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To: Permanent Secretaries
Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directors

Co-ordination with Managing Authorities on Funding Availability from the National Budget

Ministries are reminded of the need for the timely implementation of EU co-funded projects that fall within their respective portfolios. As we all are aware, a critical component within the formula that ascertains a timely execution of projects rests upon the provision of adequate funding as stipulated by the respective Grant Agreements.

I write to solicit your respective Ministries to monitor closely the availability of funding from the national budget that is to be injected within this cluster of EU funded projects. Ministries are expected to spearhead timely interventions which ensure that the funds are available and can be readily extended towards the implementation and execution of projects.

In those instances when shortfalls in the funding element for any project are projected to arise, your officials are urged to co-ordinate closely and in a timely manner with the Managing Authority responsible for the EU Program that funds the project. This cooperation with the Managing Authority should quantify the amount of funds that is necessary for the completion of the project in question including, wherever applicable, the funding which is not eligible for refund from the European Union. Needless to stress that these amounts of additional national funding should strictly reflect the commitments that emanate from a project's Grant Agreement.

Furthermore, Ministries are solicited to respond timely and accurately to any request generated by Managing Authorities for feedback on national funding availabilities at a project level. One understands that accurate and updated visibility of projected funding shortcomings allows the Managing Authorities to engage with national budgetary and fiscal planning authorities within the Ministry of Finance with a view to guarantee that Malta meets the funding obligations which emanate from the respective Grant Agreements.

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