NEWS ALERT

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Current rules create obstacles, such as additional registrations, when associations operate across EU borders. The European Commission has published a “Call for Evidence + Public Consultation” on “Proposal for a legislative initiative on cross-border activities of associations”, and we encourage you to provide your input by the 28th October 2022.

**Political background**
In February 2022, the European Parliament adopted a legislative initiative resolution with recommendations for the European Commission to work on and ensure a clear and coherent set of rules for a statute for European cross-border associations and non-profit organisations (NPOs). This resolution consists of a request for two legislative proposals:
1) a Regulation to create the legal form of a “European association”, and
2) a Directive harmonizing common minimum standards for NPOs (Non Profit Organisations/VOs).

In May 2022, the European Commission replied to the European Parliament that they commit to working on a legislative act that upholds the principles of proportionality, subsidiarity and better law-making.

At the beginning of August 2022, the European Commission published a Call for Evidence and a Public Consultation to gather stakeholders’ views and comments. **The deadline for input is 28th October 2022.**

More specifically, the objectives of this initiative are the following:
1. Helping associations access the freedoms of the Single Market (freedom of establishment, to provide goods, services, and capital) and improving associations’ capacity to expand across the EU Member States
2. Unleashing associations’ potential to address shared societal challenges and contribute to economic development
3. Promoting and protecting the fundamental rights enshrined in
Key dates
- The deadline for input is 28 October 2022
- The European Commission’s planned adoption of the legislative proposal is Q2 2023
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COMING SOON
In the coming weeks, the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector shall be issuing the Call for Nominations for the National Volunteer Award 2022.
Prepare to nominate those that deserve our recognition for their service...
Let us celebrate volunteers and volunteerism!

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