

MALTA THE BLOCKCHAIN HUB



WHY CHOOSE MALTA?

Malta is currently the only EU Member State to have adopted a 360° approach to regulating the blockchain sector. It is already home to many large players in the blockchain industry and several more are expected to establish themselves on the island within the coming months. In Malta such businesses can benefit from a pro-business environment supported by a well-balanced legal and regulatory framework. In addition, Malta is strategically placed for international business and offers a sensible fiscal environment.

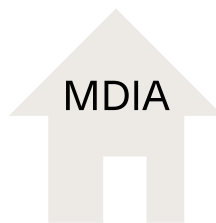
CLEAR REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



MFSA

Virtual Financial Assets (VFA) Act
VFA Regulations
VFA Rulebook

Supplementary Licence Conditions applicable to Professional Investor Funds (PIFs) investing in Virtual Currencies (VCs)



MDIA

Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA) Act
MDIA Guidance Notes

Innovative Technology Arrangements and Services (ITAS) Act



MGA

Guidance on the use of ITAs and the acceptance of VFAs and Virtual Tokens through the implementation of a Sandbox Environment

TAXATION

Beneficial corporate tax regime

Access to 70+ double tax treaties

Possible beneficial tax treatment for highly qualified persons working in the industry

Guidelines to tax and VAT treatment of DLT assets/ICOs to be issued



Virtual Financial Asset (VFA) - the so called "Utility Token"

Any form of digital medium recordation that is used as a digital medium of exchange, unit of account, or store of value and that is NOT (i) electronic money, (ii) a financial instrument, (iii) a virtual token.



Financial Instrument Test (FIT) - to be carried out by:

- VFA issuers in and from Malta
- VFA issuers abroad that want to list their token on a VFA exchange licensed in Malta
- VFA Service providers, when the FIT has not been executed by the VFA issuer



VFA Agent - lawyers, accountants and auditors duly registered with the MFSA to advise on:

- Whitepaper registration
- VFA Service licence applications
- Regulatory compliance

VFA Fees & Capital Requirements

Initial VFA Offering	Application fee	Supervisory fee	Share capital
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitepaper registration 	€8,000	€2,000	€1,164.69
VFA Service Licence	Application fee	Supervisory fee (annual)	Share capital
Class 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive & transmit orders • Investment advice • Place VFAs 	€6,000	€5,500 (revenue <€50,000) + €700 (per tranche of €50,000 up to €1,000,000)	€50,000 or €25,000 + Insurance Cover
Class 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold/control money 	€10,000	€9,000 (revenue <€250,000) + €800 (per tranche of €250,000 up to €5,000,000)	€125,000
Class 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold/control • Proprietary trading 	€14,000	€12,000 (revenue <€250,000) + €800 (per tranche of €250,000 up to €50,000,000)	€730,000
Class 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VFA exchange • Hold/control money • Custodian/nominee 	€24,000	€50,000 (revenue <€1,000,000) + €5,000 (per tranche of €1,000,000 up to €100,000,000)	€730,000

ABOUT WH

What can we help you with?

We are a group of entities, including WH Innovation, WH Partners, WH Management and WH Corporate based in Malta and with consulting rooms in London, Prague, Livorno and Warsaw. We focus on new economy industries and have experience in advising blockchain, gaming & gambling, financial services and information technology related industries.



General advisory



MDIA certification and registration



Regulatory compliance



Financial Instrument Test



Tax Advice



Corporate services



Commercial contracts



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