

Pyro Musical Show Application

Ministry for Tourism - Malta tourism Authority

Malta International Fireworks Festival

17th April – 30th April 2027

The Malta International Fireworks Festival 17th till 30th April 2027

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The Malta International Fireworks Festival 17th till 30th April 2027

Registration of Interest for the Pyro Competition Fireworks Display

The Ministry for Tourism together with the Malta Tourism Authority is organising the 26th edition of the Malta International Fireworks Festival 2026, to be held between the 17th April and 30th April 2027

1- General Details

Organiser: Malta Tourism Authority

Location: Malta

2 – General Regulations of the show.

The Applicant shall create and perform a unique show specifically designed for the Festival of not less than fifteen (15 Minutes) duration, which shall comprise a combination of fireworks and music (hereinafter referred to as the Pyro Musical Display o Show).

Two (2) minutes within the display shall be without accompanying music, highlighting different fireworks effects and sound.

The theme for this year's Festival is OPEN.

The Organiser is granting the concession that the same music may be used by up to two (2) different pyro competitors. It is very important that the selected music, including a brief description, is submitted by no later than 15th January 2026. Failure to submit this document by the deadline will give the Authority the right to refuse the application without providing any explanation.

MTA will give the right to the exhibitors that they would be required to change the song. The Quality of the music needs to be high quality in wav format 24bit, 48khz

The festival will be made up of 6 to 8 Participants Maximum.

- **Important Notice** (*Applicable for Maltese Participants Only*)
Each license A holder is permitted to submit only one application on behalf of a factory or society

3 – Payment

In consideration of the creation and performance of the Show,

The Organiser shall pay the Company the total amount of thirty thousand Euro (€30,000) (subject to confirmation), inclusive of VAT where applicable.

- A deposit of 30% shall be paid to any Maltese Participant.
- A deposit of 50% shall be paid to any Foreign Participant.

ON CONDITION THAT THE PARTICIPANT HAS SATISFIED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS REQUESTED FROM THE SET UP TO THE CLEANING OF THE FIRING SITE. IF DEFAULTS ARE REGISTERED THERE MAY BE DEDUCTIONS OF THE PRICE MONEY.

If a fireworks entity is unable to set up fireworks within the allotted times, resulting in part of its display being cancelled, then the Organiser may be entitled to reduce the subsidy, and may claim any additional expenses upon presentation of invoices or order forms

Invoice Submission:

- The participant must submit an invoice to the Organiser within 14 days after the festival to claim payment

Requirements for Payment Processing

- A signed agreement.
- Full banking details, including the IBAN number.

4 – Prizes

The top three (3) competitors with the highest overall scores will receive placement trophies and the following cash prizes:

First Place: Five thousand Euro (€5,000).

Second Place: Three thousand Euro (€3,000).

Third Place: Two thousand Euro (€2,000).

5 – Jury

The competition will be evaluated by an international jury consisting of not less than three (3) adjudicators.

The results will be determined based on a variety of criteria, including:

- Quality of shells.
- Best colours.
- Best effects and sound.
- Synchronization.
- Artistic impression.
- Originality.
- Choice of music.
- Let-off site inspection.

The jury will evaluate the competitions both at the set-up (preparation) site and during the display. During the set-up inspection the lead person or his representative spokesperson will explain the ongoings and what one expects to see during the fireworks display. Visual aids and other material, even digital may be used.

Every fireworks entity needs to deliver a complete Pyromusical display to be eligible for the display to be judged, unless a fault arises not of its own doing. .

The chairperson, together with the jury members, will tally the total points scored and determine the overall first, second and third place teams and the winners of the different categories. The scoring sheets will be passed to the chairperson who will retain the scoring in confidence until the award ceremony. (i) Once the results are made public every competitor has a right to review always adhered to score. Such a request must be addressed by email to the chairperson of the jury and copied to the organizers. Any explanations are to be dealt with by the chairperson.

The decision of the judging panel is final and cannot be contested. Financial penalties of a 10% reduction in the remuneration is imposed on the contestants, if they score less than half of the maximum points thus setting the bar high for quality and reputation.

The observance of the health and safety code is strictly to be always adhered to from storage, transport, preparations at site and clearing of sites.

6.1 – General Time Schedule

- The detailed time schedule will be provided at a later stage.

DAY 1 PYRO SHOW COMPETITION - Grand Harbour, Valletta

DAY 2 PYRO SHOW COMPETITION - Grand Harbour, Valletta

7.1 – General Guidelines

- **THE Eight (8) PYRO SHOWS** participants will be showcased during the event.
- Eventually if the Authority receives more than 8 participants, it will be upon the discretion of the Selection Committee to select & accept new submissions.

Only pyrotechnic articles of the legal approved type [Subsidiary Legislation 33.03 Article 12] must be discharged and must not contain any prohibited precursor or pyrotechnic mixture. [Subsidiary Legislation Article 8]

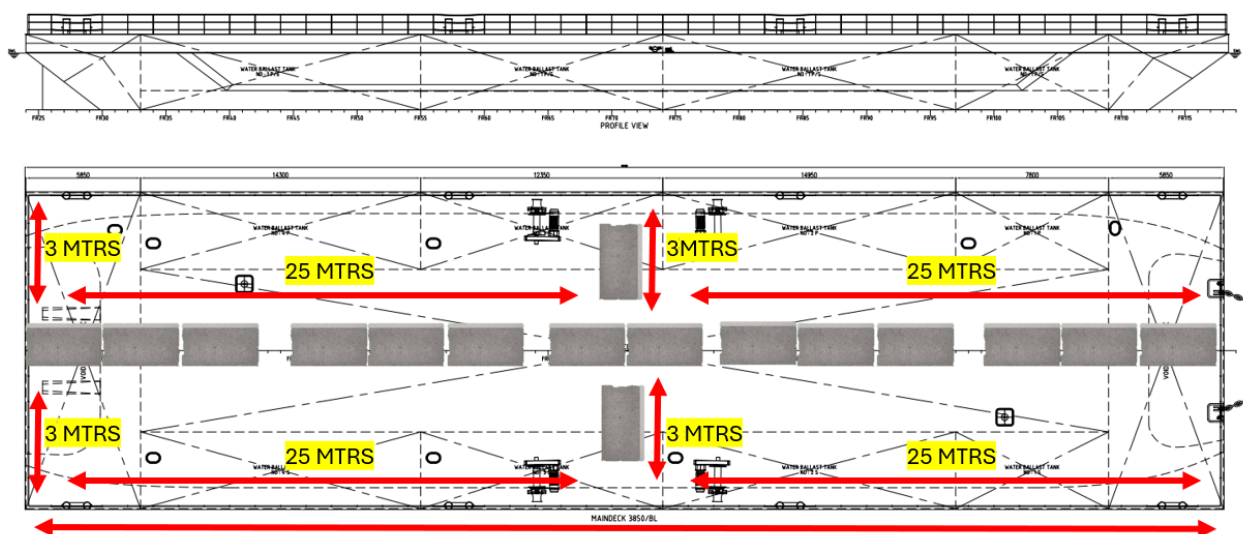
The following aerial fireworks are prohibited : Smoke bombs (bomba tad-dahna), fire ballons, water shells, lampara (lampjuni) and No Dice. These cannot be discharged.

- Foreign participants cannot purchase Maltese pyrotechnic articles.
- Quantity of Fireworks: 3-inch mortals - A minimum of 700 and a maximum of 1,200 fireworks, with dimensions ranging from 75mm up to 400mm, may be exhibited. Single fire shots and other various pyro articles shall consist of a minimum of 1,800 shots and a maximum of 2,500 shots – Cake and single row to be excluded

7.2 – Barges Specifications

- Firework shells must not exceed **twelve (12) inches / 300mm** in size.
- **For the Pyro Show Competition displays an allocation area per participant is of 3 meters by 25 meters**

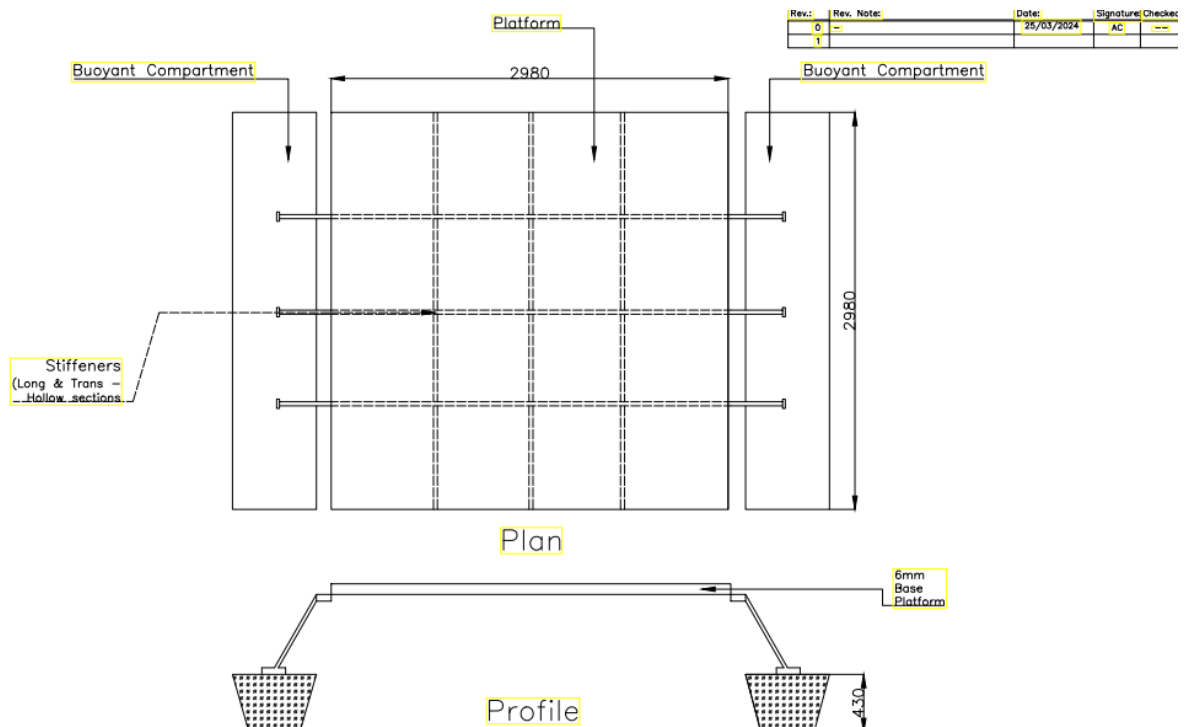
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7 – Pyrotechnic Articles

7.3 – Pontoon Specifications

- Seven (7) pontoons for each participant, measuring **three (3) meters by three (3) meters**, will be available.
- The total length of the pontoon setup can stretch up to **one hundred forty (140) meters**, with thirty-five (35) meters between the center of each pontoon.
- Each pontoon can hold a maximum of **three hundred and fifty (350) kilograms** of fireworks material & Equipment.
- Firework shells used on pontoons must not exceed **3 inches (75mm)** in size.



8 – Participant Details

- Participants must provide **detailed information about their company/factory** and a **comprehensive CV**, highlighting past participation in competitions or festivals.
- Local participants must be registered with the **Malta Pyrotechnic Association**, up to 2nd February 2026

9 – General Conditions

To ensure a smooth and safe setup process, participants must adhere to the following conditions:

1. Personnel:

1. A maximum of **ten (10)** personnel from each Company/Factory are allowed onsite for the setup at one time.
2. The Company/Factory must provide the organiser with the details of these personnel upon confirmation of their participation.
3. The organiser must also receive documentation for an additional **eight (8)** personnel who may act as replacements for any of the original twelve (10) if necessary.

2. Uniform and Identification: – **Subject to penalty during judging**

1. All team members must wear FIRE PROTECTIVE **factory/society uniform** displaying the **company name and logo**. – **Subject to penalty during judging**
2. All team personnel are required to wear **YELLOW** high-visibility (Hi-Vis) clothing while on-site. Additionally, the person in charge who is holding the licensee must wear a **ORANGE** Hi-Vis of a different color to ensure easy identification. – **Subject to penalty during judging**
3. *"Team members must carry their valid licenses at all times while onsite. Spot checks will be conducted by the Competitive Authority. Any individual found without a valid license will be subject to penalties upon report."*
4. The Police and the Fireworks Inspectors [Subsidiary Legislation 33.03 Article 16A 1b] have a right to visit and check the firing site during the assembly and after the let off.

9.1 – General Conditions

3 Setup and Safety Measures:

1. The setup area must remain clean and organized to ensure safety.
1. No changes are permitted during the setup phase. This includes alterations to personnel, material, or the location of the let-off.
1. Cooperation and a positive working attitude between different teams are essential and highly valued.

4 Social Media Restrictions:

1. During the setup and preparation period, no photos or videos may be posted on social media platforms unless approved in writing by an **MTA representative**.
2. All participants need to observe the Rules & Regulations outlined in No. 1 above. Unless a participant fails to meet the criteria, a penalty may be imposed.

5 Post-Show Cleanup:

1. The applicant is responsible for cleaning the area after the show and again the following morning to ensure no rubbish or petards are left behind.
2. The cleanup must be completed by **07:00 hrs** the next day, including the removal of items such as tyres, metal tanks, or any other materials brought onsite for setup or let-off.
3. Applicants must ensure they have sufficient personnel to perform the cleanup efficiently.

6 Inspection and Cleanup Requirement

1. An **inspection** will be conducted after the event to ensure that the area has been cleaned and restored to its original state as provided to the applicant prior to the setup.
2. If the **Organiser determines** that the applicant has failed to meet this requirement, a **penalty of €1,000** will be deducted from the total payment amount due to the applicant.

Penalties

Any breach of the festival regulations will result in fines. These penalties will be deducted from the participant's allocated funds. Photographic evidence will be submitted as proof.

The fines are as follows:

- **€500 fine** for the use of aluminum foil to cover the mortars. (Biodegradable material)
- **€500 fine** All shells from 5 inch upwards are not marked with an emblem or other marking indicating the responsible fireworks factory. This inspection will be carried out by representatives of the Authority and the Malta Pyrotechnic Association. **(Apply to Maltese Participants)**

In addition:

- If the participant is not present at the indicated time for the transport of fireworks or decides to change the scheduled time for the convenience of the fireworks factory, the participant will be penalised and **will not be allowed to participate in the following year.**

The Authority also reserves the right to:

- cancel the display,
- pay only part of the agreed funds, or
- claim damages or expenses incurred as a result of such failure

Participant's Obligations

Deliver a Complete Show: Participants must ensure a full fireworks display.

1.Inventory Submission: Provide the Malta Tourism Authority (organizer) with:

1. Details of the firing system.
2. Type and active weight of products.
3. A complete list of pyrotechnic materials for the show (with up to 25% amendments allowed).

2.Supply of Materials: Participants are fully responsible to provide and bring over the necessary materials like:

1. Nylon, igniters, wires, connectors, and all related items required for the festival.
(the organiser is not responsible of the above)

3.Transportation of material for Foreign Participants

The transportation of material and equipment (as well as the cost incurred) from the Applicant Company's warehouse to a specified warehouse in Italy, if applicable, is the responsibility of the Company **(not applicable to Maltese participants)**.

(Apply's to Foreign only - Foreign companies shall be responsible for the transfer of fireworks and equipment to the fireworks deposit in Italy at their own expense.)

Also it shall be the responsibility of the Company to be in possession of an insurance policy in its own name and at its own expense which shall cover the Company against any theft, loss or damage of the Material as well as to cover the Company in case of injury or damage to third parties caused by the Material in overseas transit **(as in the storage site in Malta / not applicable to Maltese participants)**.

Participant's Obligations

Deliver a Complete Show: Participants must ensure a full fireworks display.

4.Supply of Materials: Participants are fully responsible to provide and bring over the necessary materials like:

1. Nylon, igniters, wires, connectors, and all related items required for the festival.
(the organiser is not responsible of the above)

5.Documents Submission:

1. A copy of valid fireworks licenses.
2. Passports or Id Card of the licensee and crew.

Organizer's Obligations

1.Insurance Coverage: The organizer will provide an insurance policy for all participants during the event, covering:

1. Transport from the respective Fireworks Factory to the setup Area at Rinella Bay, Kalkara.
2. During setup & Show Case .

2.FLIGHTS

- Up to Six (6) flight tickets for Six (6) crew members including the 25kg or 35kg subject to the airline.
- Any extra luggage's requested the Organizer is not obliged to pay for them

3.Accommodation

- Up to Six (6) nights of accommodation for Six (6) crew members
 - Room is offered on Double bed and not Single. (in case you ask for single needs to pay the difference)
 - Breakfast
 - Launch is offered on site as packed launch
 - Dinner

General Regulations

The legally responsible person is the lead person/licence of the participating fireworks entity. A particular participating fireworks entity that breaches the law will be disqualified by the organizers and its subsidy may be reduced by up to 90%. The Organizers are not liable for any illegal misdoings of a fireworks entity.

Every fireworks entity must abide to EU Fireworks Directives and to Malta's Explosive Ordinance (Chapter 33 of the Laws of Malta) and its Subsidiary Legislation 33.03, especially when it comes to manufacture, storage, transportation, discharge and clearing of firing sites and the Trees and Woodlands Protection Regulations (Legal Notice 258) Article 17.

The Organizer does not shoulder the responsibility for any claims on incidences, ill health or death of personnel incurred on employees/licensed members/volunteers in the preparatory phase and during an event or any loss of equipment used for discharge of fireworks by a fireworks entity. The insurance coverage of such claims may be taken on a separate basis by the participating fireworks entities.

The Organiser may cancel all or part of MIFF for the following reasons:

- A) public or political reasons (state of emergency, terrorist attacks, public disasters, national mourning, general strike, rioting, epidemic), force majeure, bad weather or for reasons of essential meteorological safety (4.52).
- B) If the entire event is cancelled, prior its start, the fireworks entities which were eligible to participate will be invited to participate the following year. These fireworks entities will have the right of first refusal.

Unforeseen event shortcomings (eg. weather, accidents) and last-minute changes are a common occurrence in all fireworks festivals, more so when they are spread over a period of a few days.

Taking part in the Malta International Fireworks Festival assumes total acceptance of the defined rules and conditions of the application. Fireworks entities who do not comply with the rules as stipulated may be disqualified, at any moment of the event from start to finish.

Any situations or grievances not covered by these rules are referred to the Organizers, whose decision is final. The organizers have a right to set up an independent technical board, arbiter, or a disciplinary board

Any grievances will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the current laws of Malta.

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PARTICIPANTS APPLICATION FORM

Pyro Musical Show

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Applicant Information

- **Organization/Company Name:**

- **Contact Person:**

- **Address:**

- **Phone Number:**

- **Email Address:**

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- **ID Card / Passport no:**

Requirements:

- **Attach / upload a copy of the licensee's**

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Licensee Information

Full Name of Licensee:

Address :

City : _____ **Country :** _____

Zip Code : _____

ID Card Number: _____

Mobile Number of the Representative:

License Number of Licensee

Requirements

- **To Upload an image of the Licensee's**
- **Date of Submission of the Application**
- **By clicking the below checkbox, the Licensee declares that all information submitted valid and within the application is correct.**

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PARTICIPANTS APPLICATION FORM

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Factory / Society Information

Full Name of Company:

Address:

City : _____ **Country :** _____

Zip Code : _____

Biography Company (not more then 250 words) :

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PARTICIPANTS APPLICATION FORM

Pyro Musical Show

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Section 2.1: Show Details

1. **Show Title:** _____
2. **Duration (in minutes):** _____
3. **Theme of the Show:** _____

1.Music Genres

OPEN – Participants may choose any music and theme for their Show. However, the Authority reserves the right to request a change in music if it has already been selected by another competitor.

2.Description of the Show Concept (Max 300 words):

Section 3: Technical and Logistical Requirements

1.Music Submission: Please send the soundtrack in MP3 or WAV format via E-mail.

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Crew 1 /

1. Name: _____
2. Surname: _____
3. Valid Fireworks Licences No: _____

Crew 2 /

- Name: _____
- Surname: _____
- Valid Fireworks Licences No: _____

Crew 3 /

- Name: _____
- Surname: _____
- Valid Fireworks Licences No: _____

Crew 4 /

- Name: _____
- Surname: _____
- Valid Fireworks Licences No: _____

Applies only to foreign participants: Once the Authority confirms your participation, it is essential to submit all required documents, as these are necessary to apply for a temporary license with the Police.

Important: All documents must be in English. If the documents are originally issued in your country's language, they must be translated into English and duly authenticated with an original signature and official stamp.

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Crew 5 /

1. **Name:** _____
2. **Surname:** _____
3. **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 6 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 7 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

Crew 8 /

- **Name:** _____
- **Surname:** _____
- **Valid Fireworks Licences No:** _____

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