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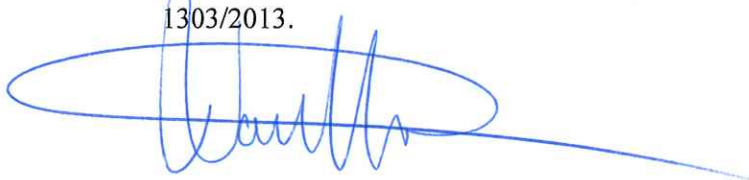
MA Circular 04/2020

To: Project Leaders of projects funded and implemented in the 2014-2020 Programming Period  
Line Ministries

**RE: Applicable Retention Period for Projects funded through the Programming Period 2014-2020 under Operational Programme I - *Fostering a competitive and sustainable economy to meet our challenges* – ERDF and CF, and Operational Programme II - *Investing in human capital to create more opportunities and promote the wellbeing of society* - ESF**

By means of this Circular, the Beneficiaries are being hereby reminded and advised of their obligation to retain, for the availability of different stakeholders responsible for Cohesion Policy, including the Commission and the Court of Auditors, all the supporting documents regarding the expenditure and the implementation of projects funded under ERDF, CF and ESF<sup>1</sup> **for at least a period of three years starting from the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the year of submission of the accounts in which the final expenditure of the operation is included.**

Within this context, when submitting the closure documents, the MA will notify the Beneficiaries of the official starting date of the three-year period referred to in Article 140 (1) of Regulation (EC) No 1303/2013.



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<sup>1</sup> As indicated under section 12.2 of the Manual of Procedures 2014-2020 Malta <https://eufunds.gov.mt/en/Operational%20Programmes/Useful%20Links%20and%20Downloads/Pages/Useful-Links-and-Downloads.aspx>