

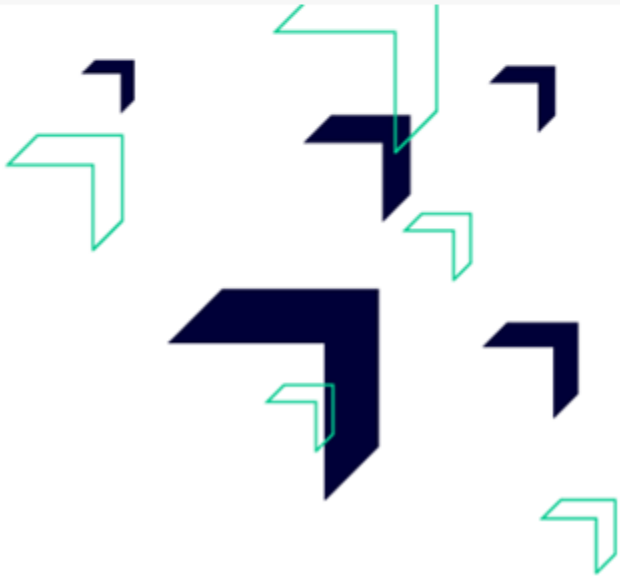


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Gozo Action Group Foundation

LEADER Programme



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The Gozo Action Group Foundation



- The GAGF was founded in 2009.
- The GAGF is directed by a Decision Committee consisting of 7 members: 3 from the Public Sector and 4 from the Private Sector.
- The aim of the GAGF is to create more opportunities for NGOs, Local Councils, and other entities.
- The GAGF encourages collaborative initiatives and innovative projects that enhance the quality of life in Gozo for all.
- The GAGF has been able to continuously reach its aim through the ongoing opportunity of administering the EU Funded LEADER Programme in the Gozo Region.

Members from the Private Sector:

1. Gozo Business Chamber
2. Gozo NGO Association
3. Gozo Tourism Association
4. Gozo Confederation of Agriculture & Fisheries and other entities

Members from the Public Sector:

All Gozitan Local Councils

History of the L.E.A.D.E.R. Programme



- Established in 1991, financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).
- Introduced locally in the 2007-2013 Rural Development Programme (RDP).
- Operates with a bottom-up approach which includes stakeholder from various sectors.
- Aims to:
 - Support small-scale community projects
 - Increase capacity of local rural communities and business networks
 - Encourage innovation and cooperation to address local development objectives
- These aims are addressed through the Local Development Strategy and are tailored to each territory.
- Malta consists of 3 territories and has 3 LAG's. Each LAG manages it's respective territory according to their LDS.
- The LAG's are: GAL Majjistral Foundation, the GAL Xlokk Foundation and the Gozo Action Group Foundation

L.E.A.D.E.R. Programme 2023-2027



- The GAGF has previously administered 2 successful LEADER Programmes, 2007-2014 & 2014-2020, with the latter currently still on-going.
- The GAGF has also recently been awarded (approx. €1.3 million) to administer the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 under the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027 and the Local Development Strategy for Gozo 2023-2027 has been approved.
- In the Local Development Strategy for Gozo 23-27, there are 4 measures, these are:
 - Measure 1: Keeping the Culture and Traditions of Gozo Alive
 - Measure 2: Youth entrepreneurship in Gozo: Taking Ideas to the Marketplace
 - Measure 3: Empowering Communities to act as Environmental Stewards
 - Measure 4: Promoting Health and Sustainable Lifestyle in Gozo

Aid Intensity for all measures is 80%, as per CAP SP (2023-2027)



Local Development Strategy for Gozo 2023-2027

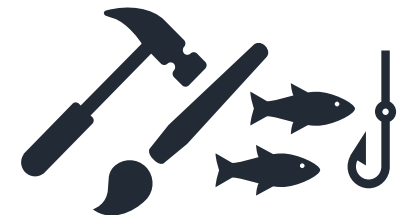
Measure 1: Keeping the Culture and Traditions of Gozo Alive

Aim & Scope:

- The objective is to enable the distinctive elements of the culture and traditions of Gozo to enhance the quality of life.
- This measure will support actions culminating in the holding of at least one event which will feature attractions and activities spread out at different locations.

Beneficiaries:

- Local and Regional councils,
- Voluntary Organizations,
- Educational Institutes,
- Micro and small enterprises,
- Private individuals.



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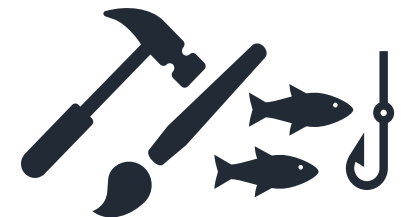
Measure 1: Keeping the Culture and Traditions of Gozo Alive

Eligible Expenditure:

- Acquisition of necessary materials and equipment
- Small scale infrastructure and/or amelioration of facilities
- Conservation of cultural assets including small scale restoration
- Provision of audio-visual material for the showcasing of cultural and traditional activities
- Dissemination activities

Budget Allocation:

- Minimum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €5,000
- Maximum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €50,000



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Measure 2: Youth entrepreneurship in Gozo: Taking Ideas to the Marketplace

Aim & Scope:

- This measure will support youths and micro enterprises to develop creative business ideas which can benefit the rural society of Gozo as well as support youths who are already in a business activity but may wish to diversify, further their business or tap into other markets.
- The aim is to aid youths with creative ideas to develop business concepts and ideas, acquire skills and knowledge, and develop information and demonstration materials.

Beneficiaries:

- Youths (any natural person under 41 years of age)
- Micro enterprises (the owner should be under 41 years of age).



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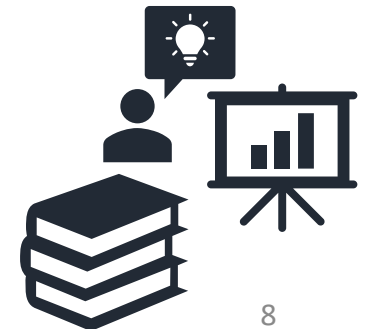
Measure 2: Youth entrepreneurship in Gozo: Taking Ideas to the Marketplace

Eligible Expenditure:

- Expenditure in order to acquire skills and knowledge which can be linked to specific aspects such as marketing and presentation capabilities, finance, and technical competencies.
- Expenditure on advisory support to develop a business idea
- Development of information and demonstration materials.

Budget Allocation:

- Minimum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €5,000.00
- Maximum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €10,000.00



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Measure 3: Empowering Communities to act as Environmental Stewards

Aim & Scope:

- The general aim of this measure is to improve the quality of the environment of the Region through small-scale initiatives within the territory.
- This measure will enable communities to put into action small-scale plans aimed at improving the quality of life through interventions that would address water conservation, climate change, biodiversity, waste management and emissions to the environment.

Beneficiaries:

- Local and Regional councils,
- Voluntary Organizations, Educational Institutes,
- Micro and small enterprises



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Measure 3: Empowering Communities to act as Environmental Stewards

Eligible Expenditure:

- Acquisition of necessary materials and equipment to improve environmental conditions; such acquisition will not affect economic productivity.
- Expenditure related to the reduction in emissions (air, noise, vibration light).
- Expenditure related to water conservation and management.
- Expenditure to improve local waste management.
- Expenditure for the conservation of natural assets including green spaces which must be accessible to the public.
- Expenditure related to activities addressing behavioural changes.
- Dissemination activities

Budget Allocation:

- Minimum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €15,000.00
- Maximum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €50,000.00



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Measure 4: Promoting Health and Sustainable Lifestyle in Gozo

Aim & Scope:

- This measure can allow for the development of amenities such as open spaces, which can be enjoyed by the community for social activities, promotion of healthy diets (with an emphasis on local gastronomy) and mental well-being.
- Activities towards the provision of animal therapy and public safety within rural areas are also applicable under this Measure.

Beneficiaries:

- Local and Regional Councils, Voluntary Organizations,
- Micro and small businesses enterprises,
- Educational institutes



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Measure 4: Promoting Health and Sustainable Lifestyle in Gozo

Eligible Expenditure:

- Expenditure for equipment insofar as the equipment does not affect economic productivity.
- Expenditure of event organisation insofar as the event does not affect economic activity.
- Small scale rural infrastructure and facilities.
- Dissemination and promotional material

Budget Allocation:

- Minimum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €15,000
- Maximum Amount of assistance to be requested by the applicant: €50,000



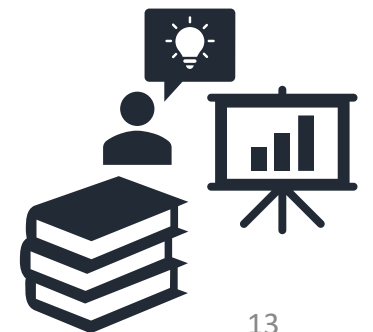
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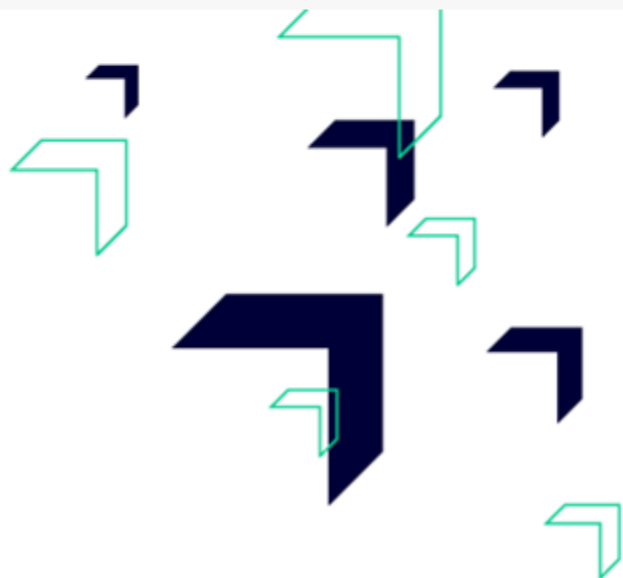




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