

Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights

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Expression of Interest for the Provision of an official food stall serving BBQ fresh tuna and sides during Festa
Tonn 2026

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Deadline for Submission: 14th May 2026 at 10.00 am CET/CEST

EOI Opening: 14th May 2026 at 10:30 am CET/CEST

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1. Introduction

The Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights (MAFA) notifies that it is receiving expressions of interest for the setup and operation of an official food stall for the preparation and sale of BBQ fresh tuna and accompanying side dishes during *Festa Tonn 2026*, to be held on the 6th June 2026 in Marsaskala, at the times indicated below:

Date	Time
6 th June 2026	17:00 to 23:00

MAFA is inviting prospective Economic Operators to express their interest in preparing, cooking, and selling BBQ fresh tuna dishes and complementary food items directly to the public during the above-mentioned event.

2. Instructions to Prospective Economic Operators

2.1 General Instructions

- 1) In submitting an offer, prospective Economic Operators accept in full the content of this Expression of Interest, including any subsequent clarifications issued by MAFA.
- 2) Economic Operators are expected to carefully examine and comply with all instructions, requirements, terms, and conditions.
- 3) Applicants must duly fill in, endorse, and submit the Application Form (Annex 2) together with all required documentation. Incomplete submissions will be automatically disqualified.
- 4) Contact details provided must correspond to the person who will enter into agreement with MAFA.
- 5) Offers shall remain valid for a period of sixty (60) days from submission deadline.

2.2. Timetable

Expression of Interest for participation opens on:	30 th April 2026
Clarification requests may be submitted via email by not later than:	7 th May 2026
Applications are to be submitted via email by not later than:	14 th May 2026 at 10:00 am CET/CEST
Opening of offers:	14 th May 2026 at 10:30 am CET/CEST
Award Stage: <i>The winning bidders will be notified by the end of the day on the 14th May 2026.</i>	14 th May 2026

Any clarification requests and/or completed applications need to be submitted via email at the following address: epu.mafa@gov.mt indicating the following text in the subject field: *Expression of Interest for BBQ Tuna Food Stall – Festa Tonn 2026 – Marsaskala*

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

2.3 Requirements

Each submission must include:

- a. Completed and signed Application Form (Annex 2)
 - b. Photos or visual proposals of the stall setup
 - c. Proposed **menu**, including BBQ tuna dishes and accompanying sides
 - d. Pricing structure (indicative pricing for main items and sides)
 - e. Description of cooking equipment and setup (BBQ grills, prep areas, etc.)
 - f. Valid VAT Certificate
 - g. Valid Food Handling Certificate
- g. Confirmation of availability of:
- BBQ cooking equipment (grills, burners, etc.)
 - Food-safe preparation and serving surfaces
 - Adequate refrigeration/storage facilities
 - Handwashing/sink facilities
 - Adequate trained staff for food preparation and service
- Failure to provide any of the above will render the application invalid.

2.4 Selection and Evaluation

Each submission will be treated in strict confidence by the Selection Board and evaluated as per the below evaluation criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Marks
Quality, presentation, and suitability of food stall setup	30
Menu quality, variety, and relevance (BBQ tuna & sides)	25
Experience in food preparation and service	20
Compliance with certifications and documentation	25

Pass Mark: 70
Total Marks: 100

The MAFA reserves the right to select and/or reject any or all the submitted offers or to select multiple submissions as necessary to fulfill the needs outlined in this Expression of Interest document. Should none of the submissions be considered satisfactory, the MAFA reserves the right to assign the designated spaces to other Economic Operators who were not necessarily involved in this Expression of Interest. The decision of the MAFA in this regard is final and binding.

If the Economic Operator fails to set up on the first day of the event (as per schedule), the Economic Operator will forfeit the guaranteed monies mentioned in Section 3.2 below and will not be allowed to set up later. Penalties will be deducted from the guaranteed monies mentioned in the said Section 3.2.

3. Terms and Conditions

3.1 Service Provision and Operations

1. Operators must prepare and serve **BBQ fresh tuna of high quality**, handled and stored according to food safety standards.
2. Operators must:
 - Prepare and cook food on-site
 - Maintain strict hygiene standards
 - Provide efficient service to the public
3. All work surfaces must be food-safe and clean.
4. A handwashing facility must be available at the stall.
5. Operators must be operational between **17:00 and 23:00**.
6. Staff must wear clean, appropriate attire.
7. Waste must be properly managed and disposed of responsibly.

3.2 Application Fee and Performance Guarantee

Once MAFA accepts the Economic Operator's offer/bid, two payments must be submitted as per the following terms:

1. A non-refundable Application Fee/s in respect of the lot/s applied for (as defined in Annex 1 of this Expression of Interest).
2. A refundable Performance Guarantee of **hundred euros (100euros)**. This will be refunded at the end of the event, less any penalties incurred, subject to adherence to all the terms and conditions of this Expression of Interest.

Payments must be made within **five (5) working days** of MAFA's notification of acceptance. Failure to pay may result in disqualification and award to another Economic Operator.

Payment methods:

- Cash at the Events and Promotion Unit, AgriHub, Marsa.
- Cheques payable to the Permanent Secretary, MAFA, delivered to the Events and Promotion Unit, AgriHub, Marsa.

3.3 Setup and Dismantling:

- Successful Economic Operators must be setup by 16:00
- Vehicles used for transport of supplies or equipment must not obstruct the event area beyond the allocated set-up time.
- Operators are responsible for ensuring cleanliness throughout the service.
- Any waste generated during the operation must be collected and disposed of by the operator in accordance with environmental regulations.

3.4 Permits and Licenses

Operators must hold:

- Valid Food Handling Certification
- VAT Certificate
- Any other required trading permits

3.5 Health and Safety

Operators must comply with all relevant food safety regulations, including:

- Proper storage temperatures
- Clean handling practices
- Safe cooking practices
- Safe equipment usage

3.6 General Provisions

- If the selected Economic Operator breaches any of these terms, MAFA may suspend or terminate the service immediately. No compensation shall be due, and penalties may be deducted from the performance guarantee.
- Operators must have an adequate insurance policy, covering damage, loss, bodily harm, or death in relation to passengers and third parties.
- MAFA reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time without obligation to provide a reason.
- All relevant Maltese laws and regulations must be observed.
- MAFA shall not be held responsible under any circumstances for accidents, damages, theft, or fines incurred during the operation of the service.

Annex 1: List of Lots and their Respective Application Fee

Lot	Description	Minimum Requirements	Application Fee
1	BBQ Tuna Food Stall	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparation and sale of BBQ fresh tuna dishes• Provision of side dishes• Full stall setup with cooking equipment• Operation between 17:00–23:00• Adequate staff• Compliance with hygiene standards• Professional presentation	€100

Annex 2: Application Form and Declaration

Expression of Interest for the BBQ tuna dishes and sides during Festa Tonn 2026
Marsaskala edition on the 6th June 2026

Application Form and Declaration

Applicant Details:

Name	
Surname	
Address	
ID Card Number	
Mobile Number	
Email Address	
VAT Number	
Name of Company (if applicable)	
Company's Contact Number (if applicable)	
Applicants need to include the menu and price list	

Declaration

I / We hereby agree to abide by all the terms and conditions contained in the *Expression of Interest for the Provision of Provision of BBQ Tuna Food Stall Services during Festa Tonn 2026 Marsaskala edition on the 6th June 2026*

I / We hereby declare that I do not fall under any of the grounds listed under Part VI of LN 352/2016 – Exclusion Grounds.

I / We declare that no subcontracting in connection with this Expression of Interest shall take place unless the prior written consent of the MAFA is obtained. I / We shall be solely responsible for the execution of the contract and for the delivery of the service as requested by the MAFA in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Expression of Interest. The MAFA reserves the right to request additional documentation and justification for subcontracting requests and may at its discretion accept or reject such requests.

I / We shall pay the Application Fee and Performance Guarantee to the MAFA within five (5) working days once and if my application/bid is accepted by the MAFA for the Festa Tonn 2026 event

I / We bind myself/ourselves to be responsible for the allocated area and shall not assign this area to a third party not mentioned in the application, to take over in my / our name or in the name of my / our company.

I / We accept all the conditions contained in this Expression of Interest in their totality.

I/We declare that I/We have all the necessary permits and licenses to sell/trade, and that I/We declare that I/We are available throughout the the event.

I / We declare that all information and documentation submitted as part of this Expression of Interest are true and correct. The submission shall automatically be rendered invalid and will not be considered further if any information provided is incorrect, inaccurate and/or false. In case of false declarations and/or documentation, the MAFA reserves the right to instigate legal proceedings against the economic operator.

Name and Surname of Applicant (In Block Letters)

Signature of Applicant

Date

Annex 3: Checklist

The economic operator confirms that he/she/they have submitted the following as part of the submission:

1. Application Form and Declaration (Annex 2);
2. A duly filled in and signed Application Form and Declaration (Annex 2);
3. Photos of similar setups proposed to be used based on the minimum requirements listed in Annex 1;
4. Quotation for service of fresh tuna sales between 17:00 and 23:00, . **Price to be submitted as a range: lowest price per kilo highest price per kilo**
5. Copy of Food handling certificate;
6. VAT Certificate (if applicable);
7. Transport Malta registration;
8. This Checklist Annex 3.

Signature of Applicant

Date