

## ANNOUNCEMENT – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024 Business Enhance Grant Schemes ERDF Grant Schemes 2021-2027

The Measures and Support Division within the Office of the Prime Minister – European Funds, Equality, Reforms and Social Dialogue (OPM-EES) has been designated by the Managing Authority (MA) as an Intermediate Body (IB) responsible for administering European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Grant Schemes through the implementation of Support Measures under the 2021-2027 programming period.

This Division would like to announce that it will be closing all current open calls with the final cut-off dates (set at noon of the identified dates) as follows:

• Call 1 SME Enhance ( <i>de minimis</i> )	29 Nov	31 Dec							
• Call 1 Start-up Enhance • Call 1 SME Enhance (GBER)	29 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb					
• Call 1 Business Reports for SMEs	29 Nov	16 Dec	31 Dec	17 Jan	31 Jan	14 Feb	28 Feb		

These will be replaced with similar schemes by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025. The most noteworthy difference is that the SME Enhance (*de minimis*), SME Enhance (GBER) and Start-up Enhance will be consolidated into a single scheme with a maximum grant threshold of €128,400. These schemes will continue to be administered through open rolling calls with the cut-off dates for 2025 set as follows:

	11 Apr	16 May	13 Jun	11 Jul	14 Aug	12 Sep	17 Oct	14 Nov	12 Dec
28 Mar	30 Apr	30 May	30 Jun	31 Jul	/	30 Sep	31 Oct	28 Nov	/

New additional schemes will also be issued.

The main changes will be explained during a number of information sessions for interested applicants during January/February 2025. Those that are interested to participate in these sessions are to register by sending an email to Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta (SEM) on [info.sem@gov.mt](mailto:info.sem@gov.mt).

Dedicated information sessions will also be held with registered service providers who will be contacted directly by the Measures and Support Division.

Further information relating to these Grant Schemes, including the respective Guidance Notes and the User Guide to the Application will be made available on <https://fondi.eu> by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

