



Application Process

Irrinova Darek is a pilot scheme to renovate properties to improve energy efficiency. The pilot scheme is available for the renovation of properties in the **Grand Harbour district**. The government is initially allocating the sum of €600,000 to embark on such an initiative intended to start addressing the national renovation targets for private dwellings in line with the long-term renovation strategies. This pilot initiative will act as a baseline to potential further schemes.

Phase 1: Registration

Applicants must register with the Building and Construction Agency to register their interest in applying for the scheme. Upon registration, eligible applicants will be informed to engage a registered energy performance assessor for dwellings to collate data, compile information, and submit the full application.

Irrinova Darek Scheme applications must be submitted between 1st March 2022 till 1st April 2022 (both days included).

Phase 2: Full submission of application

Applicants on a first-come, first-served basis will be required to engage an energy performance assessor for dwellings to assess the existing buildings. The number of applicants who will be asked to proceed will depend on the availability of funds. The applicant can now develop the renovation works flexibly with the assessor as long as the eligibility requirements are satisfied. Costs of the works are to be computed and filled in the Bill of Quantities template provided.

Technical Document submissions:

- An “asset rating” EPC for the property being assessed, including recommendations for improvement of the building, wherein the assessor is to draw up a thorough list of recommendations upon which the improvement is being made. This is subject to an independent audit by BCA.
- Spreadsheets with calculated U-Values for walls, exposed roofs (if any), floor slabs to the exterior (if any), floor slabs to ground (if any).
- A “State of repair report” by an Architect and Civil Engineer including specific information about the building as stipulated in guidance by BCA.
- Estimate of works on Bill of quantities template provided.
- Technical Template duly filled and an EPRDM .xml file of the works as proposed.



Upon receipt of all documentation and verification by the Building and Construction Authority that all documents showing eligibility have been submitted, disbursement of a maximum of €875 as a standalone professional fee will be disbursed to cover the assessor and professional costs (inclusive of EPC registration fee). The BCA reserves the right to withhold payment if the documents submitted are found to be incorrect, substandard or found to be lacking.

Phase 3:

Following assessment by the Building and Construction Authority, successful applicants will be given a letter of conditional approval to proceed with the works subject to any other permits required for such works.

Projects that cannot be carried out due to lack of funds at the first instance will be placed on a waiting list until funds are made available again.

Applicants must keep all documentation relating to the project for audit purposes.

Applicants may choose to apply for an interim payment and a final payment or for final payment only. Funds will be disbursed upon certification by an Architect and Civil Engineer. Where the applicant applies for an interim payment, the maximum interim disbursement is 50% of the costs incurred until that instance.

The documents to be submitted for the interim and final payment are the following:

- Photos during installation of roof insulation, wall insulation, ground insulation showing context (building and neighbouring properties).
- Photos of technical information plate of any AC outdoor units, AC indoor units, Water heaters, external windows and doors.
- An EPC for the property as renovated.
- Schedule of costs incurred on the template provided.
- Receipts of works carried out.
- Invoice of works that have been completed but not have been paid yet.

All information provided by the applicant is subject to verification by BCA or an independent body commissioned by BCA. This may include site visits.

The EPC submitted before the renovation, and the EPC submitted following a renovation is subject to auditing by BCA or an independent body commissioned by BCA. This may include the gathering of information on site. BCA reserves the right to withhold any disbursement of funds prior to auditing EPCs and calculated U-Values.



Upon completion of works, up to 90% of the project cost will be disbursed in accordance with the evaluation carried out by BCA. The maximum disbursement is €15,000, including any funds towards installing a photovoltaic system. The maximum portion covered for a portion of the works involving the installation of a photovoltaic system is 50% of the cost of the system.

Additional funds are available for the installation of a solar water heater or a heat-pump water heater up to a maximum of €900.

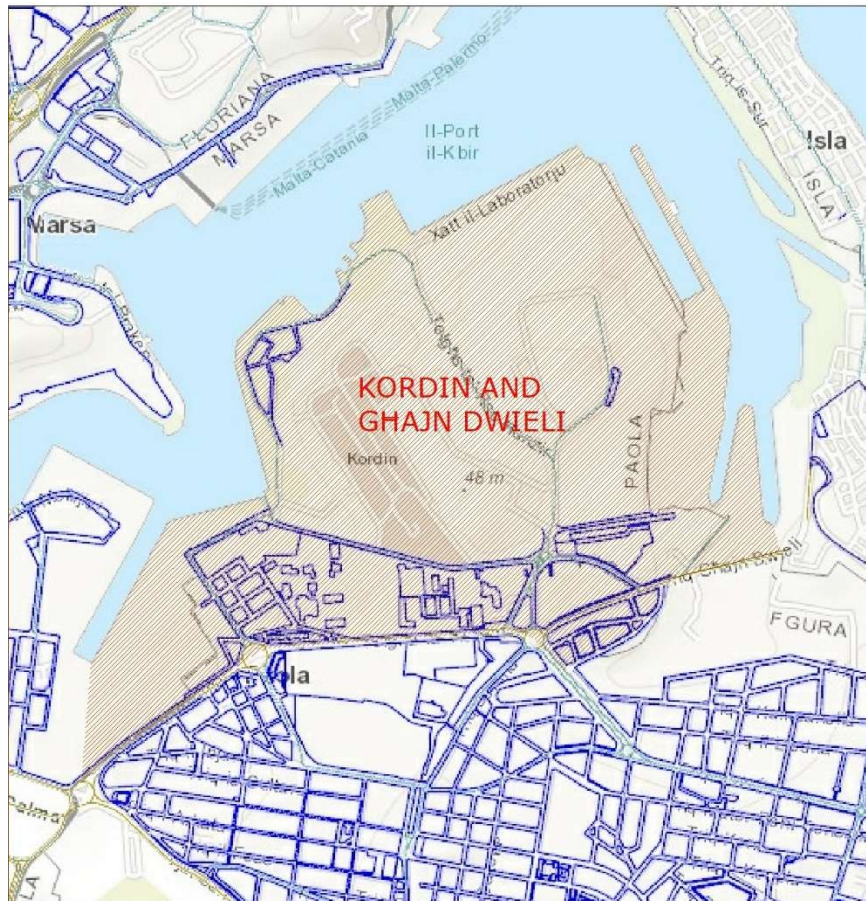
Eligible Residential properties

- Dwelling within the localities bordering the grand harbour are eligible for the scheme, namely:

Kalkara, Birgu, Bormla, Isla, Ghajn Dwieli, Kordin, Marsa, Floriana, Valletta.



Map Showing eligible locations



Detailed map showing extents of Kordin and Ghajn Dwieli