

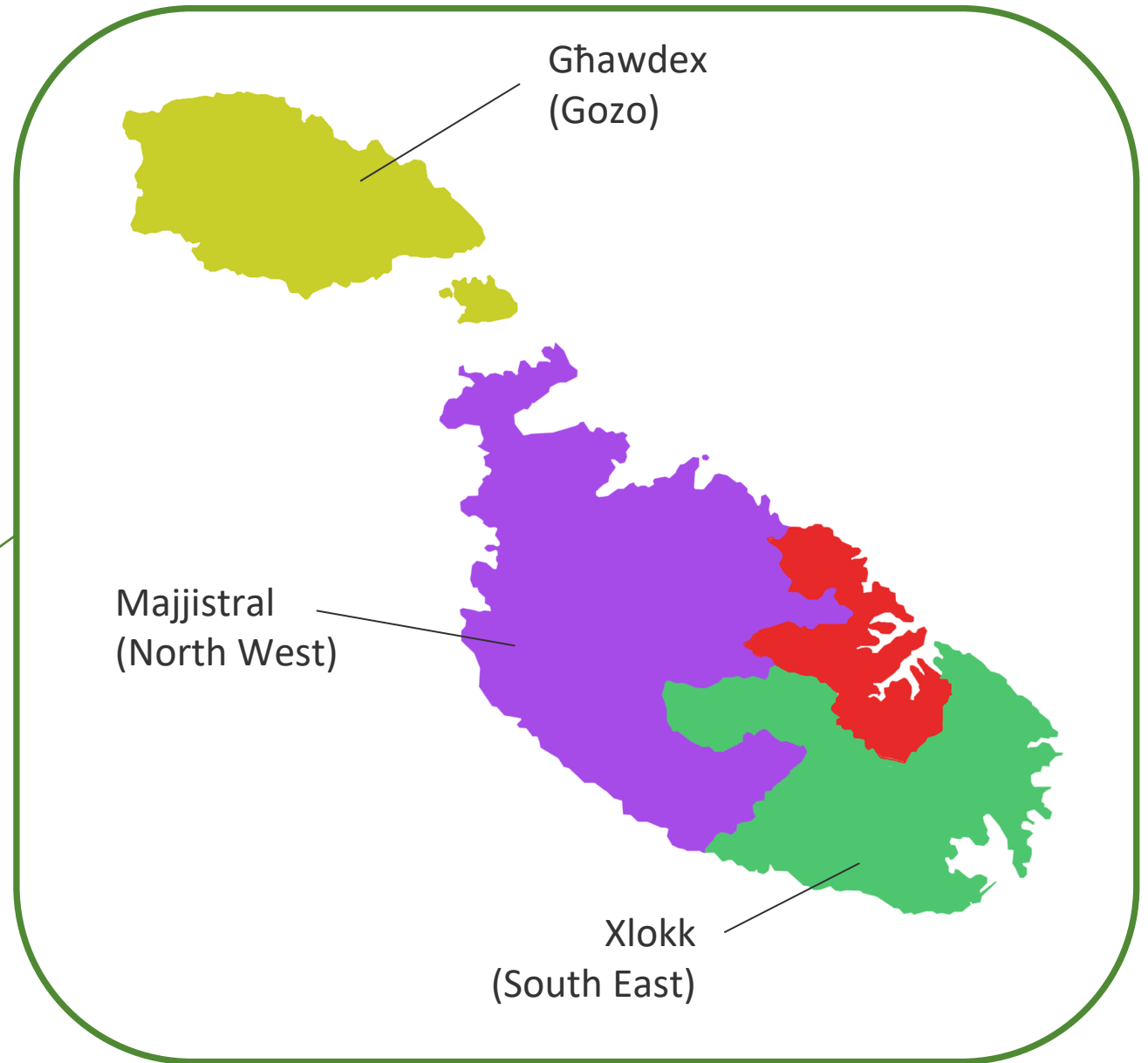
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The Maltese Islands

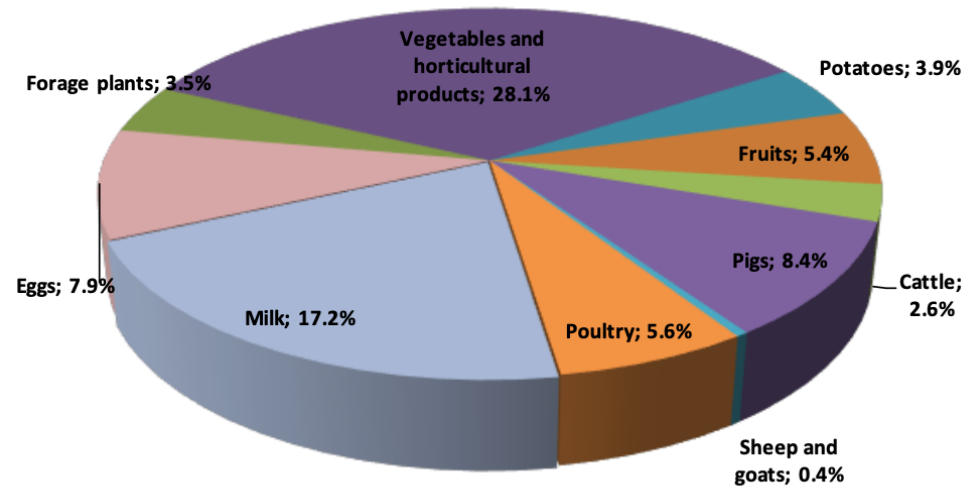


Agriculture in Malta

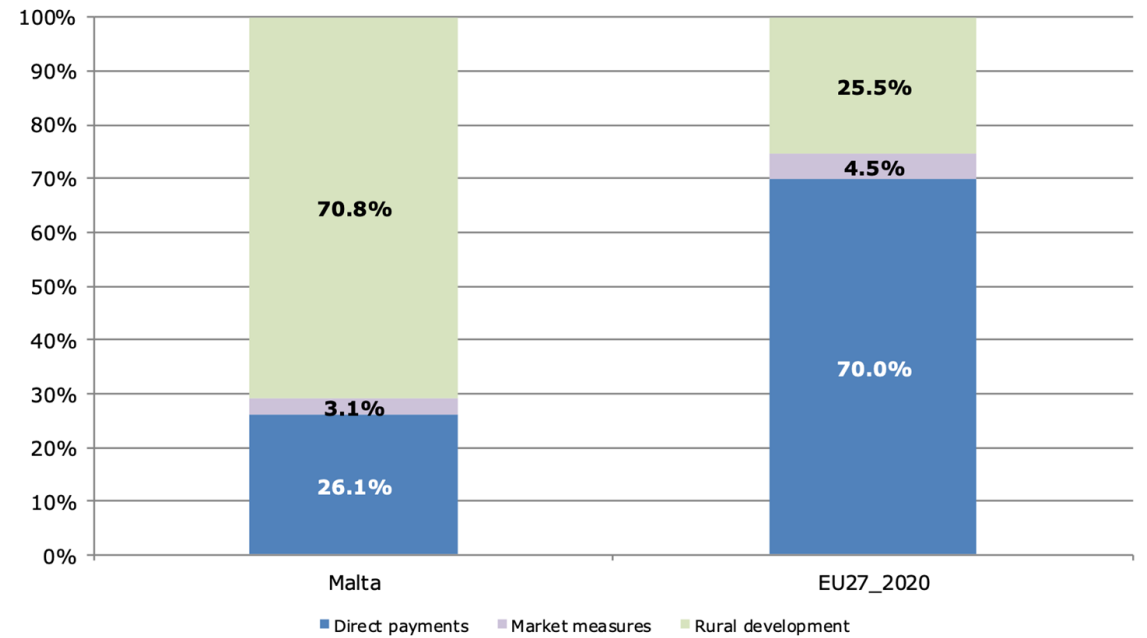
- **Smallest holdings** in the EU
- **1.3%** of Gross Value Added
- **14,870** registered farmers
- **Multifunctional** role
- Limited **water resources**
- Whole territory considered as an **LFA** in the EU



Agriculture in Malta



Output Components (2017 – 2019 average)
European Commission, 2020



Distribution of CAP expenditure
European Commission, 2020

Overview | Young Farmers in Malta

- **1,239 registered farmers < 40 years (NSO, 2020)**
- **Less YF in Malta compared to EU average (3.8% vs 6%)**
- **Full-time, part-time and subsistence farmers**
- **Access to land and capital are major challenges**
- **Entrepreneurial, collaborative and willing to invest**



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MaYA in brief



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- Legally recognised as **VO 0823** in December **2013**
- Founded by **Ms. Jeanette Borg. Mr. Jorge Spiteri** and **Mr. Karl Scerri** are legal administrators of the Foundation
- Set up to **support young people** who have a genuine interest in the **agricultural sector** of Malta
- **Independent organisation** focusing on **lobbying** and **support services**



Something about us



Jeanette Borg

Policy

Horticulture

Entrepreneurship



Karl Scerri

Livestock Farming

Resource Management

Waste Management



Jorge Spiteri

Infrastructure

Beekeeping

Environment



Christian Borg

Communications

Marketing

Events

Objectives

1. To protect and ensure the best interests of young farmers in the Maltese Islands on legislative, competitive and marketing fronts
2. To promote all aspects of sustainable and diversified agriculture in the Maltese Islands
3. To cooperate with stakeholders on matters affecting the Maltese agriculture



Objectives

4. To serve as a medium for exchange of ideas and for dissemination of information pertinent to agriculture issues
5. To enhance the concept of fairly-priced, quality agricultural products and services on the Maltese market place
6. To foster cordial relations amongst young farmers, in Malta and in the EU

What we've done so far...





Advocacy



Awareness

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a small, green, feathery plant. The plant has a dense, rounded, and very soft-looking texture, resembling a pom-pom or a small cloud. It is held against a background of many small, pink, star-shaped flowers. The lighting is bright and natural, highlighting the vibrant green of the plant and the delicate pink of the flowers. A semi-transparent green banner with a white border is positioned across the upper right portion of the image, containing the word "Networking" in white text.

Networking

Research



Local Agriculture - Current Situation

- Maltese agriculture getting smaller because of land development
- We do not produce much grains, corn, wheat and not enough fodder for ruminants
- Dependent on imports
- Warm climate is quite good for cash crops all year round compared to other European countries



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Some of our Challenges



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- Water scarcity
- Small Fields
- Land transfer issues and land fragmentation
- Lack of diversification of agricultural products
- Lack of young farmers
- Introduction of new pests



“Family farms”

- No legislation in place
- Needs more awareness & discussion



Strategic Plan for CAP 23+



- No direct support specific to “family farms”
- Efforts more focused on young farmers
- Besides CAP support, the state supports local farming through subsidies
 - COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Fuel and grains



Our future plans

- Continue **building bridges** between local policy makers and young farmers
- Invest **more resources** to engage with more young farmers within the Maltese Islands
- Increase further our **outreach** towards the general public



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Thank you for your attention!

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