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Preżenti:

Is-Sur Mario Fava – President
Kav. Paul Farrugia – Viċi President
Dr. Samuel Azzopardi – Viċi President
Is-Sur Anthony Chircop – Membru
Is-Sur Jesmond Aquilina – Membru
Is-Sur Stephen Sultana – Membru
Is-Sur Sandro Azzopardi – Membru
H.E Clifford Galea Vella – Membru
Is-Sur Charles Bonello – Membru
Is-Sur Steven Axisa – Membru

Skuzati

Is-Sur Max Zammit – Membru

Uffiċjal Preżenti:

Sa. Lianne Cassar – Segretarju Eżekuttiv



49.1 Ittri ta' apoloġġi

49.1.1 Il-President semma li s-Sur Max Zammit talab li jkun skużat.

49.1.2 Fuq proposta tal-President issekondata mis-Sur Stephen Sultana, l-Eżekuttiv approva unanimament li jitnizzlu skużati.

49.2 Qari u Approvazzjoni tal-Minuti Laqgħa Nu. 48

49.2.1 Il-President preżenta l-minuti hekk kif kienu mibgħutha lill-Eżekuttiv mis-Segretarju Eżekuttiv.

49.2.2 Fuq proposta tal-President issekondata minn Chev Paul Farrugia, l-Eżekuttiv approva l-minuti hekk kif ġew preżentati.

49.3 Approvazzjoni Skeda tal-Pagamenti Nu. 48

49.3.1 Fuq proposta tal-President li ġiet issekondata minn Kav. Paul Farrugia u H.E. Clifford Galea Vella ġiet approvata l-iskeda ta' pagamenti għall-perjodu tas-26 ta' Novembru u t-22 ta' Diċembru 2025 li kienet tammonta għal €243,972.22.

49.4 Punti mill-Minuti Laqgħa Nu 48

49.4.1 CEMR

Il-President semma li dan is-Summit kien sar u kien ta' livell għoli hafna tant li hafna mid-delegazzjonijiet internazzjonali irringrazzjaw anki pubblikament lill-Assoċjazzjoni.

49.4.1 Prime Minister School

Il-President semma li din l-inizjattiva ġiet immedija waqt CEMR Summit u li l-Assoċjazzjoni ser tkun qed taħdem fuqha fl-ewwel xhir tas-sena 2026.

49.4.2 Peace March

Il-President semma li b' kollaborazzjoni mal-Foundation for Social Wellbeing dan il-marċ kien sar ġewwa l-Belt Valletta u irrimarka li l-attendenza tas-Sindki u l-Kunsilli ta' tfa' kienet waħda fqira minkejja li s-simbolu ta' dan il-marċ kien wieħed b' saħtu hafna.

49.4.3 Demografiku

Studju

Il-President semma li kienu għaddejjen laqgħat mal-Fakulta' tas-Soċjologija ġewwa l-Univerista' ta' Malta sabtex isir studju demografiku fuq il-gentrifikazzjoni f' lokalitajiet bħalma huma l-



Floriana, il-Kottonera u l-Belt.

49.4.4 Govtech4ALL

Il-President semma li kienet ser tkun qed tigi sottomessa proposta ta' sfida ewlenija fejn il-Kunsilli jkunu jistgħu jissottomettu espressjoni ta' interess sabiex tinsab soluzzjoni ta' assistenza bl-għodda tal-AI.

49.4.5 Tribunali Lokali

Il-President semma li jidher li ser tissejjaħ laqgħa nhar it-23 ta' Jannar mis-Segretarju Permanenti tal-Ġustizzja, is-Sur Johan Galea sabiex jagħti timeframes lir-Reġjun rigward iċ-ċaqliq ta' Tribunali mir-responsabbilita' tar-Reġjuni.

49.5 Performance Appraisals għas-sena 2025 – Haddiema Klerikali

49.5.1 Il-President spjega li kienu saru r-rapporti u ġew prezentanti lill-ħaddiema. Kien issuġġeriet li żewġ ħaddiema klerikali jingħataw 10% filwaqt li ħaddiem ieħor jingħataw 6%. Filwaqt li semma li anki fuq templates ta' kuntratti godda li d-Divizjoni ħarġet għall-ħaddiema non-klrikali, huwa kien qed jipproponi li kemm il-ħaddiem fi skala 16 kif ukoll il-ħaddiem ta' CIES jingħataw 6% performance allowance.

49.5.2 Fuq proposta tal-President issekondata mis-Sur Sandro Azzopardi, kien hemm qbil mill-Eżekuttiv għal dak propost.

49.6 Performance Appraisals għas-sena 2025 – Segretarju Eżekuttiv

49.6.1 Il-President talab lis-Segreatrju Eżekuttiv thalli l-kamra sabiex ikun diskuss ir-rapport ta' ħidma tas-Segreatrju Eżekuttiv.

49.6.2 Fuq proposta tal-President issekondata mis-Sur Sandro Azzopardi, kien hemm qbil mill-Eżekuttiv sabiex jingħataw l-massimu tal-performance bonus.

49.7 Approvazzjoni ta' Akkumular ta' Vacation Leave għas-sena 2026 – Haddiema

49.7.1 Il-President semma li kien hemm talba minn tliet ħaddiema sabiex jiġu imġedda, 82.75, 52 u 27 siegħa rispettivament. Semma li dan huwa konformi ma' dak mitlub mill-ftehim kollettiv.

49.7.2 Fuq proposta tal-President issekondata minn Chev. Paul Farrugia, kien hemm qbil mill-Eżekuttiv sabiex dawn is-siegħat ikunu mġedda.

49.8 Budget għas-Sena 2026



49.8.1 Il-President prezenta l-Budget għas-sena 2026. Semma li wara li l-Assoċjazzjoni tnaqsitila 45% allokkazzjoni għas-sena 2026 minn dik allokata għas-sena 2025, huwa flimkien mas-Segretarju Eżekuttiv żammew laqgħat u komunikazzjoni kemm mal-Ministeru tal-Finanzi kif ukoll mas-Segretarju Permanenti tal-Finanzi sabiex tingib għall-attenzzjoni tagħhom, il-committments li hemm anki permessi ta' impjigi maħruġa li jekk kellhom jiġu ingaġġati dawn il-haddiema biss l-allokkazzjoni mogħtija lill-AKL ma sservix biex tħallas is-salarji u l-ispejjeż amministrattivi. Għaldaqstant semma li l-Budget għas-sena 2026 kien qed jiġi preżentat b' deficit ta' €362,139. Dan anki wara li permezz tal-laqgħat li saru hekk kif imsemmija il-Ministeru tal-Finanzi assigura li l-Assoċjazzjoni ser tkun qed tingħata lura dak li kien imnaqqas mingħajr l-ebda pre-avviż.

Is-Sur Jesmond Aquilina semma li hemm Kunsilli Lokali li mhux qed isservihom l-allokkazzjoni u li wkoll li għad hemm Kunsilli li għadhom iridu jhalsu lir-Regjun tas-servizz tal-ġbir ta' skart. Is-Sur Aquilina semma li important li l-Assoċjazzjoni tagħmel provision għal dan id-deficit li qed tgħid li jista' jkun hemm.

Is-Sur Stephen Sultana semma li ma jistax wieħed jagħmel provision jekk din in-befqa għada ma saritx. Semma li jekk dawn il-fondi ma jaslux mill-Ministeru tal-Finanzi l-Assoċjazzjoni tkun qed tieħu mir-riżervi.

Dr. Samuel Azzopardi semma li kull kwart l-Assoċjazzjoni tkun qed tara kif inhi sejra fil-qagħda finanzjara tagħha u għaldaqstant dan mhux ser ikun problema daqkemm forsi wieħed qed jaħseb. Ir-raġuni hi li wieħed jirrevedi l-Budget wara nofs is-sena jekk kemm-il darb adawn il-fondi ma jaslux.

Il-President talab li tkun annessa mal-minuti, l-komunikazzjoni preżentata u mmarkata bħala Dok A.

Fuq proposta tal-President, issekondata minn Chev. Paul Farrugia u H.E. Clifford Galea Vella, l-Eżekuttiv approva l-budget hekk kif preżentat.

49.9 Komunikazzjoni mill-President

49.9.1 Il-President semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni ijlha għaddejja b' komunikazzjoni mad-Dipartiment tal-Kuntratti u anki mill-Uffiċju tas-Segreatrju Permanenti għall-Gvern Loakli sabiex ikunu ppubblikat żewġ tenders, wieħed proviżjoni ta' karozzi elettrici wara li l-kuntratt eżistenti għalaq u ieħor ta' poloz tal-assigurazzjoni. Semma li jidher biċ-ċar li meta l-AKL u r-regjuni tħallew barra minn skeda 2 tal-kuntratti inħolqot anomalija u żdiedet il-burokrazija ta' kif regjun jew l-Assoċjazzjoni jistgħu joħroġu sejha. Semma wkoll li ser ikun qed jikkomunika mad-Direttorat tal-Kuntratti sabiex ikun spjegat il-proċedura li wieħed irid jadotta.

49.9.2 Il-President semma li qed jitkellem mas-Sindku ta' Seicuk, ġewwa t-Turkija għaliex talbu lill-Assoċjazzjoni li jkun hemm kollaborazzjoni.



- 49.9.3 Il-President semma li l-ALDA ikkonfermaw li l-Assoċjazzjoni ntgħażlet sabiex tospita l-ALDA Festival 2026. Semma li wieħed qed jistenna li jerga' jkun hawn Malta madwar 200 delegat.
- 49.9.4 Il-President semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni rnexxilha tikteb b' suċċess proġett taht il-kappa tal-ERASMUS+. Semma li dan ser jingħata €60,000 għall-implimentazzjoni u inkiteb ma' partners mis-Serbja.
- 49.9.5 Il-President semma li qed jintbghatu hafna rikjesti minn partners Taljani sabiex jidaħhlu applikazzjonijiet kongunti għall-fondi ffinanzjati Interreg Italia – Malta. Semma li fosthom hemm proġetti li jridu jinkludu fihom lil Heritage Malta. Semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni qed tara dawn il-proġetti u l-budget propost u nikkollaboraw fejn naraw li l-proġett huwa alinjat mal-Viżjoni tal-Assoċjazzjoni.
- 49.9.6 Il-President semma li l-librerija tal-MCAST kienet infetħet għall-pubbliku. Semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni kienet mistiedna għall-ftuħ ta' din l-inizjattiva.
- 49.9.7 Il-President semma li s-Segreatrju Eżekuttiv kienet mistiedna titkellem fuq panel ta' workshop li kien organizzat mill-ALDA fuq id-Drittijiet Umani u kif bħala Gvern Lokali qed naħdmu ma' komunitajiet diversi.
- 49.9.8 Il-President semma li s-Segreatrju Eżekuttiv kienet mistiedna mill-Assoċjazzjoni Rumena sabiex tkun fuq panel f' konferenza organizzata mill-istess assoċjazzjoni.
- 49.9.9 Il-President semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni kienet intgħażlet mis-CEMR sabiex tkun waħda mill-Assoċjazzjonijiet li tipparteċipa fil-proġett iffinanzjat mill-U Lead u tkun parti mill-komunita' Bridges of Trust sabiex tinbena kollaborazzjoni bejn Kunsilli Lokali Maltin u dawk Ukreni.
- 49.9.10 Il-President għamel referenza għar-rapport maħruġ mill-Uffiċju tal-Awditur Ġenerali għas-sena finanzjarja tal-Kunsilli Lokali 2024. Il-President semma li wieħed għandu jaqra u jifhem ir-rapport filwaqt li jinstabu mekkaniżmi ta' kif il-kummenti repetitivi jiġu indirizzati.
- 49.9.11 Il-President semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni kienet ipparteċipat f' workshop organizzat mill-ALDA għewwa Brussel – Shaping Democracy.
- 49.9.12 Il-President semma li ngabret il-lista ta' haddiema fi skala 16 li jixtiequ jagħmlu l-kors f' livell MQF 3 li ser issir għewwa l-MCAST. Semma li kien hemm ftehim li dan issir waqt il-ħin tax-xogħol mill-11am 'l quddiem u għaddejjen diskussjonijiet sabiex dan issir blended fejn partijiet minnu jsiru online anki għal fatt li hemm haddiema minn Kunsilli Għawdxin li huma intressati.
- 49.9.13 Il-President semma li s-Segreatrju Eżekuttiv kien għe mistieden mill-Eurocities sabiex jattendi għal-lagħha f' Ruma fuq l-EU Multinational Financial Framework.



- 49.9.14 Il-President semma li ser issir laqgħa mal-FSWS wara li dawn ħadu finanzjament għall-proġett taħt il-fond tal-ESF sabiex jitratta First time offenders żgħażaġħ.
- 49.9.15 Il-President semma li l-proġett ta' Rillu Merillu kien tkompla u kienu waslu biex ikunu ippubblikati l-kotba tal-qari.
- 49.9.16 il-President semma li kemm l-ANSEK, DLG u anki l-NAO qablu li jkunu kollaboraturi fit-taħriġ li ser jingħata lill-Kunsilli Lokali nhar 13 ta' Jannar fuq kif kunsill irid jipprepara għall-proċess tal-awditjar.
- 49.9.17 Il-President semma li kien maqbul diġa f' xhur preċidenti, it-tender tal-Koordinatur għall-Kunsill tal-Ewropa u l-Komitatt tar-Regjuni mhux ser jerga' jkun ippubblikat wara li dan skada. Semma li l-Assoċjazzjoni ser tkun qed tiffirka madwar €35,000 fis-sena li jikkonsistu minn retainers fee, vjaġġi u DSA lill-kuntrattur magħżul. Semma li għalissa dan ix-xogħol ser ikun qed isir mill-ħaddiema tal-Assoċjazzjoni.

49.10 Agġornament

- 49.10.1 Il-Laqgħa agġornat fis-seba' u nofs ta' filgħaxija. L-Eżekuttiv qabel li għandu jerga' jiltaqa' nhar il-Ħamis, 29 ta' Jannar 2026 fis-sitta ta' filgħaxija fil-Binja tal-AKL, ġewwa l-Marsa.

Mario Fava
President

Lianne Cassar
Segretarju Eżekuttiv

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Re: Request for Meeting to Discuss the Reduction in the Local Councils Association Allocation

From Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>

Date Fri 31/10/2025 06:04

To Vassallo Emil at Local Government Division <emil.vassallo.1@gov.mt>; Mahoney Kevin at MCLG- OPS <kevin.mahoney@gov.mt>; LCA <lca@lca.org.mt>

Subject: Clarification on LCA Budget Allocation and Recent Communication
Dear Mr Vassallo,

Thank you for your message and for providing clarity on the ongoing situation regarding the Local Councils Association (LCA) budget allocation.

I can trace the email you mentioned and resend the business plan we submitted for the 2025 budget.

Regarding the allocation, as I indicated in my previous emails and during our discussion in Strasbourg, there was no need for the LCA to request additional funding for this year, 2026 the allocation of 800,000 was going to be enough. However, I must express my concern that the decision to reduce the previous year's allocation by nearly half is puzzling.

I am not blaming the dlG for this situation but I would like to inquire on what grounds this decision was made, and with whom the consultations took place. It is unreasonable to expect our association to operate within such a constrained financial framework. As I previously explained, the example I provided illustrates the significant challenges this reduction could create for our initiatives and projects.

I look forward to the outcome of the meeting next Monday. However, I must stress that this action is not acceptable and I expect our ministry to fully support our position if it had nothing to do with it.

Best regards,

Mario

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From: Vassallo Emil at Local Government Division <emil.vassallo.1@gov.mt>

Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 9:48 PM

To: Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>; Mahoney Kevin at MCLG- OPS <kevin.mahoney@gov.mt>; LCA <lca@lca.org.mt>

Subject: RE: Request for Meeting to Discuss the Reduction in the Local Councils Association Allocation

Permanent Secretary, MCLG
President, Local Councils Association

Dear both,

I have followed this situation and wish to clarify. I have already had the opportunity to briefly discuss with Mr Fava yesterday in Strasbourg since I felt that the Local Government Division was being blamed for the reduction in the LCA allocation. Mr Fava assured me that this was not the case.

In his communication with PS Zahra, Mr Fava mentions that he had provided DLG with the LCAs Business Plan (for the 2025 budget). I am not aware of this submission. Nor was I able to locate it. I do recall, however that I had communicated with the LCA to request it.

The entry for line item 5242 – Allocation to Local Councils Association for the 2025-2027 Business and Financial Plan was €490K. This figure remained unchanged from the previous year since no feedback was received from the LCA following the request. It later transpired that the Local Councils Association opted to liaise directly with MFIN, and in fact the allocation was increased from €490K to €800K. For the 2026 estimate. It was therefore expected that the LCA would once again make its own arrangements for the 2026 estimates. I am not aware whether this was the case.

As suggested by PS Mahoney, I am certain that MFIN would consider an additional allocation should the Local Councils Association be in need of such, We have experienced this with other items during the year and were able to obtain such funds.

Regards,

Emil

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MINISTRY FOR CULTURE, LANDS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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From: Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>

Sent: 30 October 2025 17:18

To: Mahoney Kevin at MCLG- OPS <kevin.mahoney@gov.mt>; LCA <lca@lca.org.mt>

Cc: Vassallo Emil at Local Government Division <emil.vassallo.1@gov.mt>

Subject: Re: Request for Meeting to Discuss the Reduction in the Local Councils Association Allocation

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Dear Mr. Mahoney,

Thank you for your message.

Like everyone else, I look into what directly concerns the association I manage. However, a 45% reduction in the allocation can never be justified. Two years ago, the LCA presented a five-year business plan to the DLG, built on the current allocation and an additional €300,000, which I had given last year to the Minister for Finance. The increase granted in the previous year was based on those detailed presentations and on the commitments we have for 2025, as well as those planned for 2026 and 2027.

It simply makes no sense to approve a business plan, allocate funds accordingly, and then reduce that same allocation by such a percentage the following year. The LCA cannot operate with a €400,000 allocation. What I am requesting is not unrealistic, nor beyond reasonable limits; I am simply asking for the same allocation we had last year.

To use a simple analogy: if you buy a car in 2025 and request funds for its maintenance, the same level of funding should remain in 2026, unless, of course, the vehicle has been sold. It's a matter of common sense and basic logic.

For now, I prefer not to take a negative tone or point out where public funds are being wasted. My sole focus remains on ensuring the right level of funding for the LCA, so that it can continue to operate effectively and fulfil its commitments.

I have a meeting with Mr Zahra on Monday, and I hope this matter will be resolved along the lines I have outlined. However, I want to make it clear that I cannot accept the line item as it currently stands.

Kind regards,

Mario Fava

From: Mahoney Kevin at MCLG- OPS <kevin.mahoney@gov.mt>

Sent: 30 October 2025 16:19

To: Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>

Cc: Vassallo Emil at Local Government Division <emil.vassallo.1@gov.mt>

Subject: RE: Request for Meeting to Discuss the Reduction in the Local Councils Association Allocation

Mario

I understand your disappointment at the reduced allocation to the LCA.

We had certain line items and our capital vote reduced as well although admittedly, others were slightly increased. Evidently and obviously, Finance cannot approve all financial requests from all the Ministries and have to ensure that expenditure remains within acceptable levels.

Having said that, the Ministry will try to remedy any financial difficulties which LCA might have by requesting additional funds to MFIN, should the request for such be justifiable and within reasonable limits.

Regards.

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From: Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 October 2025 19:23
To: Mahoney Kevin at MCLG- OPS <kevin.mahoney@gov.mt>
Subject: Fw: Request for Meeting to Discuss the Reduction in the Local Councils Association Allocation

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Dear Mr Mahoney

Whilst hoping that this email finds you well, I refer to the below correspondence sent earlier today to Mr Paul Zahra.

This is unacceptable and I hope that your office will take all the necessary steps and action to remedy this situation.

Thanks and regards

Mario Fava.

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From: Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 12:19:38 PM
To: paul.zahra@gov.mt <paul.zahra@gov.mt>
Cc: clyde.caruana@gov.mt <clyde.caruana@gov.mt>; LCA <lca@lca.org.mt>
Subject: Request for Meeting to Discuss the Reduction in the Local Councils Association Allocation

Dear Mr Zahra,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent cut of almost 45% in the allocation for the Local Councils Association. Such a drastic reduction not only hinders the Association's ability to carry out its work locally and abroad, but it is most disappointing that we were never advised or consulted about these cuts. As a result, we are now unable to deliver on our three-year business plan, which had been carefully designed to continue strengthening the role and visibility of local government in Malta.

An initial review of the budget shows that while our allocation was reduced, additional funds have been directed to other local government-related line items. Some of these could have easily been funded through existing or similar budget lines, without undermining the Association's operations. This makes the cut even more difficult to understand, especially given that I have always provided detailed explanations and justifications for how the Association's funds were utilised over the past years, with full transparency and accountability.

It is important to underline that all public funds administered by the Local Councils Association have always been managed with the utmost transparency. This has been acknowledged on several occasions by the National Audit Office. Over the past years, we have consistently invested in strengthening local governance, including through many training sessions for elected members and local council staff. Moreover, the Association was accredited with the ELoGE Label for Excellence by the Council of Europe, recognizing our commitment to good governance, integrity, and accountability. We have also coordinated training programmes led by foreign experts to help local councils participate in this initiative and further embed transparency and sound administration principles.

Given this record, there is no valid reason for such a significant reduction in our funding. This decision undermines the hard work and commitment that the Association has demonstrated over the past eight years. During this period, we have successfully organised and hosted important seminars and summits in Malta, which have significantly elevated our country's profile within Europe and locally.

The Association has become a key partner for various ministries, collaborating on numerous initiatives to improve local governance and implement national measures at the regional and local level. I can provide an extensive list of these projects.

Is this how the Government shows appreciation for our work and the many individuals who dedicate their time to contribute meaningfully to our society? Have we forgotten the Association's substantial input during the regionalisation process, a crucial step forward for Malta's local governance framework?

Given the seriousness of the situation and its implications for our ongoing and future projects, I would greatly appreciate if you could kindly provide a date and time for a meeting to discuss these issues in detail.

Thank you for your attention and understanding. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Kind regards,
Mario Fava
President

Local Councils Association (Malta)



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Gentilment nixtieq nistaqsi jekk kellekx mument taghti daqqa t' ghajn l-email li bghattlek dwar l-allokazzjoni tal-Assocjazzjoni.

Dan ghaliex il-gimgha id-diehla ghandna l-laqgha tal-Ezekuttiv.

Grazzi u tislijiet,

Mario Fava

From: Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>
Sent: 09 November 2025 13:43
To: Zahra Paul at MFIN <paul.zahra@gov.mt>
Cc: Lianne Cassar <lcassar@lca.org.mt>; LCA <lca@lca.org.mt>
Subject: Allokazzjoni Assocjazzjoni Kunsilli Lokali

Sur Zahra,

Anness qed nibghatlek dak mitlub u qbilna dwaru fil-laqgha ta' nhar it-Tnejn.

Grazzi u tislijiet,

Mario Fava



Suġġett: Spejjes Assoċjazzjoni Kunsilli Lokali 2026

Ghaziz Sur Zahra,

Nixtieq nirringrazzjak mill-ġdid tad-disponibbiltà tiegħek biex iltqajna u spjegajna s-sitwazzjoni tal-Assoċjazzjoni kif ukoll ix-xogħol estensiv li qed jitwettaq. Il-konfront li kellna kien wiehed pożittiv u produttiv, u napprezza tassew il-ħin u l-attenzjoni li tajtna.

Bi qbil ma' dak li ddiskutejna, qed nibgħatlek hawn taħt id-dettalji tal-ispejjeż proposti, b' mod konservattiv, tal-Assoċjazzjoni għas-sena 2026:

- Salarji: €380,000 (jinkludu s-sejħiet li hemm barra jew se jinhargu fil jiem li ġejjin)
- Kirja: €31,000 (Sar kuntratt ġdid fejn irnexxilna norbtu r-rata għall-ghaxar snin – 2035, li ġejjin, b' option ta tiġdid għal ghaxar snin ohra – 2045).
- Memberships: €20,000
- Office material and supplies: €40,000
- Utilities: €12,000
- Transport: €20,000
- Information and marketing: €20,000
- Rillu Initiative: €15,000
- Cleaning: €7,000
- Professional services: €40,000
- Travel expenses: €40,000
- Staff training: €7,000
- Office hospitality: €10,000
- Training for councillors and local councils' staff: €45,000
- Alda Summit: €50,000
- Plenary: €45,000
- Mayors and Vice Mayors Conference x2 : €50,000
- Prime Minister's School: €15,000
- EkoSkola: €15,000
- Ukraine Summer Camp: €15,000
- EU Related Projects: €12,000
- Participatory Budget & Children's Council: €50,000
- Training for above: €5,000
- Insurance: €5,000
- Depreciation: €50,000
- Spejjes relatati mall-Kumitat tar-Regjuni u CoE; €6,000
- MQF Level 3 with MCAST for scale 16 employees as per collective agreement; €7,500
- Studju (bdew id-diskussjonijiet) demografiku fil-komunitajiet; €25,000

Total tan-nefqa: €1,037,500

Barra minn hekk, nixtieq ninnota li **bl-istruttura l-ġdida** li se tkun qed tiġi proposta, **għas-sena 2027** ikun hemm bżonn ta' **zieda fl-allokkazzjoni ta' malwar €300,000**, kif diġà kelli l-opportunità niddiskuti mal-Ministru. Din iż-zieda, madankollu, **mhix meħtieġa għas-sena 2026.**



Ghaldaqstant l-allokkazzjoni għal 2026 ma tistax tkun anqas minn €800,000. Dan huwa inqas mis-sena, 2025 għaliex ċertu xogħol se jkun qed isir inhouse u ghaldaqstant, tender li bhalissa huwa fis-seħħ, mhux ser ikun qed jiġi imġedded, filwaqt li l-ispiza ta' fuq avvenimenti internazzjonali, fis-sena 2026 ser tkun qed tonqos bi ftit ukoll. Dan jiehu inkonsiderazzjoni wkoll li t-3% li bhalissa qed niehdu bhala management fee mill-aġenzija LESA jibqa' jinghata.

Barra dan, bhala nota addizzjonali, l-Assoċjazzjoni għandha l-BOQ's lesti għal żewġ proġetti kapitali li huma lift għan-nies biex il-binja ssir waħda aċċessibli, liema proġett jinkludi wkoll alterazzjonijiet strutturali, kif ukoll il-proġett l-iehor fejn spazju ta' parkeġġ ser ikun qed jinbidel fi spazju miftuh, li għalih ukoll diġa inhareg il-permess mehtieg mill-awtorita tal-ippjanar u li lejn tmiem is-sena bidu tad-diehla, ser jinhareg it-tender għalih. Għal dawn iż-żewġ proġetti l-Assoċjazzjoni diġa għandha l-fondi mehtiegawara li għal numru ta snin hadet hsieb twarrab ammonti zghar kull sena kif ukoll kisbet fondi addizzjonali minn terzi. Dan jikkonferma l-għaqal li l-Assoċjazzjoni dejjem hadmet bih.

Nirringrazzjak mill-gdid u nistenna minghandek.

Tislijiet,



Mario Fava





Re: Allokazzjoni Assoċjazzjoni Kunsilli Lokali

From Mario Fava <mario@mariofava.com.mt>
Date Tue 18/11/2025 09:24
To Zahra Paul at MFIN <paul.zahra@gov.mt>
Cc Lianne Cassar <lcassar@lca.org.mt>; LCA <lca@lca.org.mt>

Dear Mr. Zahra,

Thank you for your message. I appreciate your commitment and the assurance that we will have your support in moving forward with the 2026 business plan in the new year.

How is this support intended to be implemented? Understanding the mechanism and timeline will help ensure that the business plan is drawn up realistically and accurately.

I would also like to highlight an important point regarding the financial aspect. If the required funds are not allocated within the current budgeting process, this would result in the 2026 budget being approved in deficit, which would not reflect well on either the administration or the elected members. Such a situation would also be flagged in our audit report.

I appreciate that the lack of allocation appears to have been an oversight from the start, and this should be corrected accordingly by ensuring that the proper allocation is included at the beginning of the year.

I must also underline that not having the adequate allocation from the outset places the Association in a position where it appears to be 'begging' for funds that should have been assigned from the start. This is neither ideal nor reflective of the importance and responsibilities entrusted to the Association.

Furthermore, I still fail to understand how the Local Councils and Regional Councils had their allocations adjusted and increased, while the Association was the only entity to have its budget reduced. This inconsistency is difficult to justify, especially given the essential work we undertake in support of the entire local government system.

Additionally, I cannot plan or implement the 2026 business plan without first having the necessary funding formally in place. Proper allocation is essential for responsible planning, execution, and accountability.

For these reasons, could you please clarify how this 'extra' funding is expected to be recorded? Knowing this will help ensure that all procedures are followed correctly and transparently.

Thank you once again for your support, and I look forward to your guidance.

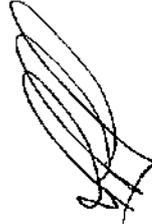
Kind regards,

Mario

Zahra Paul at MFIN<paul.zahra@gov.mt>
Mario Fava
Lianne Cassar;+1 other
Hello Mario

I had the opportunity to see your document and can confirm that in the new year we will support you to make it happen.

Best regards,
paul

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Zahra Paul', located to the right of the main text.A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely 'Mario Fava', located to the right of the signature above.