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# **NEWS ALERT**

News and information issued weekly on events, training and funding managed directly by the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector for Voluntary Organisations and Volunteers.



### Mental Health First Aid Training

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector, in collaboration with Richmond Foundation, will be offering Mental Health First Aid for VO members between September - November 2022.

4 Courses are being supported financially and each course shall cater for a maximum of 20 participants. Please note that a

Course dates & locations are as follows:

- Course 1 (Rabat Volunteer Centre): 7, 9, 13, 14 September
   17:00 20:00
- Course 2 (Richmond premises St Venera): 17, 24
   September 9:00 16:00
- Course 3 (Xewkija Volunteer Centre Gozo): 8, 22 October
  9:00 16:00
- Course 4 (Valletta Volunteer Centre): 7, 11, 18, 21
   November 17:00 20:00

Please make sure you can attend the full course in order to be granted the certificate at the end of the course.

VO members wishing to participate in this initiative are invited to fill in the below google form and select their preferred course by not later than Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August noon:

### https://forms.gle/Vo5q855fo4GfM2CTA.

For more information/queries please send an email to **mcvs.mivc@gov.mt** 



## Energy and Water Efficiency Scheme for Voluntary

The Energy and Water Agency administers this national fund in order to assist Voluntary Organisations in reducing their energy and water consumption, and to address the National sustainability targets. In view of the success of the first call further buget is being allocated to support this initiative. In this respect a second call shall be issued towards the end of August 2022 for new applications to be submitted.

### **Overview of the Scheme**

The main objective of this Scheme is to support Voluntary Organisations in reducing their overall energy and water consumption, through an increase in energy efficiency, and/or reduction in water use, and/or augmentation of water supply. The assistance is intended to facilitate investment in solutions that contribute directly and tangibly towards these objectives.

### **Eligible Interventions are:**

Water	Energy		
W1	Water Flow Reduction	E1	Water Heating
W2	Reservoir Restoration	E2	Equipment Efficiency
W3	Secondary Network	E3	Lighting Efficiency

The minimum eligible cost shall be Euro 750 incl. VAT and the maximum eligible cost as described in section 4 of these Rules shall be capped at Euro 30,000 incl. VAT.

The grant amount shall cover 90% of the eligible cost up to Euro 27,000 (incl. VAT).

Beneficiaries shall co-fund the investment in the interventions by financing 10% of the eligible costs.

#### How to Apply

Further information regarding the Energy and Water Efficiency Scheme for VOs can be found on

**www.energywateragency.gov.mt** . Links to the online application will be available on the MCVS Funding Portal in the coming days **www.vofunding.org.mt** .

