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### MINISTERU GHAT-TRASPORT, L-INFRASTRUTTURA U X-XOGHLIJIET PUBBLIĊI

Skema ta' Għotja tal-Gvern fuq xiri ta' Roti, fuq il-konverżjoni ta' Roti għal Pedelecs, u Installazzjoni ta' Racks tar-Roti u/jew Faċilitajiet Anċillari u/jew Stazzjonijiet ta' Tiswija

IL-MINISTERU għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura, u Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi flimkien mal-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Transport Malta) qed jippubblika skema ta' għotja finanzjarja immirata sabiex tippromwovi l-attività fiżika u mobbilità attiva permezz tal-inizjattivi li ġejjin:

- 1. Ix-xiri ta' rota waħda minn persuni residenti f'Malta;
- 2. Ix-xiri ta' roti minn imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji u entitajiet bil-ħsieb li joffruhom għall-kiri;
- 3. Il-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs minn persuni residenti f'Malta jew impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta jew Kunsilli Lokali jew entitajiet jew Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji;
- 4. L-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew faċilitajiet anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija minn impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji, entitajiet, u Kunsilli Lokali.

L-iskema hija effettiva mill-1 ta' Jannar 2025 u tagħlaq fil-31 ta' Diċembru 2025, jew sakemm il-baġit allokat ta' mitejn elf Ewro (€200,000) jiġi eżawrit.

L-ghotjiet f'din l-iskema ghandhom jigu assenjati fuq bazi ta' min jigi l-ewwel jinqeda.

#### L-ISKEMA

### 1. Interpretazzjoni

Għall-fini ta' din l-għotja, sakemm il-kuntest ma jeħtieġx mod ieħor:

1.1. 'Applikant' tfisser kwalunkwe:

persuna residenti Malta li tixtri rota;

impriża stabbilita f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, entità jew Kunsill Lokali li tixtri rota wahda jew aktar bilhsieb li joffruhom għall-kiri;

persuna residenti Malta, impriża stabbilita f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, entità jew Kunsill Lokali li tikkonverti rota għal pedelec;

#### No. 849

### MINISTRY FOR TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Government Grant on the purchase of Bicycles, on the conversion of Bicycles to Pedelecs, and the Installation of Bicycle Racks and/or Ancillary Facilities and/or Repair Stations

THE Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works, together with the Authority for Transport in Malta (Transport Malta) is publishing a financial grant scheme aimed at promoting physical activity and active mobility through the following initiatives:

- 1. The purchase of one bicycle by persons residing in Malta:
- 2. The purchase of bicycles by undertakings established in Malta, Voluntary Organisations, and entities with the intention of offering them for hire;
- 3. The conversion of bicycles to pedelecs by persons residing in Malta or undertakings established in Malta or Local Councils or entities or Voluntary Organisations;
- 4. The installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary facilities and/or repair stations by undertakings established in Malta, Voluntary Organisations, entities, and Local Councils.

The scheme is effective as of 1st of January 2025 and closes on 31st of December 2025, or until the allocated budget of two hundred thousand Euro (€200,000) is exhausted.

The grants in this scheme shall be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis.

#### THE SCHEME

### 1. Interpretation

For the purpose of this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.1. 'Applicant' means any:

person residing in Malta who purchases a bicycle; undertaking established in Malta, voluntary organisation, or entity that purchases one or more bicycles with the intention to offer them for hire:

person residing in Malta, undertaking established in Malta, voluntary organisation, entity or Local Council that converts a bicycle to pedelec;

impriża stabbilita f'Malta, organizzazzjoni volontarja, entità jew Kunsill Lokali li tinstalla rack tar-roti waħda jew aktar u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubbliċi jew fil-bini tal-applikant;

- 1.2. 'Applikazzjoni' tfisser l-applikazzjoni maghmula għal għotja taħt din l-iskema;
- 1.3. 'Awtorità tfisser l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta mwaqqfa taħt id-dispozizzjonijiet tal-Att dwar l-Awtorità għat-Trasport f'Malta (Kap. 499 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);
- 1.4. 'Entità tfisser entità stabbilita f'Malta li mhix la impriza u lanqas organizzazzjoni volontarja u li mhix ikkontrollata direttament jew indirettament mill-Gvern ta' Malta jew iffinanzjati permezz ta' fondi pubblici, bħal skejjel privati jew tal-knisja;
- 1.5. 'Għotja' tfisser l-għotja li qed tingħata taħt din l-iskema lil applikant li jissodisfa r-rekwiżiti tat-taqsima 4;
- 1.6. 'Impriża stabbilita f' Malta' tfisser entità kummercjali stabbilita f' Malta, inkluż persuna li taħdem għal rasha skont il-Liġi Nazzjonali, fondazzjoni jew socjetà kooperattiva;
- 1.7. 'Impriża wahda' tinkludi, ghall-finijiet ta' din l-iskema, l-intrapriżi kollha li jkollhom bejniethom mill-inqas wahda mir-relazzjonijiet li ģejjin:
- a) intrapriża wahda li jkollha l-maggoranza tad-drittijiet tal-vot tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f' intrapriża ohra.
- b) intrapriża wahda li jkollha d-dritt li tahtar jew li tnehhi l-maġġoranza tal-membri tal-korp amministrattiv, maniġerjali jew superviżorju ta' intrapriża ohra.
- c) intrapriża wahda li jkollha d-dritt teżercita influwenza dominanti fuq intrapriża ohra skont kuntratt li tkun dahlet fih flimkien ma' dik l-intrapriża jew skont dispożizzjoni filmemorandum jew statut ta' assocjazzjoni taghha.
- d) intrapriża wahda, illi tkun azzjonista fi jew membru ta' intrapriża ohra, tikkontrolla wahedha, skont ftehim ma' azzjonisti ohra fi jew membri ta' dik l-intrapriża, maġġoranza tad-drittijiet tal-voti tal-azzjonisti jew tal-membri f'dik l-intrapriża.

Intrapriżi li jkollhom wahda mir-relazzjonijiet imsemmija fil-punti minn (a) sa (d) permezz ta' intrapriża wahda jew aktar, ghandhom ukoll jitqiesu wkoll bhala impriża wahda.

1.8. 'Irċevuta Fiskali' tfisser irċevuta kif definita fit-Tlettax-il Skeda -ta' l-Att dwar Taxxa fuq il-Valur Miżjud (Kap. 406 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta), u tinkludi wkoll kull regolament magħmul bl-istess Att; undertaking established in Malta, voluntary organisation, entity or Local Council that installs one or more bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station within a public location or within the premises of the applicant;

- 1.2. 'Application' means the application made for a grant under this scheme;
- 1.3. 'Authority' means the Authority for Transport in Malta set up under the provisions of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act (Cap. 499 of the Laws of Malta);
- 1.4. 'Entity' means an entity established in Malta which is neither a business undertaking nor a voluntary organisation and which is not controlled directly or indirectly by the Government of Malta or funded through public funds, such as private and church schools;
- 1.5. 'Grant' means the grant being given under this scheme to an applicant that satisfies the requirements of section 4;
- 1.6. 'Undertaking established in Malta' means a commercial entity established in Malta, including a self-employed person in accordance with National Law, a foundation or a cooperative society;
- 1.7. 'Single undertaking' means, for the purposes of this scheme, all enterprises having at least one of the following relationships with each other:
- a) one enterprise has a majority of the shareholders' or members' voting rights in another enterprise;
- b) one enterprise has the right to appoint or remove a majority of the members of the administrative, management or supervisory body of another enterprise;
- c) one enterprise has the right to exercise a dominant influence over another enterprise pursuant to a contract entered with that enterprise or pursuant to a provision in its memorandum or articles of association;
- d) one enterprise, which is a shareholder in or member of another enterprise, controls alone, pursuant to an agreement with other shareholders in or members of that enterprise, a majority of shareholders' or members' voting rights in that enterprise.

Enterprises having any of the relationships referred to in points (a) to (d) above through one or more other enterprises shall also be considered to be a single undertaking;

1.8. 'Fiscal receipt' means a receipt as defined in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Value Added Tax Act (Cap. 406 of the Laws of Malta), and also includes any regulation made by the same Act;

- 1.9. 'Kunsill Lokali' tfisser kunsill lokali stabbilit taħt l-Att dwar il-Gvern Lokali (Kap. 363 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta);
  - 1.10. 'Malta' tfisser il-gżejjer Maltin;
- 1.11. 'Nefqa kapitali' tfisser nefqa relatata max-xiri u l-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew faċilitajiet anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija;
- 1.12. 'Organizzazzjoni Volontarja' għandha l-istess tifsira mogħtija lilha fl-Att dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji (Kap. 492 tal-Liģijiet ta' Malta);
- 1.13. 'Persuna' tfisser persuna fiżika u ma tinkludi l-ebda entità organizzattiva;
- 1.14. 'Persuna residenti f'Malta' tfisser persuna li jew ikollha dokument ta' identifikazzjoni legalment validu maħruġ skont l-Att dwar il-Karta tal-Identità u Dokumenti oħra tal-Identità (Kap. 258 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta) jew li għandha permess ta' residenza jew ittra maħruġa mill-uffiċċju għall-espatrijati fil-Ministeru għall-Intern, is-Sigurtà u x-Xogħol;
- 1.15. 'Pedelec' tfisser rota li taħdem bil-pedali u blelettriku u li l-mutur tagħha jiġi attivat immedjatament kif is-sewwieq jibda jdawwar il-pedala u jitwaqqaf hekk kif is-sewwieq ma jibqax idawwar il-pedala, u li tista' tilħaq veloċità massima ta' 25km/h;
- 1.16. 'Prezz tax-xiri tar-rota' tfisser il-prezz totali tax-xiri tar-rota shiha inkluża l-VAT, kif muri fuq irċevuta fiskali, madankollu esklużi kwalunkwe partijiet jew aċċessorji addizzjonali u liema prezz tax-xiri thallas kollu millapplikant qabel ma japplika għal din l-għotja.
- 1.17. 'Rota' tfisser kwalunkwe rota li mhix rota li taħdem bil-mutur;
- 1.18. 'Racks tar-roti' tfisser facilitajiet għall-parkeġġ tar-roti għal żmien qasir jew fit-tul kif definiti fil-linji gwida li huma maħsuba bħala struzzjonijiet għax-xiri u l-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew facilitajiet ancillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija;
- 1.19. 'Stazzjon tat-tiswija' tfisser unità waħedha mgħammra bl-għodda meħtieġa biex tiffissa, tirranġa u tissewwa l-aktar problemi mekkaniċi komuni bir-roti;
- 1.20. 'Tagħmir anċillari' tfisser tagħmir, bini, strutturi, kits ta' tiswija u titjib li jespandu l-kumdità u s-sikurezza meħtieġa biex isostnu l-użu ta' rota bħala mezz ta' trasport;
- 1.21. 'Unjoni Ewropea' għandha l-istess tifsira kif mogħtija lilha mill-Artikolu 2 tal-Att tal-Unjoni Ewropea (Kap. 460 tal-Liġijiet ta' Malta), u tinkludi n-Norveġja, l-Islanda u l-Liechtenstein.

- 1.9. 'Local Council' means a local council established under the Local Government Act (Cap. 363 of the Laws of Malta);
  - 1.10. 'Malta' means the Maltese Islands;
- 1.11. 'Capital expenditure' means expenditure related to the purchase and installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary facilities and/or repair stations;
- 1.12. 'Voluntary Organisation' has the same meaning given to it in the Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta);
- 1.13. 'Person' means a natural person and does not include any organisational entity;
- 1.14. 'Person residing in Malta' means a person who either holds a legally valid identification document issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (Cap. 258 of the Laws of Malta) or who has a residence permit, or a letter issued from the expatriate office at the Ministry for Home Affairs, Security, and Employment;
- 1.15. 'Pedelec' means a pedal electric bicycle whose electric motor is activated as soon as the rider starts pedalling and is deactivated as soon as the rider stops pedalling, and which can reach a maximum speed of 25km/h;
- 1.16. 'Purchase price of the bicycle' means the total purchase price of the complete bicycle including VAT, as shown on fiscal receipt, however excluding any additional parts or accessories and which purchase price have been paid in full by the applicant prior to applying for this grant.
- 1.17. 'Bicycle' means any bicycle that is not a motor-powered bicycle;
- 1.18. 'Bicycle racks' means facilities for short-term or long-term bicycle parking as defined in the guidelines that are intended as instructions for purchase and installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary facilities and/or repair stations;
- 1.19. 'Repair station' means a stand-alone unit equipped with the tools needed to fix, tune and repair the most common mechanical problems with bicycles;
- 1.20. 'Ancillary equipment' means equipment, buildings, structures, repair kits and improvements that expand the comfort and safety necessary to support the use of a bicycle as a means of transportation;
- 1.21. 'European Union' has the same meaning as is assigned to it by Article 2 of the European Union Act (Cap. 460 of the Laws of Malta), and includes Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

### 2. Għal min tapplika l-iskema

2.1. Din l-iskema għal għotja finanzjarja tapplika kif spjegat hawn taħt.

### 2.2. Ghotja ta' darba ghax-xiri ta' roti minn persuni residenti Malta

2.2.1. Din l-ghotja ta' darba tapplika ghan-nefqa li ssir mill-persuni residenti Malta fuq il-prezz tax-xiri ta' rota, liema rota tinxtara mill-applikant matul din l-iskema.

### 2.3. Ghotja ghax-xiri ta'roti bil-hsieb li jkunu offruti ghall-kiri

2.3.1. Din l-ghotja tapplika ghan-nefqa li ssir minn imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji, u entitajiet fuq il-prezz tax-xiri ta' rota jew roti maħsuba biex ikunu offruti ghall-kiri, liema rota jew roti jinxtraw mill-applikant matul din l-iskema.

### 2.4. Ghotja ghall-konveržjoni ta' rota ghal Pedelec

2.4.1. Din l-ghotja tapplika ghall-persuni residenti f'Malta, imprizi stabbiliti f'Malta, Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji, Kunsill Lokali jew Entitajiet li tikkonverti rota ghal pedelec.

# 2.5. Ghotja ghall-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew taghmir ancillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubblici jew fil-bini tal-applikant

- 2.5.1. Din l-għotja tapplika għan-nefqa kapitali mġarrba mill-impriżi stabbiliti f'Malta, organizzazzjonijiet volontarji, entitajiet, jew Kunsilli Lokali, għall-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubbliċi jew fil-bini ta' l-applikant li jridu jkunu provduti għall-użu pubbliku mingħajr ebda ħlas, liema installazzjoni trid tiġi approvata mill-Awtorità skont it-taqsima 3.4.3 matul din l-iskema.
- 2.5.2. Qabel ma jixtri u jinstalla racks tar-roti u/jew il-facilitajiet ancillari u/jew l-istazzjonijiet tat-tiswija, l-applikant irid jaqra u jsegwi l-linji gwida li jipprovdu l-ispecifikazzjonijiet u l-istruzzjonijiet applikabbli. Dawn il-linji gwida huma accessibbli mill-pagna ddedikata għal din l-iskema fil-websajt ta' Transport Malta (www. transport.gov.mt);

### 2.6. Regoli dwar l-Ghajnuna mill-Istat

Fil-każ ta' applikazzjonijiet għal għotjiet taħt din l-iskema minn impriżi, jew organizzazzjonijiet volontarji u entitajiet li jwettqu attività ekonomika fit-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, l-assistenza se tingħata f'konformità mar- Regolament tal-

### 2. Area of applicability

2.1. This scheme for a financial grant applies as explained hereunder.

### 2.2. One-Time Grant for the purchase of bicycles by persons residing in Malta

2.2.1. This one-time grant applies to the expenditure incurred by persons residing in Malta on the purchase price of a bicycle, which bicycle is purchased by the applicant during the duration of this scheme.

# 2.3. Grant for the purchase of bicycles with the intention of being offered for hire

2.3.1. This grant applies to the expenditure incurred by undertakings established in Malta, Voluntary Organisations, and entities on the purchase price of one or more bicycles intended to be offered for hire, which bicycle, or bicycles, are purchased by the applicant during the duration of this scheme.

### 2.4. Grant for conversion of a bicycle to a Pedelec

2.4.1. This grant applies to persons residing in Malta, undertakings established in Malta, Voluntary Organisations, Local Councils or Entities that convert a bicycle to a pedelec.

### 2.5. Grant for the installation of bicycle racks and/ or ancillary equipment and/or repair station in public locations or within the premises of the applicant

- 2.5.1. This grant applies to the capital expenditure incurred by undertakings established in Malta, voluntary organisations, entities, or Local Councils, for the installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations within public locations or within the applicant's premises which shall be made available for public use free of charge, which installation must be approved by the Authority in terms of Section 3.4.3 during the duration of this scheme.
- 2.5.2. Prior to purchasing and installing the bicycle racks and/or ancillary facilities and/or repair stations, the applicant must read and follow the guidelines that provide the applicable specifications and instructions. These guidelines are accessible from the page dedicated to this scheme in Transport Malta's website (www.transport.gov.mt);

### 2.6. State Aid Regulations

In the case of grant applications under this scheme by undertakings, or voluntary organisations and entities that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, assistance will be provided in line with Kummissjoni (UE) 2023/2831 tat-13 ta' Dicembru 2023 dwar l-applikazzjoni tal-Artikoli 107 u 108 tat-Trattat dwar il-Funzjonament tal-Unjoni Ewropea għal għajnuna de minimis (ĠU L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

L-ammont totali ta' għajnuna de minimis mogħtija lil impriża waħda m'għandux jaqbeż il-€300,000 għal kull impriża waħda fuq kwalunkwe perjodu ta' tliet snin.

Dan il-limitu massimu jkun jinkludi l-għajnuna kollha mill-Istat mogħtija taħt din l-iskema ta' għajnuna u kwalunkwe miżura ohra ta' għajnuna mill-Istat implimentata f'konformità mar-Regolamenti de minimis, inkluż dik li tirċievi minn kwalunkwe entità Maltija għajr Transport Malta, fuq perjodu ta' tliet snin li huwa vvalutat fuq bażi kontinwa. Kwalunkwe għajnuna de minimis riċevuta li taqbeż il-limitu stabbilit se jkollha tiġi rkuprata, bl-imgħax, mill-impriża li tirċievi l-għajnuna.

L-applikanti kollha li jwettqu attività ekonomika skont it-tifsira tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE ghandhom jimlew u jissottomettu, flimkien mal-formola tal-applikazzjoni, formola ta' dikjarazzjoni de minimis iffirmata li tindika kwalunkwe ghajnuna de minimis riċevuta u/jew applikata ghaliha mill-impriża wahda matul il-perjodu ta' referenza applikabbli ta' tliet snin. L-informazzjoni li ghandha tigi pprovduta ghandha tinkludi dettalji dwar ghajnuna de minimis riċevuta u/jew applikata ghaliha mill-impriżi kollha li jiffurmaw parti mill-impriża wahda relatata mal-impriża applikanti. Din id-dikjarazzjoni ghandha tkun iffirmata u kkonfermata wkoll minn awditur jew accountant bil-warrant.

Mill-1 ta' Jannar, 2026, l-informazzjoni dwar l-għajnuna de minimis mogħtija taħt din l-iskema, għandha tkun disponibbli għall-pubbliku fir-reġistru ċentrali fil-Livell nazzjonali jew tal-Unjoni.

L-informazzjoni li ģejja għandha ssir pubblika:

- a) l-identifikazzjoni tal-beneficjarju,
- b) l-ammont tal-għajnuna,
- c) id-data tal-ghotja,
- d) l-istrument tal-għajnuna, u
- e) s-settur involut abbażi tal-klassifikazzjoni statistika tal-attivitajiet ekonomići fl-Unjoni ("il-klassifikazzjoni NACE").

### 3. Kif għandha ssir l-applikazzjoni u dokumenti ta' sostenn

### 3.1. Ghotja ta' darba ghax-xiri ta' roti minn persuni residenti Malta

3.1.1. Applikazzjoni għal din l-għotja trid issir permezz tal-formola ta' applikazzjoni VEH080 f'konformità ma' kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/2831 of 13 December 2023 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L, 2023/2831, 15.12.2023).

The total amount of de minimis aid granted to a single undertaking must not exceed €300,000 per single undertaking over any period of three years.

This maximum threshold would include all State aid granted under this aid scheme and any other State aid measure implemented in line with the de minimis rule, including that received from any Maltese entity other than Transport Malta, over a rolling period of three years. Any de minimis aid received in excess of the established threshold will have to be recovered, with interest, from the undertaking receiving the aid.

All applicants that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are to fill in and submit, together with the application form, a signed de minimis declaration form indicating any de minimis aid received and/or applied for by the single undertaking during the applicable three-year reference period. The information to be provided shall include details regarding de minimis aid received and/or applied for, by all undertakings forming part of the single undertaking related to the applicant undertaking. This declaration shall also be signed and confirmed by a warranted auditor or accountant.

As of 1st January, 2026, information on de minimis aid granted in line with this scheme, shall be made publicly available in the central register at national or Union Level.

The following information shall be made public:

- a) the identification of the beneficiary,
- b) the aid amount,
- c) the granting date,
- d) the aid instrument, and
- e) the sector involved on the basis of the statistical classification of economic activities in the Union ('NACE classification').

### 3. Manner of application and supporting documents

# 3.1. One-Time Grant for the purchase of bicycles by persons residing in Malta

3.1.1. An application for this grant must be made through the application form VEH080 in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.

- 3.1.2. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l- għotja, inklużi d-dokumenti meħtieġa, għandhom jintbagħtu mhux aktar tard minn tliet xhur mid-data tax-xiri tar-rota.
- 3.1.3. Applikazzjonijiet sottomessi wara dawn it-tliet xhur jitqiesu bħala applikazzjonijiet invalidi.

### 3.2. Ghotja ghax-xiri ta'roti bil-hsieb li jkunu offruti ghall-kiri

- 3.2.1. Applikazzjoni għal din l-għotja trid issir permezz tal-formola ta' applikazzjoni VEH080 f'konformità ma' kwalunkwe kundizzjoni stipulata fiha.
- 3.2.2. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l- għotja, inklużi d-dokumenti meħtieġa, għandhom jintbagħtu mhux aktar tard minn tliet xhur mid-data tax-xiri tar-rota.
- 3.2.3. Applikazzjonijiet sottomessi wara dawn it-tliet xhur jitqiesu bħala applikazzjonijiet invalidi.

### 3.3. Konverżjoni ta' rota ghal pedelec

- 3.3.1. Applikazzjoni għal għotja għall-konverżjoni ta' rota għal pedelec għandha ssir mix-xerrej billi jissottometti l-formolatal-applikazzjoni VEH080 flimkien ma' kwalunkwe informazzjoni, dettalji u dokumenti meħtieġa fiha. Is-sid tarrota għandu jitqies bħala l-applikant aħħari f'termini ta' din l- għotja. L-applikazzjonijiet għandhom ikunu akkumpanjati minn rapport maħruġ, iffirmat u ttimbrat minn inġinier bilwarrant li jiċċertifika li r-rota konvertita tikkonforma mal-Istandard EN 15194:2017, jew ekwivalenti.
- 3.4. Ghotja ghall-installazzjoni ta'racks tar-roti u/jew taghmir ancillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubblici jew fil-bini tal-applikant
- 3.4.1. Applikazzjoni għal din l-għotja għandha ssir f'żewġ stadji.
- 3.4.2. Stadju 1: Qabel ma jiģi affettwat kwalunkwe akkwist u installazzjoni, għandha tiģi sottomessa Taqsima A tal-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH081, mimlija kif suppost, u li jkun fiha l-informazzjoni, id-dettalji u d-dokumenti kollha kif meħtieġ fl-imsemmija formola. Il-permess għall-għamara tat-toroq imsemmi f 4.5.3.1 għandu jiġi sottomess bħala dokument ta sostenn ma din l-applikazzjoni.
- 3.4.3. Ladarba l-applikant jirčievi approvazzjoni bilmiktub tal-għotja mill-Awtorità, jista' jibda l-akkwist u l-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija.
- 3.4.4. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi nefqa li ssir minn xi applikant sakemm dan ma jsirx wara approvazzjoni bil-miktub maħruġa mill-Awtorità

- 3.1.2. Applications under this grant, including the necessary documents, must be submitted no later than three months from the date of purchase of the bicycle.
- 3.1.3. Applications submitted after these three months will be considered as invalid applications.

### 3.2. Grant for the purchase of bicycles with the intention of being offered for hire

- 3.2.1. An application for this grant must be made through the application form VEH080 in compliance with any conditions stipulated therein.
- 3.2.2. Applications under this grant, including the necessary documents, must be submitted no later than three months from the date of purchase of the bicycle.
- 3.2.3. Applications submitted after these three months will be considered as invalid applications.

### 3.3. Conversion of a bicycle to a pedelec

3.3.1. An application for a grant for the conversion of a bicycle to a pedelec shall be made by the owner by submitting paper application form VEH080 along with any information, details and documents required therein. The owner of the bicycle shall be considered as the ultimate applicant in terms of this grant. Applications shall be accompanied by a report issued, signed, and stamped by a warranted engineer certifying that the converted bicycle complies with EN Standard 15194:2017, or equivalent.

### 3.4. Grant for the installation of bicycle racks and/ or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations in public locations or within the premises of the applicant

- 3.4.1. An application for this grant shall be done in two stages.
- 3.4.2. Stage 1: Before affecting any procurement and installation, Section A of application form VEH081 shall be submitted, duly filled, and containing all the information, details and documents as required in the said form. The street furniture permit referred to in 4.5.3.1 shall be submitted as supporting documentation with this application.
- 3.4.3. Once the applicant receives a written approval of the grant from the Authority, the procurement and installation of the bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station may start.
- 3.4.4. The Authority shall not be held responsible for any expenditure incurred by any applicant unless this is done following a written approval issued by the Authority in

skont it-taqsima 3.4.3 u skont l-informazzjoni inkluża flapplikazzjoni li maghha hija relatata din l-approvazzjoni.

3.4.5. Stadju 2: Wara l-installazzjoni shiħa ta' racks tar-roti u/ jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija, għandha tiġi sottomessa Taqsima B tal-formola tal-applikazzjoni VEH081, mimlija kif suppost, u li jkun fiha l-informazzjoni, id-dettalji u d-dokumenti kollha kif meħtieġ fl-imsemmija formola.

### 3.5. Sottomissjoni ta' applikazzjonijiet taht din l-iskema

- 3.5.1. Applikazzjonijiet elettronici taħt din l-iskema, fejn applikabbli, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi permezz tal-e-form aċċessibbli mill-paġna ta' informazzjoni dwar din l-iskema fis-sezzjoni tat-Trasport bl-Art tal-websajt ta' Transport Malta.
- 3.5.2. L-applikazzjonijiet taħt din l-iskema, flimkien mad-dokumenti rilevanti kollha, għandhom jiġu sottomessi mill-applikant matul il-ġranet tax-xogħol bejn is-7.30 a.m. u s-1.00 p.m. jew mibgħuta lill-Unità tal-Liċenzjar tas-Sewwieq u tal-Vetturi (DVLU) ta' Transport Malta fuq:
- a) L-ewwel Livell, A3 Towers, Triq l-Arkata, Raħal Ġdid PLA1212; jew
- b) Malta Transport Centre, Triq il-Pantar, Hal Lija LJA2021; jew
- c) Direttorat tal-Liċenzji u Testijiet, Pjazza San Franġisk, Ir-Rabat, Għawdex.

### 4. Eliģibbiltà

4.1. Biex ikun eliģibbli, applikant għandu jikkonforma mat-Taqsima 2.

### 4.2. Ghotja ta' darba ghax-xiri ta' roti minn persuni residenti Malta

- 4.2.1. Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura trid tkun rota, kif definita f'dan id-dokument, li l-applikant xtara ġdida mingħand il-manifattur, jew l-aġent jew ir-rappreżentant tal-manifattur.
- 4.2.2. Applikant ikun intitolat għal għotja wahda (1) taħt din l-iskema u taħt l-iskemi kollha għax-xiri ta' rota maħruġa fis-snin preċedenti.

# 4.3. Ghotja ghax-xiri ta'roti bil-hsieb li jkunu offruti ghall-kiri

4.3.1. Biex tikkwalifika, il-vettura trid tkun rota, kif definita f'dan id-dokument, li l-applikant xtara ġdida

accordance with section 3.4.3 and in line with the information included in the application to which this approval is related.

3.4.5. Stage 2: Following the complete installation of the bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations, Section B of application form VEH081 shall be submitted, duly filled, and containing all the information, details and documents as required in the said form.

### 3.5. Submission of applications under this scheme

- 3.5.1. Electronic applications under this scheme, where applicable, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted through the e-form accessible from the information page about this scheme in the Land Transport section of Transport Malta's website.
- 3.5.2. Paper applications under this scheme, together with all the relevant documents, shall be submitted by the applicant during working days between 7.30 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. or mailed to Transport Malta's Driver and Vehicle Licensing Unit (DVLU) at:
  - a) Level 1, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola PLA1212; or
- b) Malta Transport Centre, Pantar Road, Hal Lija LJA2021; or
- c) Licensing and Testing Services Gozo Directorate, St. Francis Square, Victoria, Gozo.

### 4. Eligibility

4.1. To be eligible, an applicant shall conform with Section 2.

# 4.2. One-Time Grant for the purchase of bicycles by persons residing in Malta

- 4.2.1. To qualify, the vehicle must be a bicycle, as defined in this document, that the applicant purchased new from the manufacturer, or the manufacturer's agent or representative.
- 4.2.2. An applicant will be entitled to one (1) grant under this scheme and under all schemes for the purchase of a bicycle issued in previous years.

# 4.3. Grant for the purchase of bicycles with the intention of being offered for hire

4.3.1. To qualify, the vehicle must be a bicycle, as defined in this document, that the applicant purchased

minghand il-manifattur, jew l-agent jew ir-rapprezentant talmanifattur.

4.3.2. Applikant ikun intitolat għal ħamsin (50) għotja taħt din l-iskema.

### 4.4. Konveržjoni ta' roti ghal pedelecs

- 4.4.1. Biex tikkwalifika għall-iskema għall-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs, ir-rota konvertita għandha tikkonforma mal-Istandard EN 15194:2017, jew standard ekwivalenti. Fejn jiġi kwotat standard ekwivalenti, l-applikant għandu juri jew jipprova tali ekwivalenza għas-sodisfazzjon tal-Awtorità.
- 4.5. Ghotja ghall-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew taghmir ancillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubblici jew fil-bini tal-applikant
- 4.5.1. Biex jikkwalifikaw, racks tar-roti u/jew it-tagħmir anċillari u/jew l-istazzjonijiet tat-tiswija għandhom jikkonformaw mal-linji gwida, kif stipulat fit-taqsima 2.5.2.
- 4.5.2. L-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubbliċi teħtieġ il-permessi li ġejjin:
- a) L-installazzjoni ta' Għamara tat-Triq maħruġ mit-Taqsima tal-Konsulenza Teknika ta' Transport Malta skont il-Kapitolu 16 tal-Linji Gwida ppublikati mid-Diviżjoni għall-Immaniġġjar tat-Traffiku ta' Transport Malta.
- b) Xoghlijiet fit-toroq jippermettu li jsiru x-xoghlijiet ta' installazzjoni.

### 5. Hlas tal-Ghotja

- 5.1. Ghotja ta' darba ghax-xiri ta' roti minn persuni residenti Malta
- 5.1.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, ikun intitolat għal għotja ta' darba ta' 15.25% fuq il-valur tax-xiri tar-rota, sa massimu ta'  $\epsilon$ 85.
- 5.1.2. L-għotja tithallas lill-applikant, jew lill-ġenitur/i jew gwardjan/i legali fil-każ ta' applikant minuri taħt issittax-il sena, permezz ta' kreditu dirett fil-kont bankarju indikat fl-applikazzjoni.
- 5.1.3. L-għotja mogħtija taħt din l-iskema m'għandhiex tiġi assessjata bħala dħul għall-finijiet tat-taxxa fuq id-dħul.
- 5.2. Ghotja ghax-xiri ta'roti minn imprizi bil-hsieb li joffruhom ghall-kiri

new from the manufacturer, or the manufacturer's agent or representative.

4.3.2. An applicant will be entitled to fifty (50) grants under this scheme.

### 4.4. Conversion of bicycles to pedelecs

- 4.4.1. To qualify for the scheme for the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs, the converted bicycle shall comply with EN Standard 15194:2017, or an equivalent standard. Where an equivalent standard is quoted, the applicant shall demonstrate or prove such equivalence to the Authority's satisfaction.
- 4.5. Grant for the installation of bicycle racks and/ or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations in public locations or within the premises of the applicant
- 4.5.1. To qualify, the bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations must comply with the guidelines, as stipulated in section 2.5.2.
- 4.5.2. The installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations in public locations requires the following permits:
- a) Street Furniture installation equipment issued from the Technical Consultancy Unit of Transport Malta in accordance with Chapter 16 of the Guidelines published by the Traffic Management Division of Transport Malta.
  - b) Road works permit to carry out the installation works.

### 5. Payment of Grant

- 5.1. One-Time Grant for the purchase of bicycles by persons residing in Malta
- 5.1.1. When an applicant qualifies for the grant, they will be entitled to a one-time grant of 15.25% on the purchase value of the bike, up to a maximum value of  $\in$ 85.
- 5.1.2. The grant is paid to the applicant, or to the parent/s or legal guardian/s in the case of a minor applicant under the age of sixteen, through direct credit to the bank account indicated in the application.
- 5.1.3. The grant given under this scheme shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.
- 5.2. Grant for the purchase of bicycles by undertakings with the intention of offering them for hire

- 5.2.1. Meta applikant jikkwalifika għall-għotja, ikun intitolat għal għotja ta' 15.25% fuq il-valur tax-xiri tar-rota, sa massimu ta' €85 għal kull rota.
- 5.2.2. L-għotja titħallas lill-applikant, permezz ta' kreditu dirett fil-kont bankarju indikat fl-applikazzjoni.
- 5.2.3. L-ghotja moghtija taht din l-iskema m'ghandhiex tiġi assessjata bhala dhul ghall-finijiet tat-taxxa fuq id-dhul.

### 5.3. Konverżjoni ta' roti ghal pedelecs

- 5.3.1. L-ammont tal-għotja applikabbli għall-konverżjoni ta' roti għal pedelecs għandu jkun ta' €400 għal kull rota kull applikant.
- 5.4. Ghotja ghall-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/ jew taghmir ancillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubblici jew fil-bini tal-applikant
- 5.4.1. Kunsilli Lokali, u Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji u Entitajiet li ma jwettqux attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, huma eliģibbli biex japplikaw għal għotja sa 100% tan-nefqa kapitali approvata li tkun saret.
- 5.4.2. Impriżi, u Organizzazzjonijiet Volontarji u Entitajiet li jwettqu attività ekonomika fis-sens tal-Artikolu 107 TFUE, jistghu japplikaw ghal ghotja sa 70% tan-nefqa kapitali approvata li tkun saret.

### 6. Validità tal-applikazzjoni

- 6.1. Applikazzjoni m'għandhiex titqies li ġiet sottomessa mill-applikant sakemm ma tkunx mimlija b'mod sħiħ u ma tkunx akkumpanjata mid-dokumenti rilevanti kollha. Jekk l-applikazzjoni ma timteliex b'mod korrett u d-dokumenti rilevanti mhumiex inklużi, it-talba għall-għotja m'għandhiex tiġi pproċessata sakemm ma tingħatax l-informazzjoni nieqsa.
- 6.2. L-Awtorità m'għandhiex tinżamm responsabbli għal xi telf ta' għotjiet jew opportunitajiet li jirriżultaw missottomissjoni ta' applikazzjoni mhux kompluta jew mhux korretta.

#### 7. Rifuzjoni tal-ghotja

7.1. L-għotjiet għall-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija f'postijiet pubbliċi jew fil-bini tal-applikant, se jingħataw bil-kundizzjonijiet li racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija għandhom jibqgħu installati, aċċessibbli u miżmuma sew għal perjodu ta' 3 snin.

- 5.2.1. When an applicant qualifies for the grant, they will be entitled to a grant of 15.25% on the purchase value of the bike, up to a maximum value of  $\in$ 85 per bike.
- 5.2.2. The grant is paid to the applicant, through direct credit to the bank account indicated in the application.
- 5.2.3. The grant given under this scheme shall not be assessed as income for income tax purposes.

### 5.3. Conversion of bicycles to pedelecs

- 5.3.1. The grant amount applicable for the conversion of bicycles to pedelecs shall be €400 per bike per applicant.
- 5.4. Grant for the installation of bicycle racks and/ or ancillary equipment and/or repair station in public locations or within the premises of the applicant
- 5.4.1. Local Councils, and Voluntary Organisations and Entities that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, are eligible to apply for a grant of up to 100% of the approved capital expenditure incurred.
- 5.4.2. Undertakings, and Voluntary Organisations and Entities that carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, may apply for a grant of up to 70% of the approved capital expenditure incurred.

### 6. Validity of application

- 6.1. An application shall not be deemed to have been submitted by the applicant unless it is completed in full and is accompanied by all the relevant documents. If the application is not completed correctly and the relevant documents are not included, the claim for the grant shall not be processed unless the missing information is provided.
- 6.2. The Authority shall not be held responsible for any loss of grants or opportunities resulting from the submission of an incomplete or incorrect application.

### 7. Refunding of grant

7.1. The grants for the installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations in public locations or within the premises of the applicant, will be granted on the conditions that the bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station shall remain installed, accessible and properly maintained for a period of 3 years.

7.2. Jekk l-applikant għal għotja għall-installazzjoni ta' racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija jneħhi dawn racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija jew jagħmel tali racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjonijiet tat-tiswija inutilizzabbli b'xi mod, dak l-applikant għandu jirrifondi l-għotja li tkun irċieva mingħand Transport Malta.

# 7.3. Ir-rifużjoni msemmija f'7.2. hawn fuq m'ghandhomx ikunu mehtiega fiċ-ċirkostanzi li ģejjin:

- 7.3.1. Meta rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija mixtrija taħt din l-għotja jiġi dikjarat li ma jissewwew għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u jiġi sostitwit b'rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija, f'liema każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-għotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għall-rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija il-ġdid. Ir-restrizzjoni ta' tliet snin għandha tapplika mid-data tal-installazzjoni tar-racks tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija oriġinali.
- 7.3.2. Meta rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija mixtrija taħt din l-għotja tiġi ritornata lill-fornitur oriġinali għal kwalunkwe raġuni, u fejn il-fornitur jaċċetta li jissostitwixxi r-rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija b'oħra ġdida, f'liema każ il-kundizzjonijiet relatati ma' din l-għotja għandhom jiġu trasferiti għar-rack tar-roti u/jew it-tagħmir u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija il-ġdid. Ir-restrizzjoni ta' tliet snin għandha tapplika mid-data tal-installazzjoni tar-rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija oriġinali.
- 7.3.3. Meta rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija jiġi trasferit mill-applikant għal sid ieħor li jimpenja ruħu li jżomm l-istess rack tar-roti u/jew tagħmir anċillari u/jew stazzjon tat-tiswija installat u utilizzabbli.

### 8. Tul ta' żmien tal-iskema

- 8.1. Din l-iskema ghandha tibqa' fis-sehh sal-31 ta' Diċembru 2025 sakemm ma tiġix modifikata jew terminata minn qabel b'Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern. L-iskema tintemm awtomatikament meta l-ammont totali ta' ghotjiet approvati jilhaq l-ammont ta' mitejn elf Ewro (€200,000). Minkejja dan, il-Gvern jista' jtemm l-iskema fi kwalunkwe hin billi jaghti avviż minn qabel.
- 8.2. L-iskema tista' tiġġedded kif jitqies meħtieġ mill-Ministru għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

7.2. If the applicant for a grant for the installation of bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations uninstalls such bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations or makes such bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair stations unusable in any way, then that applicant shall refund the grant received from Transport Malta.

# 7.3. The refund mentioned in 7.2. above shall not be required in the following circumstances:

- 7.3.1. When the bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station purchased under this grant is declared to be unrepairable for any reason and is replaced by a new bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the new bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station. The three years restriction shall apply from the date of installation of the original bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station.
- 7.3.2. When the bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station purchased under this grant which is returned to the original supplier for any reason, and where the supplier accepts to replace the said bicycle racks and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station with new ones, in which case the conditions related to this grant shall be transferred to the new bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment. The three years restriction shall apply from the date of installation of the original new bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment.
- 7.3.3. When the bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station is transferred from the applicant to another owner who commits to keep the same the bicycle rack and/or ancillary equipment and/or repair station installed and usable.

### 8. Duration of scheme

- 8.1. This scheme shall remain in force until the 31st of December 2025 unless modified or terminated beforehand by a Notice in the Government Gazette. The scheme shall be automatically terminated when the total amount of approved grants reaches the amount of two hundred thousand Euro (€200,000). Notwithstanding, Government may terminate the scheme at any time by giving prior notice.
- 8.2. The scheme may be renewed as deemed necessary by the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

8.3. L-applikazzjonijiet ričevuti fi żmien l-iskadenza stipulata fi 8.1 jistgħu jiġu pprocessati, approvati, u mħallsa sal-31 ta' Dicembru 2026.

#### 9. Emendi lill-iskema

9.1. Il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jkollu d-dritt li jagħmel kwalunkwe emenda għal din l-iskema permezz ta' Avviż fil-Gazzetta tal-Gvern.

### 10. Talbiet b'qerq

10.1. Fejn tinqala' talba frawdolenti, il-Ministru għat-Trasport, Infrastruttura u Xogħlijiet Pubbliċi għandu jirrapporta l-kwistjoni lill-Pulizija biex jinbdew proċeduri kriminali. F'każ ta' ħlas żbaljat ta' talba, il-Ministru responsabbli għat-Trasport jirriżerva d-dritt li jirkupra fondi mħallsa bi żball. Dan japplika wkoll għal impriżi u entitajiet u organizzazzjonijiet volontarji li jwettqu attività ekonomika, speċjalment fir-rigward tar-regolamenti tal-Għajnuna mill-Istat. L-applikanti għandhom jiżguraw li l-informazzjoni pprovduta hija korretta.

### 11. Talbiet għal reviżjoni tad-deċiżjonijiet tal-Awtorità

- 11.1. Fejn applikant jiģi infurmat li applikazzjoni għal għotja ģiet irrifjutata jew ma jaqbilx mal-ammont tal-għotja assenjata għal applikazzjoni partikolari, l-applikant għandu jkollu d-dritt li jitlob reviżjoni tad-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità dwar l-applikazzjoni kkonċernata.
- 11.2. Biex jeżercita tali dritt, l-applikant għandu jippreżenta talba fi żmien 30 jum minn meta jircievi d-deciżjoni tal-Awtorità, kemm jekk din tasal permezz ta' ittra jew ta' email. Talba bħal din għandha tintbagħat, bil-posta jew bl-email lillufficcju tal-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Awtorità, jew lil ufficcju ieħor skont kif delegat mill-Kap Eżekuttiv, u għandha tinkludi spjegazzjoni għaliex l-applikant ma jaqbilx mad-deciżjoni tal-Awtorità, flimkien ma' kwalunkwe dokument ta' sostenn applikabbli.
- 11.3. Il-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Awtorità għandu jaħtar bord intern magħmul minn tal-anqas tliet (3) persuni li mhumiex involuti fl-ipproċessar tal-applikazzjonijiet għall-għotja. Dan il-bord għandu jirrevedi t-talba tal-applikant, id-deċiżjoni oriġinali tal-Awtorità, l-applikazzjoni oriġinali u kwalunkwe dokument u informazzjoni rilevanti oħra u għandu jiddeċiedi jekk id-deċiżjoni tal-Awtorità għandhiex tinżamm jew tinbidel. Il-bord għandu jippreżenta d-deċiżjonijiet tiegħu lill-Kap Eżekuttiv, jew lil uffiċċju delegat mill-Kap Eżekuttiv, li mbagħad għandu jikkomunika d-deċiżjoni finali lill-applikant.

8.3. Applications received within the deadline stipulated in 8.1 may be processed, approved, and paid out until 31st December 2026.

#### 9. Amendments to the scheme

9.1. The Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works has the right to make any amendments to this scheme by a Notice in the Government Gazette.

### 10. Fraudulent claims

10.1. Where a fraudulent claim arises, the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works shall report the matter to the Police for criminal procedures to be instituted. In the event of an incorrect payment of a claim, the Minister responsible for Transport reserves the right to recover funds paid in error. This also applies to undertakings and entities and voluntary organisations that carry out economic activity, especially with respect to State Aid regulations. Applicants are to make sure that the information provided is correct.

### 11. Requests for revision of Authority's decisions

- 11.1. Where an applicant is informed that an application for a grant is refused or does not agree with the grant amount assigned for a given application, the applicant shall have the right to request a revision of the Authority's decision concerning the application concerned.
- 11.2. To exercise such right, the applicant shall present a request within 30 days from receipt of the Authority's decision, whether this is received via letter or email. Such request shall be sent, by mail or by email to the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Authority, or to another office as delegates by the Chief Executive Officer and shall include an explanation of why the applicant does not agree with the Authority's decision, along with any applicable supporting documents.
- 11.3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Authority shall appoint an internal board composed of at least three (3) persons who are not involved in the processing of the grant applications. This board shall review the applicant's request, the original decision of the Authority, the original application and any other relevant documents and information and shall decide whether the Authority's decision shall be withheld or changed. The board shall present its decisions to the Chief Executive Officer, or to the office delegated by the Chief Executive Officer, who shall then communicate the final decision to the applicant.