

Growing with purpose together –  
Mazars in Malta 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## **CSR programme focusing on youths – funding opportunity**

Guidelines for applicants 2023

## Introduction – *Growing with purpose together*

As part of the 25th Anniversary initiatives, Mazars in Malta is launching a €25,000 CSR scheme which will fund youth-based projects for a better future. This scheme, which will span over three years, will mark Mazars' established presence in Malta, further linking the firm to the local community, and its future with that of Malta's youths.

The theme of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is *Growing with purpose together*. We see this milestone as an opportunity to bridge the values and strengths which have defined our success, with the firm's fundamental purpose and vision – that of continuing to create value together with our stakeholders, and investing in what matters for our people, our clients and the local community.

## Information about the programme

The scheme involves supporting **five youth-oriented NGOs and/or student associations** over three years, with a financial contribution totalling €5,000 each, spread over this period.

Mazars in Malta is encouraging such NGOs and associations to submit their proposals for youth-focused initiatives aimed at harnessing the potential of youth, and thus securing a better future for our society. The initiatives can be centred around the investment in any of the following areas:

- leadership skills and problem solving;
- education and training;
- promotion of entrepreneurial initiatives;
- overall well-being and/or counselling services;
- digital progress and the use of innovative technologies;
- addressing societal needs & challenges;
- diversity and inclusion;
- human rights;
- gender equality;
- social and cultural progress;
- environment and sustainability;
- green initiatives;
- the arts;
- sports.

In addition to the above-listed categories, the Selection Committee is entitled to elect an additional category which is reasonably deemed to bring a positive impact on the youth. The Selection Committee reserves the right to refuse the application form if the area of focus is deemed to fall outside the scope of the scheme.

## Funds

The funds earmarked for this project total €25,000 over three years. Each of the five organisations who are granted funding as part of this scheme will receive €1,667 per year for 3 years.

## Selection criteria and timelines

Applicants must be non-profit and non-governmental organisations that are enrolled with the Commissioner for the Voluntary Sector. Student associations and organisations are also in scope.

Proposals submitted by participating youth based NGOs and associations are subject to evaluation by a selection committee that will be specifically set up for this scheme. The decision of the Selection Board is final and may not be appealed by any of the applicants. Proposals submitted after the deadline and after the funds are exhausted will not be taken into consideration.

An online application form is to be completed by the applicant of the proposed project on

<https://www.mazars.com.mt/CSR-programme>

Through the online form, the following information is to be included:

- a brief description of the aims and objectives of the NGO or student association;
- how the project will engage with youths and their respective involvement in the project;
- a description of the proposed project or initiative, including its main deliverables;
- the desired outcome, and beneficiaries of the proposed project;
- the tangible elements that will be produced by the project;
- a set of indicators to measure the success of the project.

Participating organisations are to send via email on [csr@mazars.com.mt](mailto:csr@mazars.com.mt) any supporting material. Applicants must send via e-mail, a detailed breakdown of the budget and estimates for the project.

Applications shall open on **the 4th of May, 2023**. The organisations and respective projects selected to benefit from this scheme will be communicated by the end of July 2023.

The funding made available by this scheme can be used to finance either a new or existing project intended to improve the future of youths in Malta.

Proposals will be judged on the following criteria: innovation, inspiration, creativity, effectiveness, feasibility, and above all, their impact on youth in the community.

A framework to monitor progress, transparency and accountability throughout the implementation of the scheme will be introduced and maintained. This will be

overseen by the specially set up selection committee.

A grant agreement is to be drawn up between Mazars in Malta and the five respective beneficiaries. The agreement is drawn up in Euros (€) with the details of the conditions and funding amount. The grant decision is a unilateral act awarding a subsidy to a beneficiary.

### Timetable

4 <sup>th</sup> of May	Launch of the initiative
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Clarification period
15 <sup>th</sup> of June	Deadline to submit the online application
By the end of July	Finalise NGO selection

### Data protection

All personal data contained in application forms shall be processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act as per local legislation. This data will be processed solely according to the guidelines of the implementation and evaluation of the scheme.

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