



PARLAMENT TA' MALTA

IT-TLETTAX-IL LEGIŻLATURA

P.L. 6960

Dokument imqiegħed fuq il-Mejda tal-Kamra tad-Deputati fis-Seduta Numru 490 tat-30 ta' Lulju 2021 mill-Ministru għall-Energija, l-Intrapriża u l-Iżvilupp Sostenibbli.

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A.L. 306 tal-2021

**ATT DWAR L-INTRAPRIŻA TA' MALTA
(KAP. 463)**

**Regolamenti tal-2021 dwar Aċċess Finanzjarju
ta' Self b'Imghax Baxx**

BIS-SAIHA tas-setgħat mogħtija bl-artikolu 5 tal-Att dwar l-Intrapriża ta' Malta, il-Ministru għall-Energija, l-Intrapriża u l-Iżvilupp Sostenibbli, wara konsultazzjoni mal-Korporazzjoni dwar l-Intrapriża ta' Malta u bi qbil mal-Ministru għal-Finanzi u x-Xogħol, għamlet dawn ir-regolamenti li ġejjin:-

1. (1) It-titolu ta' dawn ir-regolamenti hu r-Regolamenti tal-2021 dwar Aċċess Finanzjarju ta' Self B'Imghax Baxx. Titolu u bidu
fis-seħh.

(2) Dawn ir-regolamenti għandhom jitqiesu li daħlu fis-seħh fl-1 ta' Mejju 2021.

2. F'dawn ir-regolamenti, kemm-il darba r-rabta tal-kliem ma teħtiegħ xort'ohra: Tifsir.

"Att" tfisser l-Att dwar l-Intrapriża ta' Malta;

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"Korporazzjoni" tfisser l-Intrapriża ta' Malta mwaqqfa skont l-Att;

"Linji Gwida" tfisser daww il-linji gwida li jistgħu jiġu ppubblikati mill-Korporazzjoni minn żmien għal żmien skont l-Att;

"impriża" għandu jkollha l-istess tifsira kif mogħtija lilha fl-Att.

3. Fejn il-Korporazzjoni tkun sodisfatta li impriża eligibbli tkun qiegħda twettaq proġett ta' investiment eligibbli f'Malta skont it-termini u l-kundizzjonijiet stabbiliti fil-Linji Gwida, il-Korporazzjoni tista' tgħin lil dik l-impriża b'self b'imghax baxx sabiex tkopri parti mir-reqwiziti ta' finanzjament. Eligibbiltà.

4. (1) Impriži eligibbli jistgħu jiġu mgħejjuna permezz ta' self b'imghax baxx sa miljun euro (€1,000,000) għall-finanzjament ta' proġetti li jwasslu għal aktar żvilupp, espansjoni ta' attivitajiet, ottimizazzjoni tal-proċessi, prestazzjoni ambjentali mtejba u sostenibbli, kif spjegat aktar fil-Linji Gwida. Termini ta' self
b'imghax baxx.

(2) Is-self jista' jkopri sa hamsa u sebghin fil-mija (75%) tal-ispejjeż relatati mal-proġett propost inkluż l-akkwist ta' assi, spejjeż

tal-pagi, għarfien u spejjeż oħra mhux rikorrenti kif inhu stabbilit fil-Linji Gwida.

(3) Is-self għandu, bħala garanzija, ikun assikurat b'ipoteka speċjali li tkopri mill-inqas ħamsin fil-mija (50%) tal-ammont tas-self.

(4) Il-valur tal-għajjnuna ta' self għandu jitqies li għandu għotja grossa ekwivalenti fil-mument tal-għotja kkalkulata bħala proporzjon ekwivalenti tal-limitu *de minimis* kif stabbilit fir-Regolament tal-Kummissjoni (UE) Nru 1407/2013 tat-18 ta' Diċembru 2013 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għall-għajjnuna *de minimis* (ir-Regolament *de minimis*) kif emendat.

(5) Il-valur tal-investment mhux kopert mis-self maħruġ mill-Korporazzjoni, għandu jkun iffinanzjat permezz ta' self maħruġ minn bank kummerċjali u, jew permezz ta' riservi tal-impriża (jew fondi oħra meqjusa bħala l-fondi proprji tal-impriża) li għandhom jiġu allokatu speċifikament għal proġett u ddepożitati ma' bank kummerċjali.

Skadenza għas-sottomissjonijiet tal-applikazzjonijiet għal assistenza.

5. (1) Applikazzjonijiet għal assistenza biex jappjoġġjaw impriži eliġibbli skont dawn ir-regolamenti għandhom jaslu għand il-Korporazzjoni qabel il-31 ta' Ottubru 2023.

(2) Ebda assistenza taht dawn ir-regolamenti ma għandha tingħata mill-Korporazzjoni wara l-31 ta' Diċembru 2023.

L.N. 306 of 2021**MALTA ENTERPRISE ACT
(CAP. 463)****Access to Finance (Soft Loan) Regulations, 2021**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 5 of the Malta Enterprise Act, the Minister for the Energy, Enterprise and Sustainable Development, in consultation with the Malta Enterprise Corporation and with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance and Employment, has made the following regulations:-

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Access to Finance (Soft Loan) Regulations, 2021. Citation and commencement.

(2) These regulations shall be deemed to have come in force on 1st May 2021.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation.

"Act" means the Malta Enterprise Act; Cap. 463.

"Corporation" means Malta Enterprise established under the Act;

"Guidelines" means such guidelines as may be published by the Corporation from time to time in terms of the Act;

"undertaking" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Act.

3. Where the Corporation is satisfied that an eligible undertaking is carrying out an eligible investment project in Malta in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the Guidelines, the Corporation may support the eligible undertaking with a soft loan to cover part of the funding requirements. Eligibility.

4. (1) Eligible undertakings may be supported through a soft loan of up to one million euro (€1,000,000) for funding projects leading to further development, expansion of activities, process optimisation, improved environmental performance and sustainability, as further outlined in the Guidelines. Terms of the soft loan.

(2) The loan may cover up to seventy-five percent (75%) of costs related to the proposed project including the procurement of assets, wage costs, know-how and other non-recurring costs as further defined in the Guidelines.

(3) The loan shall, by way of collateral, be secured by a special hypothec covering at least fifty percent (50%) of the loan amount.

(4) The value of aid of a loan shall be considered to have a gross grant equivalent at the time of granting calculated as a corresponding proportion of the relevant *de minimis* ceiling as established in Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid (the *de minimis* Regulation), as amended.

(5) The investment value not covered by the loan issued by the Corporation, must be financed through a loan issued through a commercial bank and, or through reserves of the undertaking (or other funds considered to be the undertaking's own funds) which shall be specifically allocated to the project and deposited with a commercial bank.

Deadline for submission of applications for assistance.

5. (1) Applications for assistance to support eligible undertakings under these regulations shall reach the Corporation before 31st October 2023.

(2) No assistance under these regulations shall be awarded by the Corporation after 31st December 2023.
