



## **Expression of Interest for farmers and stakeholders active in the agriculture sector to deliver informative talks to Primary School students as part of the Let's Talk Farming Programme**

### **1. Scope**

The Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights (MAFA), notifies that applications are being received from interested farmers and stakeholders active in the agriculture sector to deliver informative talks to Primary School students (State, Church, Private and Independent) in Malta and Gozo.

The Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights together with the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research, and Innovation (MEYR) are working to launch the second edition of the educational programme called *Let's Talk Farming* in all Primary schools in the upcoming scholastic year commencing October 2023. This programme will include various categories of activities and initiatives on food production that schools can integrate as part of the subjects already taught at primary level such as languages, mathematics among other subjects. In this regard, the intention of the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights is to continue to increase this sense of appreciation by educating and further promoting the important role of farmers as food producers among the Maltese and Gozitan society, especially among future generations.

### **2. Eligibility Requirements**

This expression of interest is open to any stakeholder currently active in the agriculture sector and able to deliver talks/presentations to Primary School students.

Eligible applicants shall:

- Be actively involved in the agriculture sector
- Provide/share information with regards to agriculture, food processing, agricultural history, organic farming, beekeeping, etc.
- Prepare educational material relevant to young audience (Kinder 1 to Year 6)
- Be able to communicate in both Maltese and English
- Be able to provide visual aids as needed
- Provide educational/informative talks with a duration of at least 1 hour for school children
- Be able to answer questions raised by kinder and primary school children
- Be available to provide his/her services during school hours and after school hours as may be required on a case-by-case basis
- Previous experience with children and/or delivering information sessions will be considered favourably
- Selected applicants will be required to sign an undertaking signifying their commitment to the assignment
- Be able to provide his/her own transport



### **3. Terms and conditions**

Compensation per session for the provision of service will be €35 per completed session (one session of 1-1.5hrs). This rate includes all costs and taxes incurred. Payment will take place on a monthly basis upon successful completion of service and confirmation by school representative. In the case of crossing between Malta and Gozo, the Gozo ferry ticket will be reimbursed upon presentation of the ticket.

### **4. Submission of Applications**

Interested stakeholders are to send an email on [letstalkfarming.mafa@gov.mt](mailto:letstalkfarming.mafa@gov.mt) expressing their interest to participate by not later than Friday, 25th August 2023. Applications received after closing date and time (i.e., late applications) will not be considered. The submission is to also include a CV indicating the education background and experience related to the agriculture sector. An email will be sent as an acknowledgement receipt for each application received. For more information, you can call 2292 4203 (during office hours).

### **5. Selection Process**

- All applications will be assessed by a specifically appointed selection board
- Ineligible candidates will be notified via email
- Eligible candidates will be requested to attend an interview
- Any qualifications and experience claimed in the application must be supported by certificates and/or testimonials, copies of which should be attached to the Officer's submission. Scanned copies sent electronically are also acceptable.
- Selected candidates shall, for the period during which they are assigned such duties, be accountable to the Director (PDPID – MAFA) and/or Director General (DES – MEYR), or his/her delegated representative.
- There should be no conflict of interest whilst performing such duties.
- Selected candidates will be required to provide their services throughout this scholastic year (October 2023 – May 2024).