the importance of these factors for a healthy lifestyle of young persons and families.



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- ‘Gozo Lifestyle’: The main focus of this action is the preservation, valorization and evolution of the Gozitan lifestyle through the retention and attraction of a younger population.
- ‘Cultural Heritage’: The action is expected to improve on cultural heritage assets as a means to improve the lifestyle for young persons and young families
- ‘Partnership Approach’: The action must involve collaboration between Local Councils, NGOs and business operators

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Type of Operations

- The action will provide resources to:
 - Improve the attractiveness of Gozo for young persons and young families through the creation of hard and soft support infrastructures;
 - Enhance the involvement of Local Councils, NGOs and business operators in improving the quality of life and the environment in Gozo for young persons and families.



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Type of Support

- Development of infrastructures aimed at improving the quality of life and environment for young persons and young families (e.g. family parks, picnic areas).
- Investments by NGOs, Local Councils, and/or business operators, with a direct interest in young persons and young families, in equipment and in providing new and or/extended services which is specifically required for their specialized activities (e.g. *childcare, sports, cultural, educational activities, community entertainment activities compatible with the Gozitan lifestyle*), capacity-building in undertaking innovative and/or extended activities of direct interest to young persons and young families for **a period of three years**

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Eligible Investment supported:

- Investment in public infrastructures by Local Councils, up to 100% of budget
- Investment in equipment by NGOs, Local Councils and business operators, up to 100% of budget
- Capacity-building by NGOs including running costs of offering services, up to 15% of budget



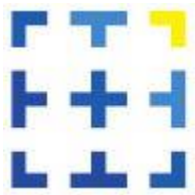
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Eligible Localities where the project can be undertaken:

Rural Localities within the Gozo Action Group Foundation territory		
Fontana	Għajnsielem	Għarb
Għasri	Kerċem	Munxar
Nadur	Qala	Rabat (Citta' Victoria)
Sannat	San Lawrenz	Xagħra
Xewkija	Żebbug	



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Eligible Beneficiaries:

- Applications are accepted from entities regularly operating or providing a service within the geographic area covered by the GAGF.
- Applicants can be Local Councils, NGOs and business operators.
- Each applicant must consist of at least ***three*** entities, spanning at least ***two*** of the aforementioned categories. The applicant has to co-operate with at least two other partners. A lead partner should also be appointed who shall be considered as the project applicant. The application shall clearly specify the role to be played by the applicant and the project partners.

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Eligible Beneficiaries:

- It is important to note that:
 - Private undertakings where eligible, are to be limited to SME's. Large firms (as per Eurostat definition), are excluded.
 - NGOs refer to entities that are enrolled and fully compliant with the Voluntary Organisations Act and its subsidiary legislation 492.01 (Annual Returns and Annual Accounts) Regulations 2012.
 - Any conflict of interest in the selection process is removed through the exclusion of applicants from board of selection, since all foreseen local councils in Gozo are members of the LAG.
 - The applicant has to be a member of the decision board/unit/committee (or is the legal representative) of the beneficiary/applicant organizing.



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Indicators and Targets

Number of Local Councils (municipalities) offering new and improved amenities for young persons and families:	12
Number of businesses offering new and improved services for young persons and families:	8
Number of NGOs offering new and improved services for young persons and families:	20

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Important Points:

- Projects have to be completed within a limited timeframe.
- The competitive selection process will be undertaken by the Project Selection Committee (PSC).



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Open Block Calls for Proposals

- For the purpose of this call, the GAGF will be adopting an Open Block Calls Procedure. This means that a batch of application received within a respective time block will be assessed separately from applications received in subsequent batches.
- The time block will be defined by the GAGF and published on the GAGF website: www.leadergozo.eu

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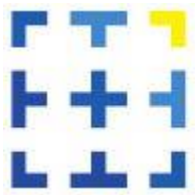


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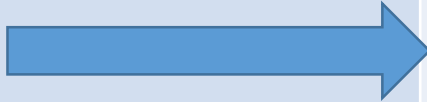


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Measure GAG4 – “Rejuvenating Gozo” – Improve the attractiveness of living in Gozo for young persons and young families

Launch	Deadline for Clarifications	Deadline for Block 1	Subject to Funds Availability	Deadline for Clarifications	Deadline for Block 2
21st October, 2019	08 th November, 2019	15 th November, 2019 at noon		12 th December, 2019	19 th December, 2019 at noon

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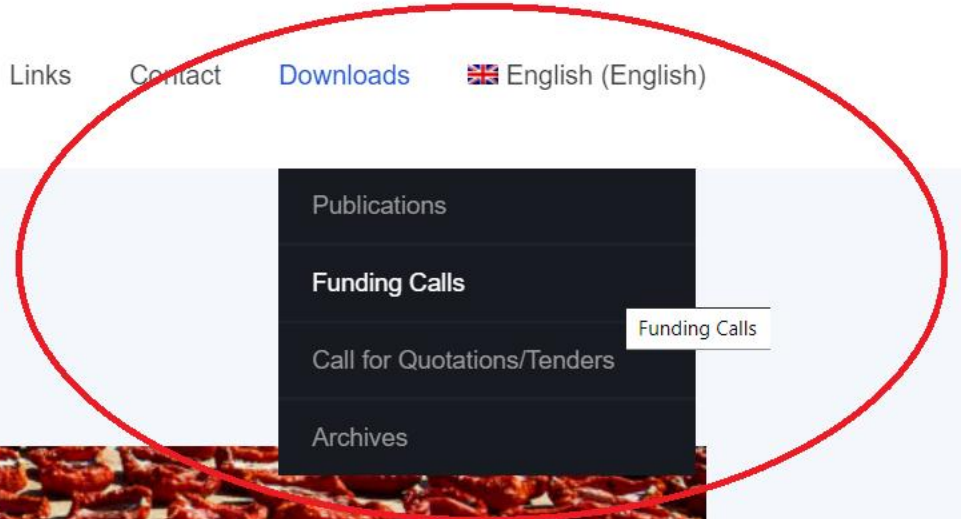


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Aid Intensity

- For the scope of this call, beneficiaries will receive 80% of the total eligible project costs as public funds with the other 20% coming as a private contribution;
- The Measure Budget (Total Public Expenditure) is €342,900
- The maximum grant support is capped at €120,000
- The minimum grant support is capped at €40,000



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Implementation

- Actions financed under this Measure are to be implemented and payment documentation submitted within 36 months from the date of the signing of the contract between the LAG Chairperson and a legal representative of the beneficiary
- Interim payments are possible
- Final 20% issued by the Paying Agency only after the project is completed

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