

PRESS RELEASE

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EN**TITLE****Public Collections and Charity Shops Regulations**

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector(MCVS) is writing in relation to the latest developments concerning the Public Collections and the Charity Shops legislations. On the 27th July 2020 MCVS had informed the Voluntary Sector and issued a press release informing the Sector that these two legislations. MCVS raised various issues with respect to certain clauses of the proposed regulations.

MCVS was well aware of the potential impact and reaction from the Voluntary Sector and for this reason MCVS pushed for and coordinated four information meetings inviting the Office of the Commissioner for VOs to listen to issues raised by the Sector. As an initial step resulting from these meetings MCVS appreciates the steps taken by the Commissioner for VOs (OCVO) giving direction that fees indicated initially by the same OCVO will not be charged neither for the Public Collections nor the Charity Shops registrations. VOs who have already paid this fee shall be reimbursed.

MCVS appreciates this first step as a result of the consultations process initiated by MCVS. As a result of this consultation process and feedback received by MCVS from the Sector, the Council shall be drawing up and publishing a detailed report on both legislations, which report shall be put forward to legislators for their consideration and action. Voluntary Organisations are asked to send any further recommendations in writing by not later than the 9th April 2021.

The Council is committed to see to the improvement of the regulations in the best interest of all VOs without in any manner distancing ourselves from the fundamental elements of good governance and transparency which the same Council always advocates.

Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector

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TITLU

Regolamenti dwar Kollezjonijiet Pubbliċi u Fwienet tal-Karità

Il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat (MCVS) qed jikteb b'rabta mal-aħħar żviluppi li jikkonċernaw il-Kollezjonijiet Pubbliċi u l-leġislazzjonijiet tal-Fwienet tal-Karità. Fis-27 ta' Lulju 2020 l-MCVS kienet infurmat lis-Settur Volontarju u ħarġet stqarrija għall-istampa li tinforma lis-Settur li dawn iż-żewġ leġislazzjonijiet. Il-Kunsill immedjatament qajjem diversi kwistjonijiet fir-rigward ta' ċerti klawnsoli tar-regolamenti proposti.

L-MCVS kienet konxja sew mill-impatt u r-reazzjoni potenzjali mis-Settur tal-Volontarjat u għal din ir-raġuni l-MCVS imbotta u kkoordinata erba' laqgħat ta' informazzjoni li laqqgħu lill-Uffiċċju tal-Kummissarju mal-Għaqdiet Volontarji (OCVO) sabiex jismgħu dwar il-kwistjonijiet imqajma mis-Settur. Bħala pass inizjali li jirriżulta minn dawn il-laqgħat l-MCVS japprezza l-passi meħuda mill-Kummissarju għall-Għaqdiet Volontarji li jagħti direzzjoni sabiex il-miżati indikati inizjalment mill-istess OCVO ma jiġux imposti la għall-Kollezjonijiet Pubbliċi u lanqas għar-registrazzjonijiet tal-Fwienet tal-Karità. VOs li diġà ħallsu din il-miżata għandhom jiġu rimborżati.

Il-Kunsill japprezza dan l-ewwel pass bħala riżultat tal-proċess ta' konsultazzjonijiet mibdi mill-istess MCVS. Bħala riżultat ta' dan il-proċess ta' konsultazzjoni u 'feedback' miġbur mis-Settur, il-Kunsill ser ikun qed iħejji u jippubblika rapport dettaljat dwar iż-żewġ leġislazzjonijiet, liema rapport għandu jitressaq lil-leġiżlaturi għall-konsiderazzjoni u l-azzjoni tagħhom. L-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji huma mitluba jibagħtu kwalunkwe rakkomandazzjoni oħra bil-miktub sa mhux aktar tard mid-9 ta' April 2021.

Il-Kunsill huwa kommess li jara t-titjib tar-regolamenti fl-aħjar interess tal-VOs kollha mingħajr ma b'xi mod jiddistanza lis-Settur tal-Volontarjat mill-elementi fundamentali ta' governanza tajba u trasparenza li l-istess Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat dejjem saħaq fuqha.

Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat