

Malta Resources Authority

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Mission statement

The Malta Resources Authority seeks to serve the Maltese community through effective, coherent and transparent regulation of water, energy and mineral resource sectors of the economy, ensuring their advancement and sustainable use to support the integrated environmental, social, economic and business development in the Maltese Islands. It further seeks to contribute to and participate in ongoing regional development and assist in the nation's efforts to fulfil its international obligations in these spheres.

Establishment of Malta Resources Authority

- By Malta Resources Authority Act (2000)
 - brought into force on 2nd February 2001
- The Authority is a body corporate having a distinct legal personality
- Multi-Sector regulator responsible for Energy, Water and Minerals

Functions and Organisation

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 - To regulate activities relating to Energy, Water and Mineral resources.
- The Board
 - Chairman and up to five other members
 - Duration of Appointment is one to three years
- Organisation
 - Chief Executive
 - Three separate Directors, each for Energy, Water and Mineral Resources.
 - Support Staff

The Malta Resources Authority Act prepared the way for

- Progressive implementation of competition policy
- Liberalisation of segments of market
- Adoption of transparent regulatory framework

The Policy Process

Decisions are taken through a process of consultation. MRA does this through interaction with the experts and communication with stakeholders

MRA achieves its aims through consultation

- With an open door approach, MRA takes into consideration the needs of the stakeholders
- Specific interests are often concurrent with the National interest
- Stakeholders, often have important knowledge that is beneficial in the design of the national policy
- The views of the general public, are also appreciated.

An Incremental Approach

Objectives will be reached through regulations that will evolve over time according to the outcomes that are agreed to be acceptable.

Conclusion

- Malta is committed to meet the obligations imposed by the EU Directives in a manner that is generally acceptable to the Maltese public.