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## Existing Properties Make Rental Unnecessary


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Dear Authorities,

We are writing to formally bring to your attention a matter of serious concern involving the potential **mismanagement and misuse of funds** by **Fondazzjoni Wens**, a voluntary organisation tasked with supporting persons with disability.

It has come to our attention that Fondazzjoni Wens has paid **over €17,000** to date in rent for a commercial property intended to serve as an administrative office. However, the property remains **entirely unused**, raising serious concerns about **financial waste and lack of oversight**.

### 1. Existing Properties Make Rental Unnecessary

We wish to highlight that **Fondazzjoni Wens already owns two maisonettes**, one of which has been **officially approved for use as an administrative office**. These premises belong entirely to the Foundation and therefore **do not require any rental expenditure**.

We are also willing to provide copies of the **approved planning application** that confirms the maisonettes were designated for office use — clear proof that **no external rental expense was necessary**.

**You can find the relevant application document attached to this email.**

This raises an unavoidable question:

- Why is the Foundation paying thousands of euros to rent a **separate property** that is unused, when it already owns office-eligible premises?

## 2. Suspicious Use of Showroom Property

Further investigation has shown that the rented premises is **legally registered as a showroom**, not an office. It is located at:

**101 Cospicua Road, corner with 1/3 Mater Boni Consigli Street, Paola.**

There is also evidence that **company nameplates were affixed to the doors**, suggesting the property may be used as a **corporate registration address** rather than for actual service delivery or administration. This is concerning, especially if funds intended for the benefit of persons with disability are being used to finance unrelated or concealed activities.

## 3. CRPD's Inaction and Conflict of Interest

Despite this being known to the **Commissioner for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD)** — including through internal reporting — **no intervention or investigation has occurred**. This is particularly troubling given that **Dr Bernard A. Busuttil**, who works within CRPD, also serves as **Secretary to the Board of Fondazzjoni Wens**, presenting a clear and unresolved **conflict of interest**.

## 4. Available Evidence and Willingness to Cooperate

We are prepared to provide the following:

- Copies of the **payment records** made by Fondazzjoni Wens for the rental property; attached in attachment
- **Photographic evidence** of the rented site and business signage;
- **Dates of payments and correspondence** showing this arrangement has continued over many months with no usage;
- Reports suggesting potential financial impropriety or laundering activities — while not conclusive, these require professional investigation.

## 5. Our Role and Expectations

We are acting as independent observers conducting a **journalistic investigation**. We are not political actors, and we have **no financial interest** in this matter. We **do not collect or solicit donations**. Our only goal is to **uphold transparency, protect the public interest**, and ensure that funds belonging to persons with disability are used as intended.

If these matters are ignored or dismissed at the national level, we will not hesitate to escalate them to the **UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**, the **European Commission**, and relevant international watchdogs.

**Important Note:** From the outset, there have been clear indications that something is fundamentally wrong with this entire situation. One particularly example involves **Mr. Mark Bamber**, who was appointed by the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations (CVO) as the **CVO-appointed consultant** to Fondazzjoni Wens. Notably, Mr. Bamber arranged for his own son — who was a service user at Fondazzjoni Wens — to be transferred to **Dar tal-Providenza**, effectively removing him from the Foundation's environment. This raises serious questions: **Why was such a transfer arranged for his son but not for other vulnerable individuals?** This selective action suggests a lack of consistent safeguarding practices and further undermines confidence in the current governance of the Foundation.

*Note: If any part of the information we have presented is incorrect or misleading, we invite you to inform us. Should we find your clarification to be valid and supported by evidence, we will promptly issue a written correction and formal apology. However, we respectfully point out that in the absence of any such clarification, we interpret continued silence as an indication that the facts we have stated are accurate.*

Thank you for your attention. We remain available for further clarifications.

Yours sincerely,



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