



## Malta Enterprise Newsletter

### Malta retains 4th place in Europe for Innovative Startups

For the second consecutive year, Malta has retained its 4th place ranking in Europe as a leading hub for innovative startups. This achievement highlights the ongoing efforts of Malta Enterprise and the country's thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem.

The recognition comes from the 2024 Startup Nations Standard (SNS) Report, published by the Europe Startup Nations Alliance (ESNA), which evaluates 24 EU countries. Malta's strong performance underscores its dedication to fostering a business-friendly and innovation-driven environment.

#### Key Highlights of Malta's Success:

- 100% Score in Talent Attraction & Retention – Strategic initiatives continue to draw top global talent, especially in tech, making Malta an attractive destination for entrepreneurs.
- 100% Score in Digital Transformation – With fully digitalized government services, startups benefit from



seamless administrative processes.

Since 2020, Malta's Startup Finance Scheme has approved 66 projects, allocating €30 million in funding to startups in FinTech, MedTech, robotics, and more. These ventures have already created 145+ high-quality jobs, strengthening the island's innovation landscape.

### EU-Startups Summit

Malta Enterprise is continuing its mission to support local startups and attract high-quality investment at the EU-Startups Summit - one of the most sought after tech & startup event in the world and the meeting place for Europe's best startups & investors.

This highly anticipated event offers:

- Networking opportunities
- Two stages packed with insightful talks & workshops
- A line-up of 80+ speakers, including unicorn founders, CEOs, and top investors

The main event will take place on 24th and 25th April, at the Mediterranean Conference Centre in Valletta. For more information and registration kindly follow this link [EU-Startups Summit 2025 | EU-Startups](#)



**ENTERPRISE INNOVATION**  
Conference & Networking Event

Wednesday, 9th April 2025

**Salini Resort, Bahar ic-Caghaq**

Towards a more sustainable,  
resilient and human-centric  
industry ....  
.... **a look at Industry 5.0**

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## Enterprise Innovation Conference - towards a more sustainable and human-centric industry

Join us on 9th April at 9:00am for the Enterprise Innovation Conference, hosted by **Malta Enterprise, Malta Innovation Forum, and Enterprise Europe Network - Malta** at The Salini Resort, Bahar ic-Ċagħaq.

This year's conference will bring together industry experts to share insights on the digital transformation of SMEs, the adoption of advanced technologies, and the principles of Industry 5.0. Attendees will also have the chance to explore a diverse range of Maltese service providers, showcasing their latest digitalization products and solutions.

Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable knowledge and network with industry leaders!

For more details and registration, visit: [Home | ENTERPRISE INNOVATION - towards a more sustainable and human-centric industry](#)

### Micro Invest Scheme

Applications for the Micro Invest Scheme are now open! This Scheme supports businesses – including startups, family businesses, and the self-employed – by providing tax credits on eligible investments that drive innovation, expansion and operational growth. Eligible expenses include investment costs and even increases in wage expenses.

Learn more: [Micro Invest Scheme](#)

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## Empowering Growth

Unlocking Business Potential in Gozo


Friday 14th March 2025


Gozo Innovation Hub, Ix-Xewkija

### Empowering Growth: Unlocking Business Potential in Gozo

Join us for an exclusive info session hosted by Malta Enterprise through Business 1st in collaboration with the Minister for Gozo and Planning.

14th March 2025  
Gozo Innovation Hub, Xewkija

This event is designed to drive innovation and opportunity in Gozo's business landscape. Whether you're an entrepreneur, investor, or business leader, this is your chance to:

- Discover business support schemes
- Connect with key stakeholders
- Be part of Gozo's economic growth

If you are interested to attend, please register on [Empowering Growth - Unlocking Business Potential in Gozo | March 14, 2025](#)



## Fostering Collaboration in Research & Development

Malta Enterprise CEO, George Gregory, recently participated in an insightful discussion on strengthening collaborative Research & Development between industry and academia. Attendees also had the opportunity to explore the state-of-the-art facilities at the University of Malta.

Hosted by the University of Malta, in partnership with Malta Enterprise and The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, the event highlighted the power of collaboration, innovation, and growth in shaping the future of R&D.

Malta Enterprise offers various schemes to support companies driving research forward. Get in touch to learn more: [info@maltaenterprise.com](mailto:info@maltaenterprise.com)



## Entrepreneurship Training Programme for People with Disabilities

Malta Enterprise, in collaboration with Innovation at the University of Malta, Technological University Dublin, and The Edward de Bono Institute for Creative Thinking, is proud to support a 12-week online course designed to empower individuals with disabilities who aspire to start their own business or become self-employed.

This programme goes beyond business training – it provides a unique opportunity for participants to turn their ideas into reality while addressing the challenges and opportunities faced by entrepreneurs with disabilities.

Learn more: [Entrepreneurship Training Programme for People with Disabilities \(2024/2025\) – FPEI](https://www.fpei.mt)

## Entrepreneurship Training Programme for People with Disabilities

**Dates:** Pre-course workshop: 15 November 2024  
Course: February – April 2025  
**Venue:** Online (Zoom)  
**Register:** [www.fpei.mt](http://www.fpei.mt)

Deadline for applications is Sunday, 3 November 2024



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## The BlueMed Initiative

Malta Enterprise, through the BlueMed initiative, is dedicated to supporting businesses in the rapidly growing blue economy. With significant untapped potential in sustainable ocean-related activities, the blue economy offers exciting opportunities for innovation, economic growth, and environmental stewardship. The BlueMed initiative is here to help businesses navigate this dynamic sector.

In recent months, we have collaborated with various public entities to enhance the sharing of key information on funding opportunities and support mechanisms from both local and international sources. Stay tuned for the unveiling of several new initiatives in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact us at [blumed@maltaenterprise.com](mailto:blumed@maltaenterprise.com)

# Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

## Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs Programme

We are pleased to announce that Marco Filippi, CEO of Volvero, has been selected as a finalist for the prestigious “Entrepreneur of the Year” award in the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme!

As the national contact point for this EU-funded initiative, Malta Enterprise is committed to supporting visionary entrepreneurs who drive innovation and sustainability.

We wish him the best of luck in the final stage!

## Call for Nominations: “Leadership in Business and Entrepreneurship” Award – MARA Awards 2025

We are reaching out to invite you to participate in the nomination process for the prestigious “Leadership in Business and Entrepreneurship” award, as part of the of [MARA Awards 2025](#). The “Leadership in Business and Entrepreneurship” award aims to recognise women who have started businesses, led companies, or have shown exceptional leadership in the business world.

This is your opportunity to showcase the outstanding women whose work has made a difference by submitting nominations within your organisation or network.

To Submit Nominations:

1. Identify candidates who align with the award criteria.
2. Prepare a nomination inline with the below criteria:

Impact: Evidence of significant and measurable impact in business.

Innovation: Level of creativity and originality in approach or execution.

Sustainability: Long-term viability and replicability of the work.

Presentation: Quality of the submission, including clarity and supporting materials

3. Submit your nominations via [Leadership in Business & Entrepreneurship – Mara](#)



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