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September 14-15, 2022 | AX The Palace Malta, Sliema Malta

September 14, 2022 | 08.30 AM CET

Venue: AX The Palace Malta, Triq il-Kbira Sliema, SLM 1542, Sliema, Malta

- 8.30 - 9.00 AM** **Registration Coffee**
- 9.00 - 9.10 AM** **Keynote Speaker: Hon. George Vella**, President of the Republic of Malta, Malta (video message)
- 9.10 - 10.00 AM** **Opening Remarks**
Moderator: Jihen Boutiba, Secretary General, BUSINESSMED
Speakers:
President Barbara Beltrame Giacomello, President of BUSINESSMED, Vice President of Internationalization, CONFINDUSTRIA, Italy
Joanne Bondin, President, MEA, Malta
Amadou Sakou, Advisor and Project Officer for Africa, International Organisation of Employers, IOE
Itaf Ben Abdallah, Senior Advisor, Higher Education and Research Division, UfM
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- 10.00 - 10.45 AM** **Panel 1 - Digital Solutions for Smart Cities**
Moderator: Tamás Bányai, CEO, EPIC MT
Speakers:
Borhene Dhaouadi, Architect - Réfèrent Smart City - Setec International - President Association Tunisian Smart Cities
André Magrinho, Deputy Chairman of AIP Foundation, AIP, Portugal
Enrico de Filippo, MD & Chairman, JCM Group Amea Limited
Massimo Dal Checco, President, Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo
Philippe FROISSARD, Head of Unit, Future Urban & Mobility System, Clean Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission (TBC)
- Q&A**
- 10.45 - 11.00 AM** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.00 - 11.45 AM** **Panel 2 - The role of Digital Technologies in Manufacturing: Best Practices and recommendations**
Moderator: Michael Mifsud, Representative of the Manufacturing Industry Sector, MEA
Speakers:
Bedii Can Yücaoglu, Vice President of BUSINESSMED, TUSIAD, Turkey
Daniel Abboud, BUSINESSMED Board Member, ALI, Lebanon
Nayla Amara, Programme Management Expert, UNIDO

11.45 AM- 12.30 PM	Presentation of the UfM Strategy on Vocational Pathways in Higher Education Moderator: Takwa Mrabet , BCD and Fundraising Coordinator, BUSINESSMED Speakers: Itaf Ben Abdallah , Senior Advisor, Higher Education and Research Division, UfM Boutheina Lassadi , Senior Expert in Vocational Education & Training Dolores Sammut Bonnici , BUSINESSMED Board Member, Senior Vice President, MEA, Malta
12.30 - 12.45 PM	CLOSING REMARKS Roberta Metsola , President of European Parliament, EPP Group, Partit Nazzjonalista, Malta (video message) Dr Khaled Abdelazim , Executive Director - Federation of Egyptian Industries, FEI
12.45 - 2.00 PM	LUNCH BREAK
2.00 - 4.00 PM	Company Visits Options a) Maritime MT School b) Manufacturing company: Farsons
7.00-11.30 PM	20 years celebration

September 15th, 2022 | 08.45 AM CET

Venue: AX The Palace Malta, Triq il-Kbira Sliema, SLM 1542, Sliema, Malta

- 8.45 - 9.00 AM** **Welcome Coffee**
- 9.00 - 10.00 AM** **Industry Sector Workshop – How do new practices, ideas impact the future of the transport and logistic sector within the Maritime industry**
- Moderator:** **Jeannette Axisa**, Director General, Foundation for Transport
- Speakers:**
- Tanger Med** (TBC)
 - Karmenu Vella**, Former EU Commissioner of Environment and Maritime Affairs
 - Giuseppe Ranalli**, Vice President of Small Industry for “economia del mare”, CONFINDUSTRIA (TBC)
 - Stephanie Vella**, Westmed National Hub Malta
 - Mounir Ghribi**, Director of International Cooperation and Research Promotion, National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics. (TBC)
- Q&A**
- 10.00 - 10.15 AM** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 10.15 - 11.00 AM** **Industry Sector Workshop – Promoting entrepreneurship and sustainability in the Tourism and Hospitality Sector**
- Moderator:** **Dr. Alaa Ezz**, Secretary-General, CEEBA
- Speakers:**
- Professor Russel Smith**, Take Off, Malta
 - Chahrazed Remedi**, Co-founder, Wantotrip
 - Damiano Petruzzella**, Project Manager, CIHEAM Bari
- Q&A**
- 11.00 - 11.45 AM** **Official Launching of the Business Country Desk (BCD)**
- Moderator:** **Jihen Boutiba**, Secretary General, BUSINESSMED
- Speakers:**
- Minister Hon Silvio Schembri**, Minister for the Economy, MALTA
 - Bedii Can Yücaoglu**, Vice President of BUSINESSMED, TUSIAD, Turkey (TBC)
 - Ingrid Schweiger**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG NEAR, European Commission (video message)
- 11.45 - 12. 15 PM** **Presentation of the BCD Platform**
- Speaker:** **Takwa Mrabet**, BCD and Fundraising Coordinator, BUSINESSMED
- Q & A for the Press and EBSOMED regional promotional campaign**
- 12.15-13.30 PM** **Networking Lunch**
- 13.30 - 16.00 PM** **B2B meetings**

Working language: Simultaneous **English – French** interpretation will be provided

Conception & organization:

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