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MEFL/EF Circular No 3/2023

To: Permanent Secretaries

Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directors

Applicable to payments processed through:

- Structural Funds Database
- Recovery and Resilience Facility Database
- Migration and Security Information System 2014-2020
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Database
- Computerised Accounting Records System

Re: Transition to exclusive use of bank transfers for 'Private and Third-Party Contributions1' Payments

This is to inform you that decision has been taken to enhance the management of 'Private and Third-Party Contributions' funds which will entail discontinuing the acceptance of bank cheques for financial transactions and instead exclusively employing bank transfers in all matters related to these funds. This change in procedure aims at enhancing the control over the funds and expedite their allocation for payment processing.

Henceforth, **effective from 1st November 2023**, bank cheques will no longer be accepted, and there will be no provision for their processing.

Please find below for the bank details needed for transferring funds to the private contributions account:

Account Number - 41000EURCMG50018
IBAN - MT51MALT011000041000EURCMG50018
Account Name - PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS ACCOUNT (EUPAY)
Bic Code: - MALTMTMTXXX

When making a transfer, it is crucial to follow the directives laid out by the EU Payments Unit to ensure that necessary details are provided. Doing so will significantly help in the monitoring and distribution of funds for payment requests.

Mr Jonathan Vassallo

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¹ Third-party contribution refers to financial payments made by the Beneficiary, encompassing both private contributions and any additional amounts that beneficiaries are required to pay from their own resources.