



**Eligibility Requirements
Award for Innovative Technologies
in Response to COVID-19**

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic caught the World off-guard rendering it unable to stop the spread due to lack of global counter measures being in place. The immediacy of the threat means that response has to be deployed fast to be effective, and it is crucial that we see the quick implementation and deployment of innovative technologies to ease the social and economic impact of COVID-19. The Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA) is launching an award to encourage the fast deployment of innovative technology to address this societal challenge and which can be used in similar future scenarios.

The MDIA Award for Innovative Technologies in Response to COVID-19 is aimed at encouraging the development and deployment of such technologies in a timely manner. Whether it is a mobile app, a device or a website, whether it is an educational tool, a monitoring tool or a means of easing social distancing.

More information, including the application form, submission procedures and evaluation criteria, can be found on the MDIA website <http://www.mdia.gov.mt/covid19>

Eligibility Requirements

- The innovation technology submitted must be implemented and in use within Maltese jurisdiction and is of direct impact/of practical use to Maltese society.
- The work being submitted must be an original piece of work attested by a Declaration of Originality as requested in the application form.
- The work being submitted must have been developed for the scope of the elevation of the condition brought upon us by COVID-19 pandemic and other similar future events.
- Applications must be signed by an authorised signatory (ie. an official recognised representative in case of a group of individuals, company or partnership or joint venture), or the individual himself / herself (in case of an application being submitted only by one person).
- Applications bearing no signature or that of an un-authorized signatory may be rejected at evaluation stage.
- Applications submitted for this Award need to be accompanied by a copy of an identity document belonging to the authorised signatory and the other applicants.
- MDIA reserves the right to request any inspection and/or information as required; failure to comply may result in elimination subject to the discretion of MDIA; MDIA reserves the right to deem appropriate any measures regarding verification of proposals at its discretion
- The technology must already be deployed, although further concrete future plans and timelines in the proposal will be looked upon favourably by the Evaluation Committee.

Persons not eligible to participate

- Employees of the Malta Digital Innovation Authority;
- Family members¹
- Members of the Evaluation Committee and their family members;
- Persons or group of persons or entities who received public or EU funds in connection with the project being submitted.²

Award

The technology evaluated to be most effective will be receiving the Award for Innovative Technologies in Response to COVID-19 of consisting of €7,000. The second ranked application shall also receive €3,000.

¹ of the Malta Digital Innovation Authority;

² For the purpose of these awards, family members shall mean parents, siblings, children and spouses including those in a civil union.