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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

COVID-19 R&D: Collaborative research initiatives

The Malta Medicines Authority (MMA) fosters research and excellence in regulatory sciences, upholding the Authority's strategic goal to support innovation. Collaborative initiatives may present an opportunity for consolidation of R&D endeavours within the Maltese life-sciences sector.

The significant investments being allocated to the presently evolving pandemic, including the COVID-19 R&D Fund, are encouraging. The MMA would like to collaborate with other entities on projects within the scope and focus of the COVID-19 R&D Fund and that may translate into innovative approaches related to the current and potential future pandemics.

The Malta Medicines Authority considers prospective collaboration with stakeholders that meet the eligibility criteria for participation issued by the Malta Council for Science and Technology and Malta Enterprise Corporation in the *National Rules COVID-19 Fund*. Stakeholders interested to share expertise and experience while joining forces with the MMA to invest in advanced scientific research, are invited to forward their proposal to: <u>innovation.medicinesauthority@gov.mt</u>.

In view of the respective funding availability, timelines, and the relevance of proposed projects, this specific exercise is being conducted without commitment. The Malta Medicines Authority shall continue to support stakeholders interested in research initiatives and may be contacted via the above e-mail address.

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