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With reference to the budget for the year 2021 which was announced on Monday 19 October 2020, the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector noted that there was an emphasis on the social aspect due to the present situation of the pandemic. In fact one of the aids that the voluntary sector will benefit from is the extension of the Wage Supplement which should also be extended to the same Voluntary Sector.

But the Council regrets to note that the only measure that directly concerns the voluntary sector is the exemption of Income Tax to Voluntary Organizations which do not have more than 50 thousand euros in annual turnover from paying income tax. This band of organisations is already practically exempt from income tax due to the fact that they are not taxed.

The Council reiterates that this lack of awareness of the needs of the sector as the third pillar of the economy is a direct result of the fact that for several administrations the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, which is the legitimate representative of the Voluntary Sector, was left out of the MCESD. Despite the fact that it appears that there is currently an agreement between the two sides in Parliament for the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector to find its place in the MCESD, this step is taking time to be carried out to the detriment of the -Volunteering and its interests.

Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector

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Wara li nhar it-Tnejn 19 ta' Ottubru 2020 tħabbar il-'budget' għas-sena 2021 il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat innota li kien hemm enfazi fuq l-aspett soċjali għal dan iż-żmien li għaddejjin minnu minnħabba l-pandemija. Fil-fatt waħda mill-għajjuniet li s-settur tal-volontarjat ser igawdi minnha hija l-estensjoni tas-Suppliment tal-Pagi li għandu jkun estiż ukoll għall-istess settur tal-volontarjat.

Iżda l-istess Kunsill b'dispaċir jinnota illi l-unika miżura li tirrigwarda direttament is-settur tal-volontarjat hija dik li teżenta mit-taxxa tad-dħul lil dawk l-għaqdiet volontarji li m'għandhomx aktar minn 50 elf ewro fi dħul annwali. Din il-faxxa ta' għaqdiet huma diġa prattikament eżenti mit-taxxa tad-dħul minħabba l-fatt li ma jinqabdux mit-taxxa.

Il-Kunsill itenni li dan in-nuqqas ta' għarfien dwar il-bżonnijiet tas-settur bħala t-tielet pilastru tal-ekonomija huwa riżultat dirett tal-fatt li għal diversi amministrazzjonijiet il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat, li huwa r-rappreżentant legittimu tas-Settur tal-Volontarjat, tħalla barra mill-MCESD. Minkejja l-fatt illi jidher li prezentament hemm qbil bejn iż-żewġ naħat tal-Parlament sabiex il-Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat isib postu fl-MCESD, dan il-pass qed idum biex jitwettaq b'detriment għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat u l-interessi tiegħu.

Kunsill Malti għas-Settur tal-Volontarjat