

Ongoing Independent Journalist Investigation – Serious Irregularities in the Case of Mr Ronald Galea, Former CEO of Fondazzjoni Wens

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To the Honourable Authorities,

We are writing to formally present our findings from an ongoing independent Journalistic investigation effort led by Doninu (Malta) International, supported by documentary evidence and research (see attachments to this email). This initiative has been undertaken in the public interest and on a voluntary basis.

As our research continues to unfold, we are beginning to clearly piece together what appears to be a deeply concerning situation regarding the events surrounding Fondazzjoni Wens and, more specifically, the treatment of its former CEO, Mr Ronald Galea. The picture that is emerging contrasts starkly with the narrative that has been promoted publicly to date.

Through the accumulation of evidence and eyewitness accounts, including internal records, bank statements, testimonies, and media publications, we believe that what is occurring may be best described as a systematic attempt to discredit Mr Galea and dismantle his work within the Foundation. We are now in the process of reconstructing the full “jigsaw puzzle”—a more complete picture that differs significantly from that painted by official sources and echoed by *The Times of Malta*.

It is particularly troubling that *The Times of Malta*, while purporting to act as an impartial news outlet, has published content that appears to protect the narrative advanced by the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (OCVO), with

whom the publication shares commercial ties through the company Corporate ID. Even more concerning is the fact that the article in question attempted to shift the blame onto various other government ministries and departments—conveniently diverting attention from the direct role played by the OCVO and CRPD in the decision-making and management of Fondazzjoni Wens.

It is worth noting that the Times article included comments from the OCVO Commissioner but did not publish any comment from the CRPD Commissioner, despite the CRPD being the initial actor in this chain of events. We must therefore ask: Why was CRPD not invited to respond, given their regulatory role over the Foundation and their early involvement in the matter? It raises questions about the editorial integrity of the article and whether the OCVO Commissioner had undue influence in its publication.

In light of these developments, we have taken the decision to notify all Ministries mentioned in the *Times of Malta* article. We believe it is vital that these entities be made aware of how they have been portrayed and the implications this coverage may have on their credibility—especially when the root causes may lie elsewhere.

Furthermore, we bring to your attention the matter of a significant financial discrepancy. According to our records, over one million euros reportedly disappeared from Fondazzjoni Wens's accounts in just a matter of weeks following the forced administrative changes. Additionally, a private auditing firm was engaged—at a rate of €300 per hour—yet we have been informed that their operational freedom or fees may have been restricted by internal board members. These are not minor concerns and demand transparent inquiry.

If there were genuine accounting errors in previous years, it must be remembered that all financial reports had already been submitted to the OCVO and the Malta Business Registry (MBR) as required by law. If such errors exist, then regulatory authorities must assume responsibility for having failed to identify or act upon them. It would be unacceptable to retroactively place the full blame on the Foundation's former administration when both MBR and the OCVO are charged with ensuring compliance and accuracy of all submitted annual reports.

Lastly, we have shared this correspondence and supporting evidence with the Office of the Ombudsman for full transparency. We believe that what is happening deserves urgent scrutiny—not only because it concerns financial governance, but because it directly affects the rights, dignity, and well-being of persons with disabilities. If anything, this matter highlights a concerning misuse of institutional power and public trust.

Note: If any of the information we are presenting is incorrect or inaccurate, we respectfully ask you to inform us. Should we find that your clarification is valid and supported by evidence, we will make the necessary corrections and issue a written apology accordingly.

We stand ready to provide further documentation or clarification upon request.

Yours sincerely,



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