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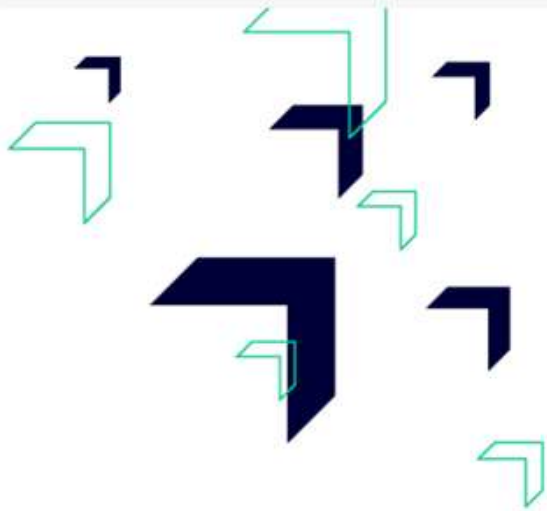
## ESF+ Programme ESIF 2021-2027

*Fostering the socioeconomic wellbeing of society  
through the creation of opportunities for all and  
investment in human resources and skills*

**Call for Project Proposals**

**Information Session: Eligibility Criteria**

**11<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



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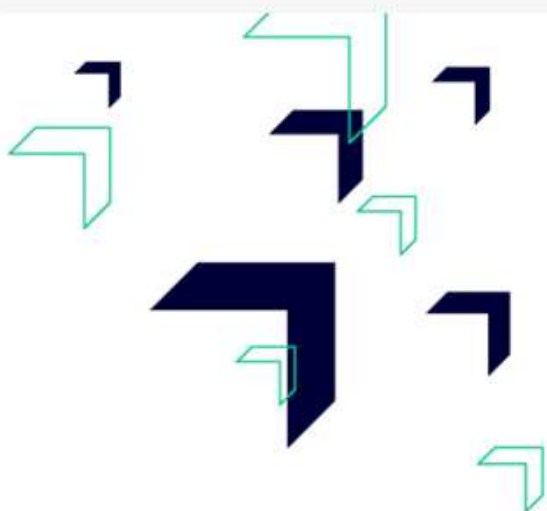


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## *Eligibility Criteria*



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## Eligibility Criteria

	Criterion	Assessment
1	Submission of a complete project application as published in the call	Yes/No
2	Applicant organization is an eligible Applicant as outlined in the call	Yes/No
3	Applicant is not in an exclusion situation in accordance with Art 136(1) and Art 141(1) of 2018/1046 Financial Regulation and CPR Art 73(2)(i)	Yes/No
4	Applicant organization has remit to implement the project within its mandate	Yes/No
5	Project to be implemented within the eligible territory or for its direct benefit	Yes/No
6	Proof of co-financing (where applicable)	Yes/No
7	Selection of a relevant Specific Objective as published in the call	Yes/No
8	Selection of at least one output indicator and one result indicator linked to a relevant Specific Objective as published in the call	Yes/No
9	Status of operation is either ongoing or not yet started unless otherwise allowed by the specific applicable regulations	Yes/No

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (1)

### 1. Is the Application Form **complete**?

- The Applicant must present a complete application form, filled in with all relevant details and documentation using the system made available by the MA.

1 - Project Details

2 - Project Intervention Logic

3 - Checklist of Attachments

#### 3.1 - Checklist of Attachments

Documents Checklist

Document	Uploaded File	
Duly completed signed scanned copy of application.		<a href="#">View</a>
Copy in Word format of the full application form, including all annexes.		<a href="#">View</a>

[Add supporting document](#)

- Submission of project proposals must be made within the time-limit set for receipt of applications.

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (2)



### 2. Is the Applicant Organisation an **eligible applicant**?

- **NGOs, VOs and Social Partners** need to provide supporting documentation related to the legal status of the Applicant. This can be in the form of Statute, Legal notice etc. In the case of a Government Entity, the provision of supporting documentation is not applicable.

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (2)



3. Can the Applicant confirm that it is not in an **exclusion** situation in accordance with Art 136 (1) and Art 141 (1) of 2018/1046 Financial Regulation and CPR Art 73(2)(i)?

- The Applicant should declare that they or any person involved in the project are not in an exclusion situation in accordance with the Financial Regulation and Common Provisions Regulation.

### 22. Declaration

We declare that the Applicant and/or project partners are not in an exclusion situation in accordance with Art 136(1) and Art 141(1) of 2018/1046 Financial Regulation and CPR Art. 73 (2)(i).	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>
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## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (3)



4. Is the project being proposed within your **remit** as the Applicant Organisation?

- Applicants must be publicly mandated or authorised to implement the project by virtue of the applicable law establishing the organisation or by the respective Statute, in the case of NGOs.

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (4)



### 5. Is the Project being implemented within the **eligible territory**?

- Project must either be implemented in Malta and/or Gozo or for the direct benefit of the eligible territory.

### 6. Is there proof of **co-financing**? (*applicable in case of third-party financing or loan*)

- This is N/A for public sector organisations. This could be in the form of a Statement from the bank or the person responsible for finances within the organisation.

#### Proof of co-financing

We the undersigned, in virtue of our office of Chairperson and Treasurer of the Fondazzjoni għall-  
[REDACTED] commit to utilise the funds that will be made available by the  
[REDACTED] as per declaration signed by Mr [REDACTED], Administrative Secretary, to  
meet the co-financing obligations and ineligible costs (where applicable) as required and in  
accordance with the ESF grant should the project in caption be successful in securing the ESF+ Funds  
under Priority 1: Enhancing Employability and labour market resilience.

Yours sincerely,

Mr [REDACTED]

Chairperson

Treasurer



## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (5)

7. Does the project contribute to the **Specific Objective** as published in the call?

- Only proposals that selected the relevant Specific Objective/s as published in the call will be considered.

### 9.1 - Is the project contributing to the **specific objective** of this call?

ESO: 4.11. Equal access to quality social and healthcare services

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (6)

8. Does the project contribute towards at least **one** output indicator and **one** result indicator?

### *ESO4.11 - Output and Result Indicators*

OUTPUT INDICATORS	Measurement Unit	Target 2029 and/or End of operation
EECO01 - Total number of participants	Persons	
PSO03 - Number of non-governmental organisations supported	Number	

RESULTS INDICATORS	Measurement Unit	Minimum Target as at end of operation in line with ESF+ Programme	Target 2029 and/or End of operation
EECR03 – Participants gaining a qualification upon leaving	Percentage	65%	
PSR01 – Participants gaining a certification upon leaving	Percentage	80%	
PSR03 - Improved/Introduced new systems/services	Number	4	

## Part I: Eligibility Criteria (7)

9. Is the status of operation **ongoing** or **not yet started**?

Start Date <sup>1</sup>	<i>Enter date by when the project is estimated to start. This should also include the preparatory stage of the project.</i>
End Date <sup>2</sup>	<i>Enter date by when the project is estimated to be concluded.</i>

- Start date should not be before **01/01/2021**                      End date should not be after **31/12/2029**.
- **Project duration** should be between these dates.
- Projects which have been completed before the submission of the application form are **not eligible** for funding.

## State Aid



- Applicants should note that the project proposals that **involve State Aid** will be **considered**, provided that the Applicant agrees to implement the project in line with the applicable State Aid Rules.
- **Early discussions** with the State Aid Monitoring Board (SAMB) and/or experts on State Aid of the Applicant's choice are **encouraged** and any **correspondence** between the Applicant and SAMB should be **annexed to the application form**.
- **All Applicants** of ESF+ assisted projects must **ensure compliance with State Aid rules**. If the rules are **breached** (even after the project ends), any grant (even if already paid) may have to be **recovered**.

### 8. State Aid

*EU State Aid rules apply to projects which involve any direct (or indirect) financial support from the public sector to commercial enterprises or organisations carrying out an economic activity, or if in some way the assistance involved distorts trade or threatens competition within the Community. Applicants should note that State Aid is determined by the nature of the project and not necessarily by the nature / status of the organisation.*

*ALL Applicants of ESF+ assisted projects must ensure compliance with State Aid rules. If the rules are breached (even after the project ends), any grant (even if already paid) may have to be recovered. Applicants should note that the project proposals that involve State Aid will be considered, provided that the Applicant agrees to implement the project in line with the applicable State Aid Rules. Applicants should also note that the involvement of State Aid is not necessarily tied to the legal status of the Applicant but to the nature of the activity. In this regard, early discussions with the State Aid Monitoring Board (SAMB) and/or experts on State Aid of the Applicant's choice are encouraged to clear the State Aid position. Any evidence of correspondence between the Applicant and SAMB should be annexed to the application form.*

Does this project involve State Aid?

YES ☐

NO ☐

**How was it concluded that the project involves/does not involve State Aid?**

*Specific reference should be made to communication held with the State Aid Monitoring Board to determine whether the project involves/does not involve State Aid.*

## Contact Details

### State Aid Monitoring Board

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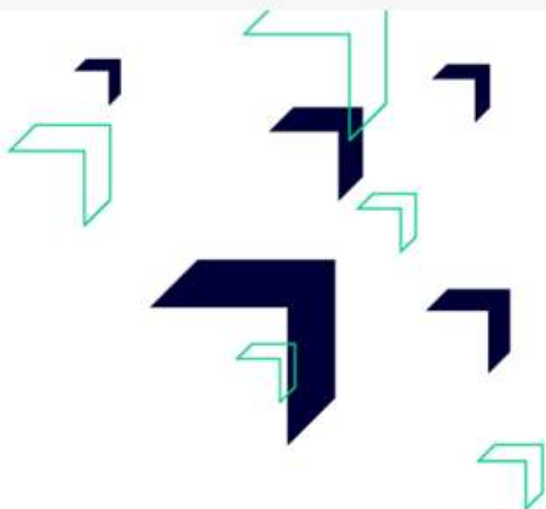
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