

TESTIMONIAL

Project Title: *Unlocking EU Funds for SMEs (UNLOCK)*

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Check-IN, I am pleased to provide this testimonial in support of the *Unlocking EU Funds for SMEs (UNLOCK)* project and our collaboration with the Malta Employers' Association (MEA).

From the outset, the project addressed a genuine need shared by many SMEs and aspiring entrepreneurs: improving access to EU funding opportunities through practical guidance, capacity building and dedicated support. This objective strongly aligns with Check-IN's mission to empower individuals and organisations through education, entrepreneurship and international cooperation.

Throughout the project, MEA has demonstrated professionalism, responsiveness and a collaborative approach. Together, we worked to develop the EU Helpdesk model, exchange good practices and adapt the initiative to the needs of our respective communities. As the Portuguese partner, Check-IN contributed by hosting the Transnational Project Meeting, supporting research activities, organising local information and training sessions, and promoting the project within our network.

What makes UNLOCK particularly valuable is its focus on creating a sustainable support service that will continue to benefit SMEs and entrepreneurs beyond the project's lifetime. The EU Helpdesk represents a practical and accessible resource that can help organisations better understand, access and manage European funding opportunities.

We are proud to have partnered with MEA on this initiative and fully support the quality of the work delivered throughout the project. We believe UNLOCK demonstrates the value of transnational cooperation in developing practical solutions that create lasting benefits for businesses, entrepreneurs and the wider community.

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