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BORDER MANAGEMENT & VISA INSTRUMENT PROJECTS

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The project seeks to:

- Upgrade consular procedures and infrastructure to accommodate the growing visa demand
- Reinforce Malta's dedication to broadening its international consular network while optimising the utilisation of current resources
- Budget available: Euro 2,936,475



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Objectives: Enhance security measures

Optimise consular office space

Streamline visa issuance process

Ensure compliance with Schengen Acquis requirements



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Key	Key Activities
Conduct	Conduct a risk assessment of consular office
Collaborate	Collaborate with stakeholder to implement security improvements
Redesign	Redesign consulates for better space utilisation



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Expected Outcomes

Upgraded consular offices

Improved security

More efficient use of space

Streamlined visa processing

Strengthened consular outreach, in line with Malta's Strategic goals



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ETHIOPIA

- Malta established diplomatic relation with Ethiopia in November 1982
- Malta opened its embassy in Addis Ababa in 2021
- Ethiopia is a central pillar in Malta's Africa strategy



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PROJECT SO FAR

- Identified a property to serve as chancery
- Engaged a Project Management Team to assist with the procurement process, permitting and project oversight
- Malta Project Team has concluded all drawings, technical specifications and Bills of Quantity



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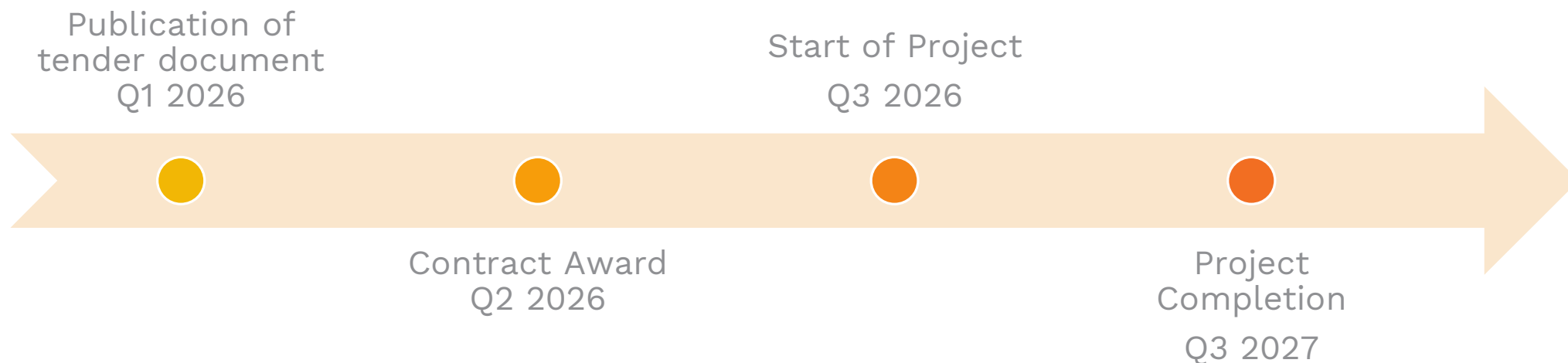
CHALLENGES

- Availability of equipment in line with Schengen requirements
- All items would need to be shipped from outside Ethiopia
- Finding the right expertise to carry out the works
- Security concerns



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LONDON

1. Consular workload increased significantly
2. Brexit caused rise in visa applications
3. Malta expanded staff despite limited Embassy space



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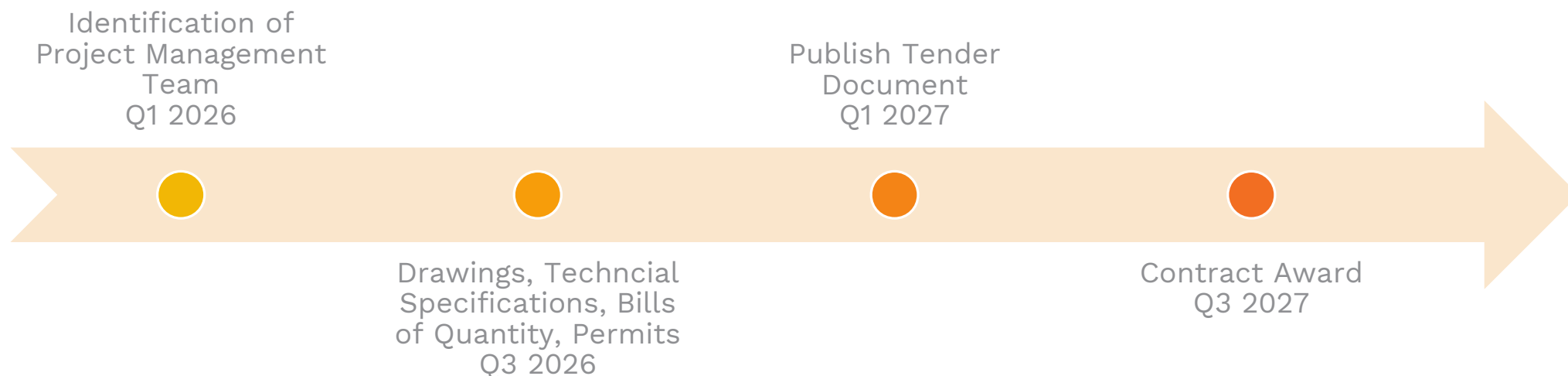
PROJECT SO FAR

- Move to a different floor within the same building
- Presently concluding a lease agreement
- Seeking to identify a Project Team to assist with the procurement, permits and project oversight



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Salary

Reimbursement of
Salaries for officers
working on visas

Mission based
officers (50% of
salary)

Locally Engaged
Personnel (100% of
salary)

Budget available
Euros 1,766,648.14



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Abu Dhabi

Accra

Beijing

Cairo

Casablanca

Doha

Dubai

Istanbul

Moscow

New Dehli

Shanghai

Tripoli

Tunis



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13
Mission
based
officers

38
Locally
Engaged
Personnel



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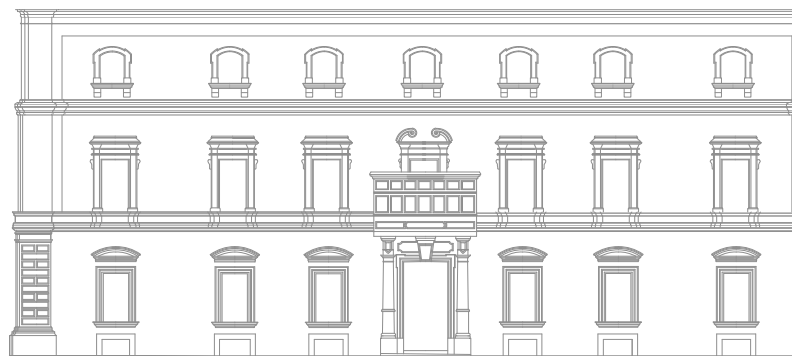
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CHALLENGES

Different
currencies

Different
employment
regimes

Common
Payment
Methodology



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