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VOLUNTEERING IN MALTA **REGULATION AND SUPPORT**



VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ACT (SINCE 2007)

The legal act defines the voluntary sector, which includes voluntary organisations, volunteers, donors who make voluntary grants of money or assets to voluntary organisations, beneficiaries of the services of volunteers and voluntary organisations and the administrators of such organisations. It also defines a 'volunteer' as a person who provides unremunerated services through or for a voluntary organisation. Accordingly, voluntary activity is undertaken by a person's free will, choice and motivation, and without regard to financial gain. **Voluntary Organisations Act**

NATIONAL STRATEGY ON VOLUNTEERING

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, together with the Parliamentary Sector for Youths, Sports and Voluntary Organisations has launched a National Strategy intending to strengthen the Voluntary Sector and make it more effective. The strategy is based on three pillars: the current situation of our community in Malta and Gozo, the development of the first strategy and Government policy for improving democratic participation.

https://maltacvs.org/



VOLUNTEER CENTRES

The Volunteer Centres serve primarily to foster and develop volunteerism in the community as well as support small and medium-sized voluntary organisations in their operations by providing both space and facilities from which such organisations can operate.

Volunteer Centres

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARD

Implemented by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector and is presented by the President. The award gives wide recognition to the outstanding contributions made in various fields and services by volunteers and voluntary organisations within the community. The award intends to raise awareness of the exemplary values displayed and find role models for young and Maltese society.



THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The ultimate mission of the Commissioner's office is to give more visibility to the voluntary sector as well as to guarantee transparency and accountability of the organisations that compose it in the carrying out of their work. Because of this, the Office of the Commissioner is also the regulatory authority. It is responsible for monitoring and supervising the activities of these organisations as well as supporting them.



REGISTRY OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Enrolment into the registry is not mandatory. It is, however, beneficial since registered organisations qualify for several benefits that are not otherwise available to them. In the first place, the certificate issued by the Office of the Commissioner certifies the organisation officially as a bona fide "voluntary". Besides, registered organisations may benefit from measures aimed at assisting VOs in the execution of their work.

The Office of the Commissioner

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FUNDING:

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (MCVS) ensures that Voluntary Organisations are informed of all the funding opportunities that may benefit them. A dedicated page brings together all the relevant funding opportunities for VOs, both local, European and Third Country opportunities. The page serves a dual purpose, to inform of Funding Opportunities for Voluntary Organisations and Funding Results.



www.vofunding.org.mt

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