MALTA EMPLOYERS

SME WEEK Malta 2026

SME NATIONAL FORUM 2026

Making AI work for SMEs

FROM POLICY TO PRACTICE

Tuesday 24th November, 2026
Trident Park Conference Hall, Notabile Gardens, Mdina Road, Birkirkara
8.15am to 1.30pm

8.15am REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

8.45am INTRODUCTION by **Kevin Spiteri**, Event Host
8:50am WELCOME SPEECH by **Ivan Refalo**, President of Malta Employers
8:58am ADDRESS by **Hon. Silvio Schembri**, Minister for the Economy, Technology and Strategic Projects
9.06am ADDRESS by **Hon. Darren Carabott**, Shadow Minister for the Economy, Technology and Strategic Projects
9.15am KEYNOTE SPEECH by **Kenneth Brincat**, CEO, MDIA
9.30am SURVEY PRESENTATION by **Kevin J. Borg**, Director General, Malta Employers

9.40am PANEL DISCUSSION 1: **PREPARING FOR NEW SKILLS IN A POST-AI ERA**

Ruth DeBrincat, Senior Director - Policy and Technical Affairs, National Skills Council
Edwin Balzan, Digital Innovations Manager, APS Bank plc
Etienne Caruana, Director General, National Statistics Office
Kevin Camilleri, General Secretary, GWU
Stefan Rodoligo, Chief Information Officer, Identità
Martha Muscat, Head of Research and Innovation, Computime FinTech
Jonathan Gerada, Malta's Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer

10.15am BEST PRACTICES IN BUSINESS AND PRIVATE SECTOR: PART 1

Donna Cauchi, Operations Manager, Niumee Limited – part of St James Hospital Grp. Subsidiary Companies
Eric Aquilina, Senior DevOps Engineer, APS Bank plc
James Attard Kingswell, CEO/Director, Kingswell Innovation
Matthew Ellul Sullivan, CEO, Sullivan Shipping Agencies Limited

10.35am COFFEE BREAK

11.05am BEST PRACTICES IN BUSINESS AND PRIVATE SECTOR: PART 2

Dr Vince Vella, CTO/COO, Computime Business Software & FinTech
Jonathan Dalli, CEO, Concept Stadium
Andrew Schembri, Chair of the Digitalisation Working Group within the Malta Institute of Accountants, and Partner, PwC Malta

11.25am AGENTIC LEADERS. HUMAN FEATURES. NAVIGATING THE RISKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REALITIES OF AI IN THE WORKPLACE
by **Joanne Bondin**, Director, misco Consulting Limited

11.35am INTERNATIONAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS by **Danny McCoy**, CEO, Ibec

12.00pm PANEL DISCUSSION 2: **ENABLING AI ADOPTION: THE SUPPORT ECOSYSTEM FOR SMEs**

Dr Joseph Gerada, Regulator, Family Business Office
Joseph Darmanin, Chief Business Officer, MDB
David Camilleri, R&I Executive, Xjenza Malta
Rachel Camilleri, Senior Manager - Entrepreneurship and Funding, MDIA
Karl Gauci, Senior Business Development Manager, Tech.MT
Fabrizio Farrugia, Senior Manager Information and Communication Technologies Unit, Malta Business Registry
Alexander Vella, Malta Enterprise Representative

12.35pm INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION by **Prof Alexiei Dingli**, Consultant

1.20pm CONCLUDING REMARKS by **Joseph Farrugia**, Advisor to Malta Employers

1.30pm NETWORKING LUNCH

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