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**Common Agricultural Policy – Strategic Plan 2023-2027  
Intervention 73.3 - Off-Farm Investments (Rural Roads)**



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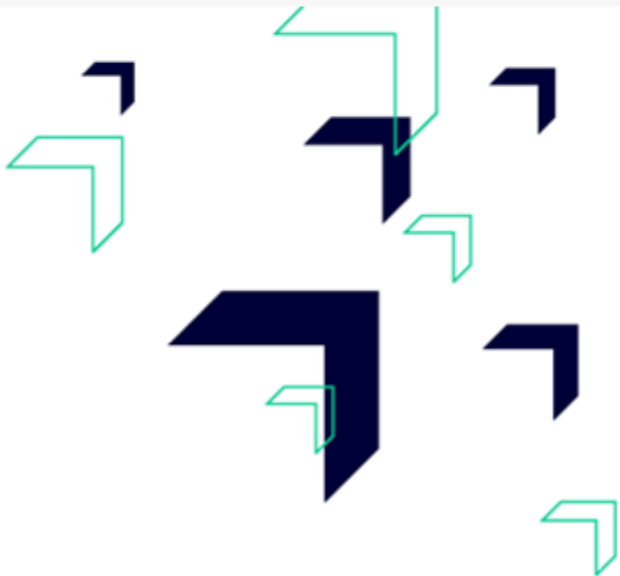
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## 173.3 – Off-Farm Investments Infrastructure (Rural Roads)

January 2024



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# SCOPE

The call is open for **Off-Farm Investments Infrastructure** related to:

- ✓ Improving accessibility to farmland through upgrade and modernisation of Rural Roads in rural localities;
- ✓ The prevention of land abandonment through improvement of access to farmland
- ✓ Encouraging farmers to make best use of their land parcels through better access as well as improved access to machinery that can improve the efficiency of primary production improve farmers competitiveness

# ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Support under this intervention is available to:

- ✓ National Public Authorities responsible for road works.
- ✓ Local Councils of rural localities.

# RURAL LOCALITIES

GOZO	ATTARD	BIRZEBBUGIA	DINGLI	GHARGHUR	GHAXAQ	GUDJA
IKLIN	KALKARA	KIRKOP	LIJA	LUQA	MARSASCALA	MARSAXLOKK
MDINA	MELLIEHA	MGARR	MOSTA	MQABBA	MTARFA	NAXXAR
QORMI	QRENDI	RABAT (Malta)	SAFI	SAN GWANN	SAN PAWL IL-BAHAR	SANTA LUCIJA
SIGGIEWI	SWIEQI	XGHAJRA	ZABBAR	ZEBBUG (Malta)	ZEJTUN	ZURRIEQ

# ELIGIBLE ACTIONS

Construction or improvement of farm access roads, footbridges, protection, consolidation works and road markings (limited to paints).

# INELIGIBLE ACTIONS

Any actions that are not in conformity to applicable environment, planning and agricultural legislation and/or policy and not in line with the scope of off-farm investment infrastructure as outlined in Malta's CAP SP.

# ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

Expenditure is considered eligible for reimbursement only if it has been incurred [after the 21<sup>th</sup> December 2023.](#)

The following type of expenditure is considered eligible under I73.3:

- a) Upgrade and modernisation of rural roads in rural localities
  
- b) General costs such as architects, engineers, consultation fees, feasibility studies, the acquisition of patent rights and licences up to a maximum 15% of the total eligible project cost;
  
- c) Indirect Costs of 7%.

**Beneficiaries will be required to follow public procurement rules and procedures.**



# INDIRECT COSTS - OVERHEADS

*Text from the National Eligibility Rules available at <https://fondi.eu/important-documentation/reference-documents/eligibility-selection-rules-criteria/2021-2027-programming-period/>*

Overheads, also known as indirect costs or overhead expenses, are the ongoing expenses incurred by an entity that are not directly attributable to a specific project or activity but without which a project cannot be implemented. These costs are necessary for the functioning and implementation of the EU-funded project.

In line with Article 54 (a) of Regulation (EU) 2021/1060, a 7% flat rate based on the eligible direct costs shall be applied to projects financed under BMVI, ISF, EMFAF, ERDF, CF, JTF and EAFRD.

# INELIGIBLE EXPENDITURE

- ✓ Roads which do not service rural farm access roads;
- ✓ Ordinary maintenance operations (e.g. simple pothole repairs etc)
- ✓ Publicity and Dissemination Criteria (that are obligatory by the CAP-SP)
- ✓ Project Management Costs

# CHANGE REQUESTS

Projects with a grant value of equal or less than EUR100,000 shall be limited to two (2) change request submissions, whereas projects with a grant value of more than EUR100,000 but less than or equal to EUR200,000 shall be limited to three (3) change request submissions. The limit of change request submissions applies for the entire duration of the project. For the avoidance of doubt, the limitation is subject to the number of submissions and not the amount of changes requested per submission. Furthermore, the limitation still applies in case the MA rejects the request in part or in its entirety.

# SELECTION CRITERIA

- ✓ Project Details
- ✓ Objectives and needs to be addressed
- ✓ Contributions of the project towards the Farm to Fork strategy
- ✓ Readiness
- ✓ Risks
- ✓ Equal Opportunities
- ✓ Sustainable Development

# OTHER INFO

Maximum Duration: 24 months

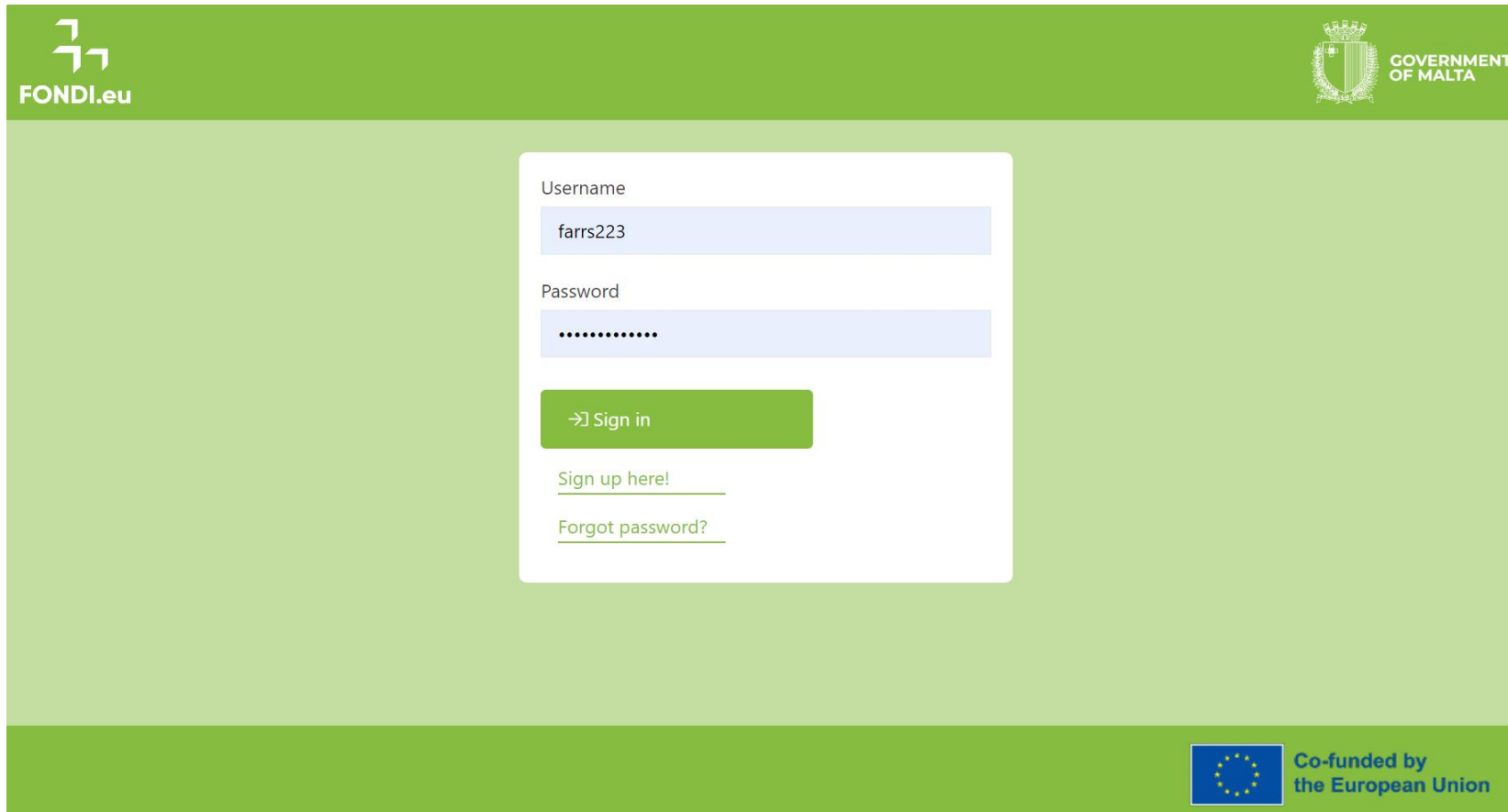
Total Budget: EUR 5.7 Million

Grant Support Rate: 100%

Deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at noon

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The screenshot shows the login interface for FONDI.eu. The page has a green header with the FONDI.eu logo on the left and the Government of Malta logo on the right. The main content area is a light green background with a white login form in the center. The form contains two input fields: 'Username' with the value 'farrs223' and 'Password' with masked characters. Below the fields is a green 'Sign in' button with a right-pointing arrow. Underneath the button are two links: 'Sign up here!' and 'Forgot password?'. The footer of the page is green and features the European Union flag logo and the text 'Co-funded by the European Union'.

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Welcome to the account activation page.

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If you have forgot your log-in information please contact the Front Office.

Generate a new verification code

I already have a verification code

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## Project Proposal

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<input type="radio"/> CAP - Strategic Plan 2023-2027	I73.4	I73.4 - Off-Farm Productive Investments	1	!	29 March 2024

All data and documents will be treated as confidential, however, certain information may be shared with other competent authorities when deemed necessary for verification purposes. Personal data will be handled in accordance with EU Regulation 2018/17252 to ensure compliance with the principles of transparency, proportionality, impartiality and legality. All submitted project proposals will be acknowledged. Applicants are to note that no applications will be accepted after the stipulated deadline

I agree to terms and conditions



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## Project Proposal - DRAFT

I73.3 | Off-Farm Investments Infrastructure | 286213 | CSP/2023/I73.3/01

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Project Details



Sector and Type of Activity



Line Items



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## Project Proposal - DRAFT

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### Project Details

\* Project Title

Rural winding roads

\* Project duration in months

### Lead Applicant

Category

PUBLIC ENTITIES

Nature of Activity / Business

GOVERNMENT AGENCY

- MINISTRIES
- GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS
- PUBLIC AUTHORITIES
- PUBLIC CORPORATIONS
- LOCAL COUNCILS
- GOVERNMENT AGENCY

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Can the applicant recover VAT on expenditure incurred?

- Yes  
 No

### Details of Project Leader

Same as the Applicant

Different from the Applicant

Title

Name

Danny

Surname


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### Project Costs - Line Items

Line Item	Type of Investment	Item Description	Quotations No.	Locality	Amount Excl. VAT	VAT Amount	Amount Incl. VAT	
-1			0		EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	EUR 0.00	 
<b>Total amounts</b>					<b>EUR 0.00</b>	<b>EUR 0.00</b>	<b>EUR 0.00</b>	



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#### Project Costs - Line Items

Type of Investment:  ? ✕ ☰

Locality:

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Quotations List:

Quotation Reference	Final eligible amount Exc. VAT	Final eligible VAT amount	Final eligible amount Incl. VAT
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Locality  ✕ ☰

Item Description

**Important to include details in this section**

Quotations List

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Item Description

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Quotations List

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### Project Costs - Line Items

* Quotation Reference	Test 1
Unit	Meter <span>▼</span>
Quantity	500
* Final eligible amount Exc. VAT	€ 100,000.00
* Final eligible VAT amount	€ 15,000.00
* Final eligible amount Incl. VAT	€ 115,000.00


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No

Actions linked to the Investment (Farm access infrastructure)

**Upgrade and modernisation of rural roads in rural areas:** refers to the improvement of road accessibility, including the construction and upgrading of access roads in rural areas

Yes

No

**Increased competitiveness in agriculture:** refers to action addressing the lack of adequate access to farmland and providing farmers with better access to their holdings, with aim of reducing land abandonment ensuring accessibility for farming equipment and machinery and increasing farm competitiveness.

Yes

No

In the plan below provide a description of:

Project details ( as per selection criteria)

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NA

**Roads** ⓘ

Supporting documentation required with regards to the applicant.

The applicants will be advised further, during the evaluation process, with regards to the submission of any necessary clarifications/documents required.


A soft copy of **all** annexes, documents and supporting documentation is to be uploaded in this form.  
**Each separate document** is to be individually presented and adequately titled for ease of reference.

Yes  
 No

Supporting documentation required related to proposed investment

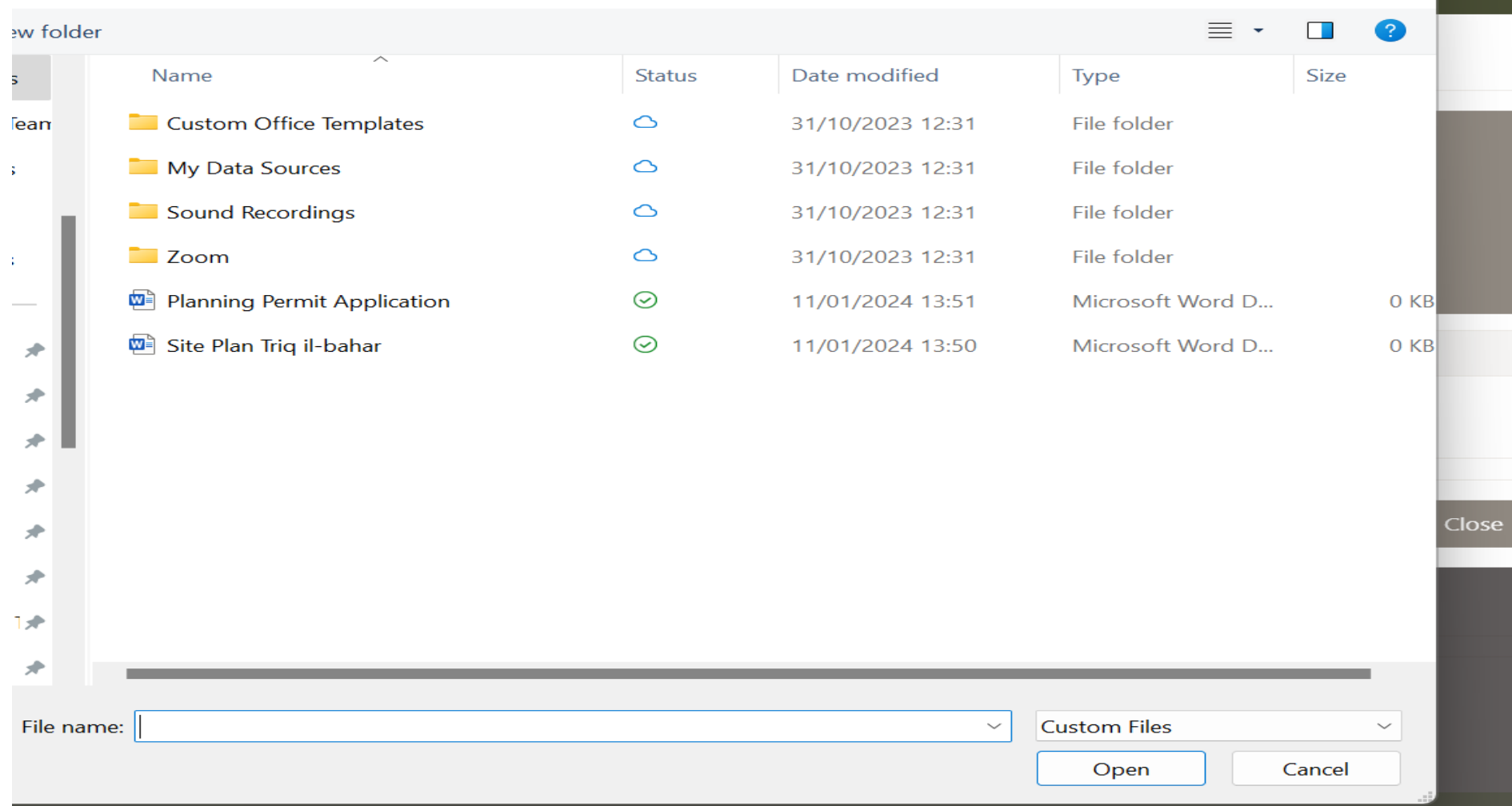
Detailed report (including estimated Bill of Quantities) prepared and signed by an architect/quantity surveyor appointed by the applicant in relation to works required in the proposed investment

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My Data Sources	Cloud	31/10/2023 12:31	File folder	
Sound Recordings	Cloud	31/10/2023 12:31	File folder	
Zoom	Cloud	31/10/2023 12:31	File folder	
Planning Permit Application	Checked	11/01/2024 13:51	Microsoft Word D...	0 KB
Site Plan Triq il-bahar	Checked	11/01/2024 13:50	Microsoft Word D...	0 KB





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 Planning Permit Application.docx		

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Agreement with the Local Council to carry out works in rural roads which fall within the statutory remit of the Local Council as per Local Council Act (Cap 363 of the Laws of Malta) and in the New Road Works Regulation (Subsidiary Legislation 499.57). i

Yes  
 No  
 NA

Planning and/or Environmental permit where relevant. Should the Applicant not have the relevant Planning Authority permit approval at the time of submission of the application the planning permit has to be submitted to the MA once available.

Yes  
 No  
 NA

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# Assisting stakeholders in accessing European Funds

# Inform & Engage Stakeholders



- Information & outreach
- One-to-one meetings
- Information sessions
- Training sessions

# Support Stakeholders



- Project Development & Writing
- Project Implementation

# Project Development & Writing



- Defining the problem
- Compiling the needs analysis
- Identifying the Aim & Objectives
- Identifying the Results & Impact
- Planning a good dissemination plan

# Project Implementation



- Understanding the terms and conditions of the grant agreement
- Information on procurement procedures
- Assistance with project reporting
- Facilitate communication between Fund Operator and Beneficiary

# Project Implementation Resources

<https://sem.gov.mt/information/information-documents>

## Information Documents

The following is a list of documents providing information about various aspects of project implementation

Downloads	
Communication in EU Funded Projects	<a href="#">Download</a>
The Grant Agreement	<a href="#">Download</a>
Procurement in EU Funded Projects - Frequently Asked Questions	<a href="#">Download</a>
Retention of Documents in EU Funded Projects	<a href="#">Download</a>
Managing Changes during the Implementation of EU Funded Projects	<a href="#">Download</a>
Stakeholder Mapping and Engagement	<a href="#">Download</a>



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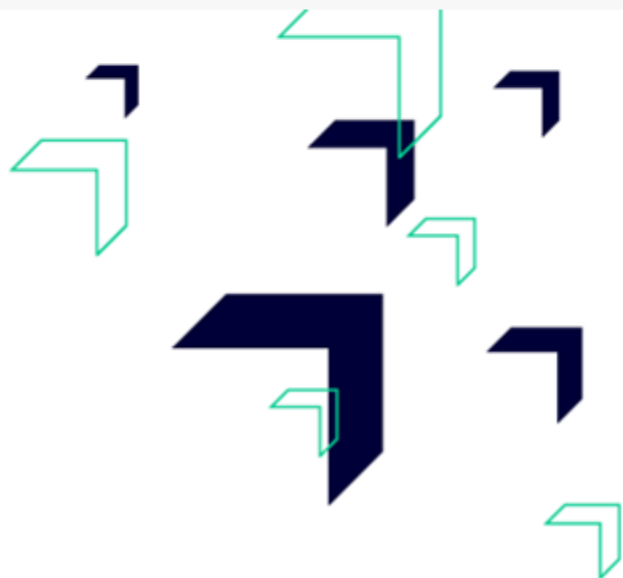


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