



## Country profile –Malta

Country: Malta												
Support schemes	Electricity and heat production			Consumption				Transport		Supply and others		
	RES	Fossil	Nuclear	RES	Fossil	Electricity	Heat	Biofuels	Fossil	RES	Fossil	El./heat
<b>1. Direct subsidies</b>												
Direct on-budget subsidies	4, 3					11						
Feed-in tariffs	2											
Feed-in premiums												
Adjustment Aids												
Inherited liabilities												
Induced transfers												
Others												
<b>2. Fiscal measures</b>												
Energy Tax Allowance												
Energy Tax Exemptions												
Other Tax Deductions					8			9, 5	10			7
Earmarked refunds of taxes		6										
<b>3. Transfer of risk to government</b>												
Adjustment Aids												
Inherited liabilities												
Others												
<b>4. Other financial measures</b>												
Adjustment Aids												
Other Tax Deductions												
Others												
<b>5. Non-fiscal measures</b>												
Quota obligations												
Priority Grid Access	1											
Others												

No.	Datasource	Description
1	RES-LEGAL	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.
2	RES-LEGAL	Feed-in tariff - Feed-in Tariff for solar PV installations.
3	RES-LEGAL	Subsidy (ERDF scheme - Solar Water Heaters) - The Ministry of Resources and Rural Affairs allocates once-only grants for solar water heating systems to private householders and is only open to persons satisfying certain social criteria (No. 1 GN 348/2011, No. 3 CALL 2011/SWH/ERDF Guidelines). The scheme is being renewed up to 31 December 2012 (GN 146/2012).
4	RES-LEGAL	Subsidy (National Scheme - Solar Water Heaters) - 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 renewed up to 31 December 2012 (GN 145/2012).
5	RES-LEGAL	Tax regulation mechanism (Tax exemption) - 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).
6	IVM	Support to oil exploration and production in deep waters. Revenue derived from oil and gas production is subject to an income tax of 35% on the contractors' profits. An investment allowance amounting to 50% of the initial development assets is applied to developments in water depths exceeding 200m. Depreciation expenses are calculated over 4 years, however in the case of development in water

		depths exceeding 200m, depreciation is calculated over a 3 year period. No estimates available.
7	IVM	Lower VAT Rate on Electricity Tariffs. A reduced rate of VAT (5%) is applied on the supply of electricity. Under Article 102 of Council Directive 2006/112/EC, the current practice is permissible provided that no distortion of competition arises. No estimates available.
8	IVM	Excise Tax Exemptions on Petroleum Products for Specific Purposes. The Excise Tax Act (Chapter 382 of the Laws of Malta) provides for the exemption of excise duties if energy products are used for electric power generation.
9	IVM	Excise Tax Exemptions on Petroleum Products for Specific Purposes. Exemption of excise tax on the biomass content in biodiesel.
10	IVM	Excise Tax Exemptions on Petroleum Products for Specific Purposes. The Customs and Tax Act (Chapter 395 of the Laws of Malta) grants the exemption of excise duties on the provisioning and fuelling of vessels used for navigation on the high seas for the purpose of commercial, industrial or fishing activities, of vessels used for rescue or assistance at sea.
11	IVM	Energy Benefit for Low Income Families. Subsidies entitle beneficiaries to offsets up to 80% of the consumption of electricity tariffs before the eco contribution. Utility meter subsidies are also applicable. The energy benefit is paid in the form of a voucher.