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COVID-19: Malta Employers' Association digs into its Warchest

The Malta Employers' Association has announced a set of measures to assist employers with the issues they are facing as a result from the COVID-19 outbreak. The Association has launched a <u>comprehensive manual</u> for employers which includes guidance on employment issues related to the virus, and full information on all schemes available with all the relevant links. The manual also has a number of chapters with FAQs on various aspects of COVID-19 and employment, together with useful links and announcements by government entities. The manual is an interactive tool, which will be kept constantly updated with new information and developments.

In addition, the Association has notified its members that the subscriptions for 2020 will be reduced by 50%. Ms. Doris Sammut Bonnici, MEA president explained that: 'We believe that these times call for a gesture of solidarity, and that there is pain which needs to be shared. There is a chain reaction which has extended from businesses who were immediately affected when the outbreak started, to others across the B2B networks. Consumer demand has also been affected due to curtailment in activity together with a fall in purchasing power which is impacting more employees and families. The ripples of this crisis spread deep and wide. It is timely on the part of the Association to extend a gesture of support to employers'.

She added that: 'As a society, we will work together during these dire times so that when we come to the light at the end of the tunnel, we will shine brighter than ever'.