

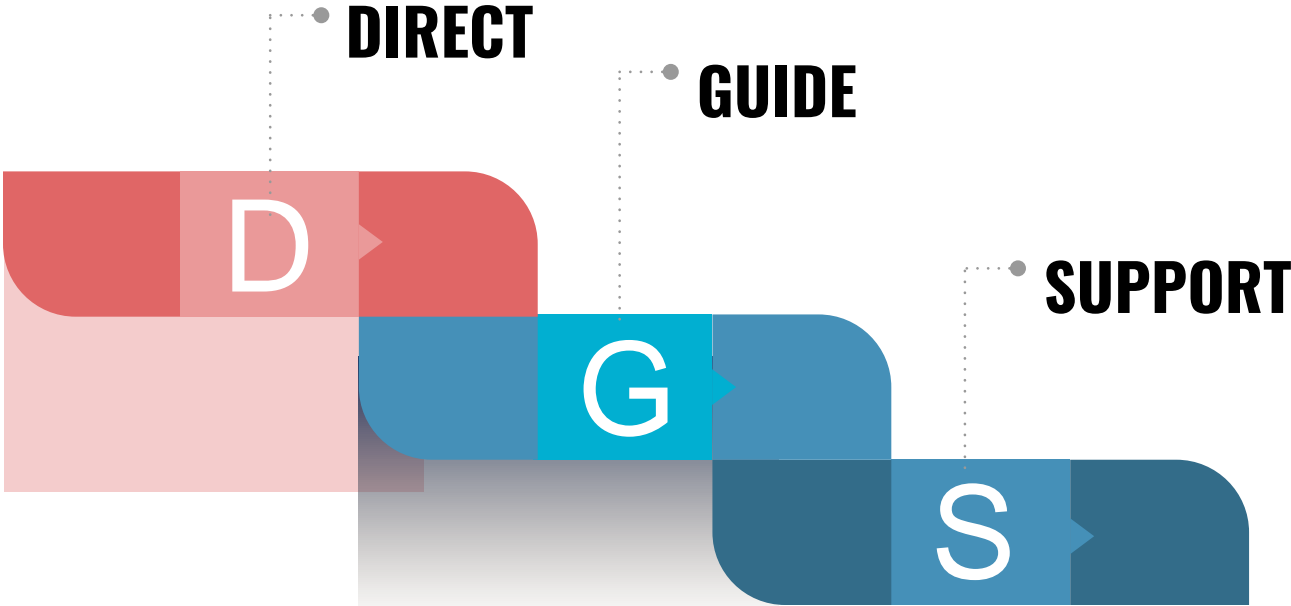


OCVO Purpose

Recognising the importance of voluntary organisations as a main pillar within society and the economy, the ultimate mission of the Commissioner's office is to enable this socio-economic pillar of our country so they can deliver the social, civil, and community benefits.

As the main regulatory body of the sector, the Commissioner's office encourages and enforces the governance of the voluntary organisations and their activities to strengthen and protect the function of voluntarism directed towards the achievement of the ultimate greater and common good.

Duties & Responsibilities of the OCVO



New Brand Identity



The 'hands' icon to symbolise unity and togetherness, the hands form a circle, signalling that the Office is part of the chain making up voluntarism.

The colours chosen also symbolise a number of key terms that the Office stands for – Yellow (Guidance), Pink (Sympathy, Sensitivity & Courage), Blue (Neutrality) and Light Red (Strength).

One EcoSystem

Thousands
Of Volunteers

Over 1680 VOs

Thousands of
beneficiaries



OCVO
Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations

Other
Regulators

Other
Authorities

Funding
Authorities

Way Forward

- In the past weeks, the OCVO initiated meetings with VOs to listen their needs, experiences & challenges.
- The Commissioner and the OCVO have a vision - we want our VOs and the sector **future ready**.
- Through a newly set up team, the Commissioner will strengthening the regulatory process but facilitating it at the same time.
- This process will be done in **togetherness** with the VOs.
- Together, we will embark on a journey that will redefine the voluntary sector in Malta for the benefit of all VOs and society at large.

Good Governance for Administrators of Voluntary Organisations

Defining 'Administrators'

Ch. 492 Voluntary Organisations Act Article 2

“any person who is appointed to control, supervise or administer an organisation, and includes a governor, director, trustee or committee member or any other person who carries out such functions even if under another name but shall not include a manager or an executive while carrying out functions under a contract against remuneration except in so far as he is an administrator and only relating to his functions as an administrator.”

Why maintain Good Governance?

- An administrator is considered a **fiduciary** person.
- Administrators must use this fiduciary responsibility to engage the social, civil and community benefits towards the ultimate social & public purpose of the VO.
- Therefore, s/he shall do all that is necessary to ensure - **credibility, accountability, transparency, and good reputation.**
- By ensuring these 4 pillars, administrators would be strengthening not just their VO but also voluntarism in general.



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Ensuring Good Governance - VO Perspective

In order to ensure good governance the VOs are to follow the following good practices :

1. Keep & ensure compliance with an **up-to-date statute**.
2. Keep up to date records with **particulars** and **details** of persons connected with the VO.
3. Keep up-to-date & organised all **VO documentation** for a maximum of **10 years**.
4. Ensure that the minimum number of administrators is **not less than 3**.
5. Prepare **annual accounts** in accordance with the relevant laws.
6. Register the VO with **local platforms/federations**.
7. When recruiting, a VO is to ensure principles of **opportunity** and **diversity**.

Ensuring Good Governance - Administrator's Perspective

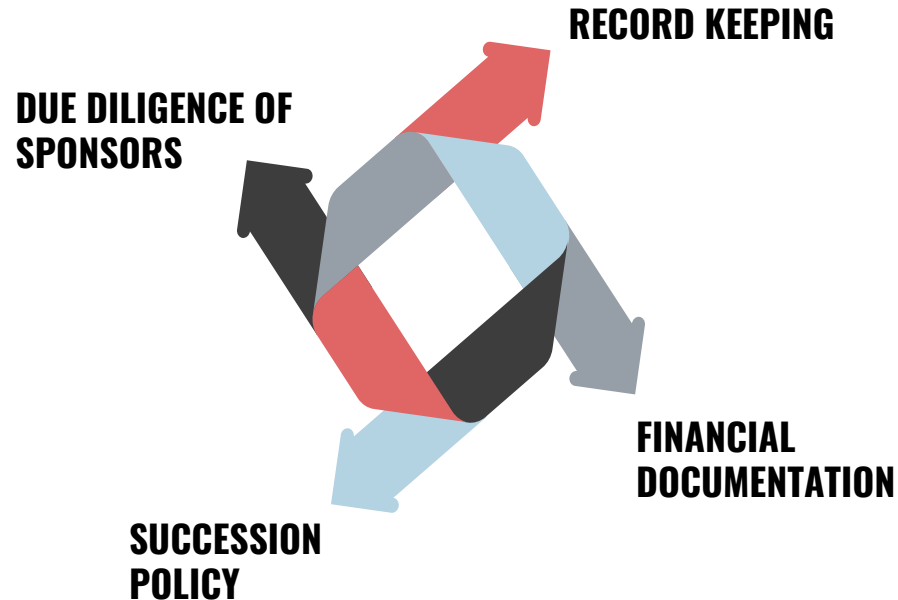
1. **Ensure reputation** of VO & **generate public awareness** regarding work and mission of VO.
2. Be **accountable** for personal actions and be **transparent** in dealings.
3. Provide a timely and valid **police conduct** when required.
4. **Avoid** situations of conflict of interest.
5. **Refrain** from occupying multiple roles of President or Treasurer or Secretary.
6. **Attend** courses and information sessions.

Ensuring Good Governance - Administrator's Perspective

7. To **act in best interest of VO** & not a group or faction of it.
8. To **maintain independence** at all times - never under control of any individual or third party organisation.
9. To **act with integrity** at all times.
10. To **refrain from abuse** of power.
11. Ensure to have **complete understanding** of activities & purpose of VO + statute.

Good Governance pitfalls

Good Governance challenges that the OCVO has witnessed and assisted VOs with, are the following:



High-risk Jurisdictions

- The OCVO consider a number of countries coming from different continents as high-risk jurisdictions.
- The list is continuously update by international institutions such the EU and the UN.
- These jurisdictions are of interest to the OCVO because enrolled VOs carry out projects within these countries.
- The list is made up of jurisdictions forming part of Europe, Africa, Asia, and Central & South America.