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To whom it may concern,

As National Coordinator for the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes in Malta and Chief Executive Officer of the European Union Programmes Agency (EUPA), I have had the opportunity to closely follow the implementation of the Erasmus+ project **Unlock** coordinated by the **Malta Employers' Association (MEA)**.

The project addresses a real and pressing challenge faced by many small and medium-sized enterprises, namely the difficulty of accessing European and national funding opportunities due to limited awareness, capacity, and resources. Through the establishment of the **EU Funding Helpdesk**, the project has successfully created a practical and sustainable mechanism that assists businesses in identifying funding opportunities, developing project ideas, and strengthening their ability to participate in European programmes.

What is particularly commendable is the project's long-term vision. Rather than limiting its impact to the duration of the Erasmus+ grant, the partnership has developed a service that will continue supporting enterprises, entrepreneurs, migrants, young people, and other underrepresented groups beyond the project lifetime. Through information sessions, training activities, personalised guidance, and outreach efforts, the Helpdesk is contributing to a stronger culture of participation in European funding programmes and helping businesses become more innovative, resilient, and internationally connected.

This project demonstrates how Erasmus+ can support not only education and training objectives but also wider economic and social development goals.

EUPA is particularly proud to have supported this initiative through the Erasmus+ Programme. The **Unlock** project stands as an excellent example of how European funding can be transformed into practical support structures that generate lasting impact for businesses and communities.

I congratulate **MEA** and all those involved for their outstanding work and encourage them to continue building on this success for the benefit of Malta's business community and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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