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Press Release

MEA calls for improved efficiency in processing EU funding applications

The Malta Employers' Association has described the situation regarding the processing of EU funded projects as 'alarming' and insisted that government should make an overhaul of existing procedures to ensure that Malta does not lose out as a result of excessive bureaucracy.

The MEA said that the state of affairs with respect to the Erasmus applications by many students is also present in applications by companies for the Training Aid Framework (TAF) funds. Many employers are frustrated that they are left in the dark about their applications for training funds, and they are given no feedback about a time frame when pending applications, which count in the hundreds, are going to be settled. A similar situation also exists in many other EU projects, with projects being underway without the final contract having been signed with the PPCD. This situation is dissuading many companies from applying for such funds. The Association is claiming that too much time is being lost counting paper clips and crossing ts when the main role of the managing organisations should be to facilitate access to such funds in the shortest time possible. For this reason MEA is proposing a compete audit to cut down on burdensome processes to ensure the maximum utilisation and benefit of EU funded projects.

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