

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position: *Unit Manager - Finance and International Funding*
Reports to: *Chief Finance and Admin Officer*
Ref No: *CAA 317/26*

1. BASIC FUNCTIONS

The Climate Action Authority is the first of its kind, and we recognise that our success depends on a capable, committed team. We are seeking an experienced, motivated and dedicated Unit Manager who will be instrumental in ensuring high standards of performance, reliability, and security across our systems.

The Unit Manager will be responsible for carrying out duties assigned by the Authority, in line with its aims and objectives, and in accordance with relevant legal instruments, including the Authority Act, subsidiary national legislation, as well as applicable European Union and international frameworks.

Specifically, the Unit Manager plays a crucial role in supporting the coordination of the Authority's financial status and the development and implementation of the Authority's funding strategy.

2. POSITION OBJECTIVES

To ensure that assigned duties are performed and fulfilled in accordance with the aims and objectives of the Authority;

To contribute towards the objectives of the Authority through effective and efficient planning, managing, controlling and fulfilling of assigned duties.

3. DUTIES OF UNIT MANAGER FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL FUNDING

The Unit Manager is responsible for the satisfactory performance of the duties in Annex A.

4. ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

4.1 Structural

Responsible to the Chief Finance and Admin Officer or Line Supervisor.

The Unit Manager may be required to coordinate teams within the Authority to work on specific tasks and thus be responsible for one or more other staff members.

4.2 Authority

The Unit Manager is authorised to take any reasonable actions consistent with the position's objectives and responsibilities, subject to directives issued by the Line Superior or their appointed representative.

4.3 Responsibility

The Unit Manager is responsible for the satisfactory execution of all duties outlined withing Annex A, as well as any additional tasks or responsibilities reasonably assigned by their direct superior, provided these align with the position's requirements. They shall foster and promote a strong work ethic and a commitment to delivering high-quality services to the public.

4.4 Accountability

The Unit Manager is fully accountable for all duties undertaken, including those carried out by any assigned team members. The Unit Manager's performance and effectiveness will be evaluated against the following criteria:

- Adherence to the Authority's policies, procedures, and legal requirements, as well as direction from the Chief Finance and Admin Officer or their representative next in line.
- The reliability, accuracy, and relevance of technical advice, expertise, and services provided.
- The consistent delivery of services, solutions, and support within agreed time frames.
- Responsible use of financial, technical, and human resources, demonstrating cost-effectiveness, added value, and the prudent allocation of Authority assets.
- The proactive identification and implementation of innovative solutions, process enhancements, and forward-looking strategies that contribute to the Authority's objectives.
- Positive feedback and satisfaction from internal and external stakeholders, reflecting a collaborative, service-oriented approach.

4.5 Cooperation and Teamwork

The Unit Manager shall promote and contribute to a culture of cooperation, collaboration and teamwork within the Authority.

4.6 Supervision

The Unit Manager will receive directives from the Chief Finance and Admin Officer or her/her representative.

5. **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

5.1 Qualifications and Experience

A bachelor's degree in accounting or equivalent qualification in finance, business, accounting, or a related field preferably with minimum of 5 years of working experience and 3 years in a leadership role with a demonstrated track record of success.

Experience related to accountancy, finance, international and EU funding strategies or related fields is highly desirable.

Qualifications at a level higher than that specified will be accepted for eligibility purposes, provided they meet any specified subject requirements.

A Masters' qualification at MQF Level 7, or equivalent, must comprise a minimum of 90 ECTS/ECVET credits or equivalent. A recognised Masters' qualification with a minimum of 60 ECTS/ECVET is only accepted subject to an MQRIC formal Masters' recognition statement being submitted with the application. A recognised Masters' qualification from the University of Malta (awarded pre-2009) with less than 60 ECTS/ECVET credits is acceptable provided that it is verified by MQRIC that the workload is comparable to at least 60 ECTS/ECVET credits.

Qualifications at a level higher than a Bachelor's degree will be accepted for eligibility purposes, provided that they meet any specified subject requirements and have a minimum of 3 years' working experience and in 2 years a leadership role.

5.2 Other

The applicant must have:

- Ability to communicate in Maltese or/and English languages.

- Excellent negotiation and communication skills.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Attention to detail and strong organizational skills.

The appointment of candidates who are not citizens of Malta may necessitate the issue of an employment license in so far as this is required by the Immigration Act and subsidiary legislation. Jobsplus should be consulted as necessary on this issue.

5.3 Success Metrics

- Excellent negotiation and communication skills.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to communicate in Maltese or/and English languages.
- Successful financial management requirements as outlined in Annex A.
- Successful planning, implementation and execution of reporting obligations;
- Optimise resources and tools to effect work more efficiently;
- Enhance Cross-Department Collaboration;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite and other relevant software.
- Comprehensive knowledge of international and EU funding programmes and regulatory frameworks

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6. **OTHER PROVISIONS**

6.1 This appointment is subject to a probationary period of twelve (12) months.

6.2 Selected candidates must be of conduct which is appropriate to the post/position applied for. Prior to appointment, selected candidates must produce a Certificate of Conduct issued by the Criminal Records Office or other competent authority not earlier than six (6) months from the closing date of this call for applications, which should be submitted by the selected candidate within one (1) week from the date of the notification of appointment.

6.3 Submission of documentation

With application:

- i. CV
- ii. Covering letter
- iii. Scans of certificates/transcripts and/or testimonials or Jobsplus records or similar supporting work experience.
- iv. Scan of ID Card/ passport

At interview:

- i. Originals of certificates/transcript presented with application (for verification)
- ii. Original ID card or passport (for verification)
- iii. MQRIC certification of equivalence in case of foreign qualifications

Prior to signature of contract of employment:

- i. Jobsplus / Identita (Identity Malta) permit to work, if applicable
- ii. Certificate of good conduct (original/s)

- 6.4 In terms of the requirements emanating from Directive 16, regarding the “Governing Framework for Preventing and Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Public Administration”, issued by the Principal Permanent Secretary on 27th November 2023 and which came into force on 1st February 2024, the Selection Board will assess candidates’ previous employments to assess potential conflicts of interest. In this respect, candidates are to provide a completely updated CV, including qualifications and employment history with their application. Any potential conflict of interest matters noted will be reported, to ensure that should the candidate be recruited, such conflicts of interest would be appropriately managed. Moreover, selected candidates are to report any known actual, potential or apparent conflicts of interest prior to accepting an appointment, through the prescribed Declaration available at Appendix 1 to Directive 16.

Annex A

Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead, in close partnership with the Chief Finance and Admin Officer, the development and execution of the Authority's financial and funding strategy, encompassing strategic budgetary planning, financial forecasting, and financial risk management;
- Direct and support all finance and accounting operations of the Authority, taking ownership of the development and implementation of its funding strategy;
- Provide strategic direction in identifying, evaluating and securing international and EU funding opportunities that advance the Authority's programmes and long-term initiatives;
- Establish and maintain the governance framework, policies and procedures for international and EU-funded projects, ensuring robust internal controls;
- Lead the preparation, review and submission of international and EU funding applications, ensuring strategic positioning and quality of proposals;
- Take full ownership of international and EU-funded project budgets and financial planning, ensuring eligibility of expenditure, sound financial reporting, and audit readiness;
- Act as the Authority's principal point of accountability for compliance with international and EU regulations, public sector procurement rules, state aid requirements and EU funding conditions;
- Cultivate and manage strategic relationships with government entities, international and EU funding agencies and international partners, representing the Authority at senior level;
- Lead financial reporting processes and ensure compliance with Regulations and Authority Guidelines, providing strategic financial insight to senior management;
- Drive the development and implementation of best practices, tools and systems to build a well-controlled, agile organisation with strong fiscal governance;
- Ensure ongoing compliance with national and local financial legislation, proactively monitoring legislative developments and directing appropriate organisational response;

- Lead, in support of the Chief Finance and Admin Officer, risk management analysis of Authority liabilities and investments, and direct the evaluation and management of capital structure and fundraising initiatives;
- Identify and lead the pursuit of new funding opportunities and revenue streams for the Authority;
- Lead, manage and develop capabilities of finance and international and EU funds professionals, delegating responsibilities and ensuring high standards of performance and service delivery;
- Act as the Authority's escalation point on international and EU funding matters, deputising for the Chief Finance and Admin Officer as required.

The Unit Manager may also be required to carry out any other duty as may reasonably be directed by the Line Superior and/or his/her representative.