

# THE MBR'S NEWSLETTER

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## **FOREWORD BY THE REGISTRAR & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**DR GERALDINE SPITERI LUCAS**

**What an eventful quarter this has been!** From elevating the Malta Business Registry's profile internationally to enhancing training and knowledge sharing among CSPs and stakeholders, we've made significant strides.

It is with great pleasure that we announce a major milestone: **Malta has been selected as the host of the EBRA Annual Conference 2026.** This announcement was made during this year's EBRA Annual General Meeting held in Milan, Italy.

EBRA (European Business Register Association) is a network of business registry experts dedicated to improving the management and operation of business registers across Europe. With 43 member registries, EBRA plays a pivotal role in fostering collaboration among national registries. Hosting this prestigious event will allow Malta to promote stronger ties between European registries and encourage meaningful collaboration.

The Malta Business Registry (MBR) also actively participated in several outreach events aimed at showcasing its services and promoting better public understanding of its role. Notably, the **Public Service Expo** served as an excellent platform to engage with students and members of the public. The event

highlighted the importance of maintaining up-to-date business registry information and how the MBR plays a role in everyday life.

Communication remains a top priority. In collaboration with the **Malta Chamber of Commerce**, we held a successful event focused on **BAROS**, MBR's online portal. The session enabled technical staff, practitioners, and directors to engage in open dialogue, address queries, and gain deeper insight into the portal's digital features.

A key update for all subscribers: **as of 16 July 2025**, amendments to the Companies Act will come into force, in line with **Legal Notice LN 92 of 2025**. These changes are designed to improve company reporting requirements to the Registrar and include the introduction of **two new statutory forms**, along with amendments to existing **Forms K and K(1)**, as reflected in the revised Forms Regulations – more information can be found in this newsletter.

It is clear that the MBR has evolved beyond being a simple registry – it is now a proactive institution working in the best interests of the Maltese jurisdiction. We encourage you to stay engaged, follow our latest updates, and be part of our future initiatives.



# GLOBAL FACILITY THE SEYCHELLES ONSITE *STUDY VISIT*

APRIL 14 | 2025

We had the pleasure of hosting delegates from Seychelles during a Global Facility onsite study. The visit focused on the topic of Beneficial Ownership, sharing of information and the importance of collaboration with other entities.







# **FAMILY BUSINESSES *TRAINING SEMINAR***

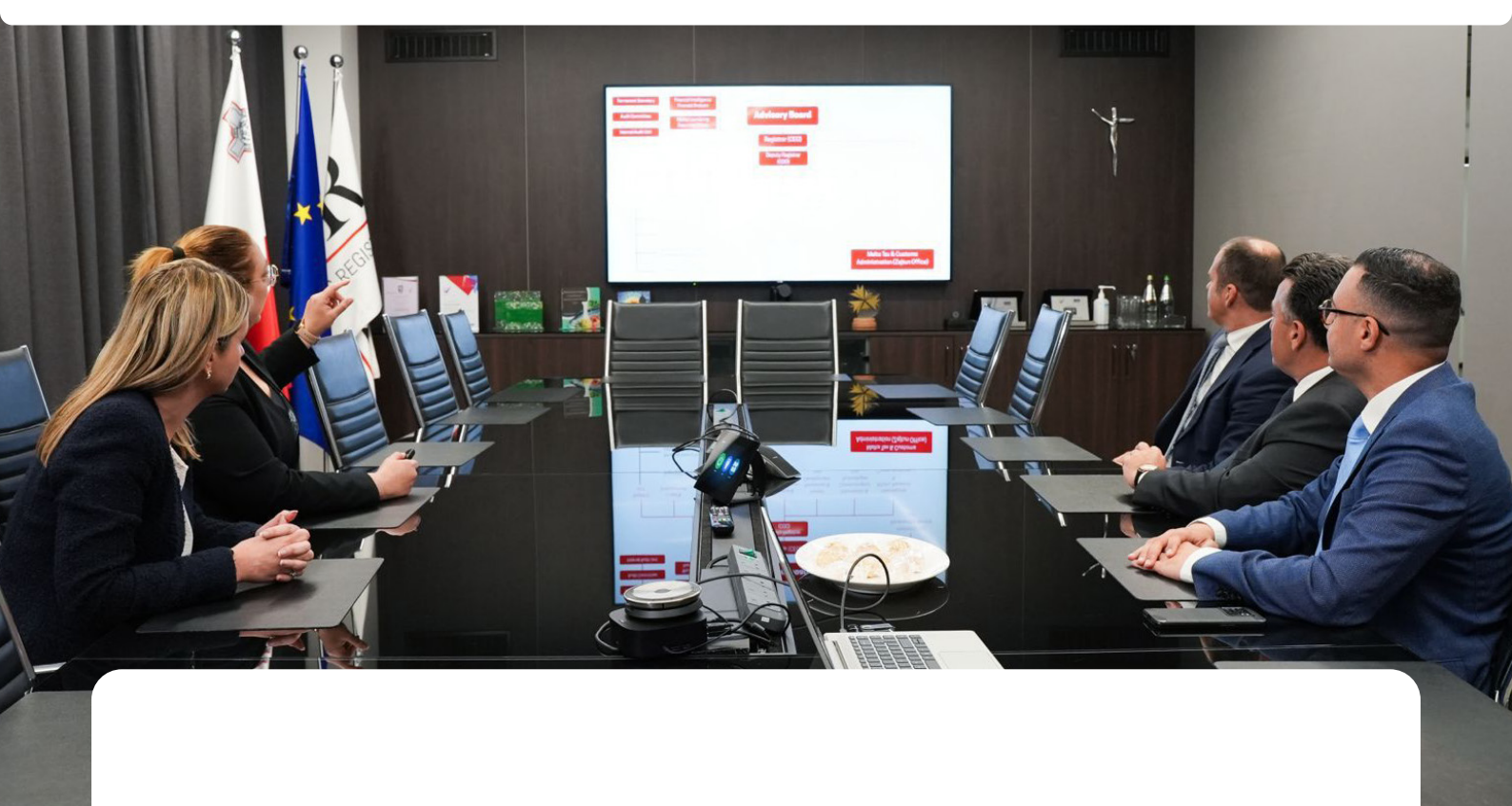
APRIL 28 | 2025

We had the pleasure of hosting a training seminar in collaboration with the Family Business Office Malta, focusing on the theme 'Family Businesses'. The seminar provided valuable insights into the regulatory landscape, incentives available for family businesses, and practical tools for effective succession planning. Thank you to all our speakers and attendees for making this event a success. We look forward to continuing to support family businesses in Malta!









# A VISIT BY THE LEADER OF OPPOSITION

APRIL 28 | 2025

Together with the Minister for the Economy, Enterprise, and Strategic Projects, Hon. Silvio Schembri, we had the honour of welcoming the Opposition delegation, led by Dr. Bernard Grech. During this meeting, alongside our dedicated team, we took the opportunity to present and elaborate on the significant work accomplished by the MBR.







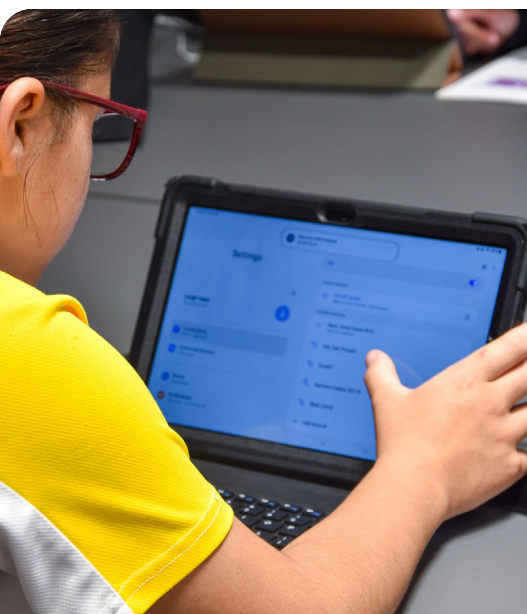
# GIRLS IN ICT DAY 2025

MAY 7 | 2025

The Malta Business Registry proudly participated in **Girls in ICT Day 2025**, organised by the Malta Digital Innovation Authority, with the aim of encouraging young women to explore exciting opportunities in technology and digital innovation.

Our very own Rebecca Cachia and Maria Falzon Bouvett shared their personal experiences of working in the ICT sector at the MBR, offering valuable insights and inspiration to the attending students. The event also gave participants a hands-on understanding of what a career in ICT truly entails.

The event featured engaging discussions, success stories from women in tech, and interactive sessions designed to spark curiosity and build confidence among the next generation of ICT leaders.







# **RUNNING A COMPANY**

## ***ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW***

MAY 15 | 2025

We hosted an insightful seminar on 'Running a Company – All You Need to Know.' Huge thank you to all the amazing speakers and participants who made it a success!

From Opening a Bank Account to Actioning a Business Plan, we covered it all.









# INFO SESSION ON THE MBR'S *ONLINE PORTAL*

MAY 19 | 2025

The Malta Business Registry in collaboration with The Malta Chamber hosted an information session on the MBR's Online Portal, BAROS. The aim of this session was to support the members in navigating the MBR's new online platform through both a theoretical and practical approach. Common challenges raised were also addressed.





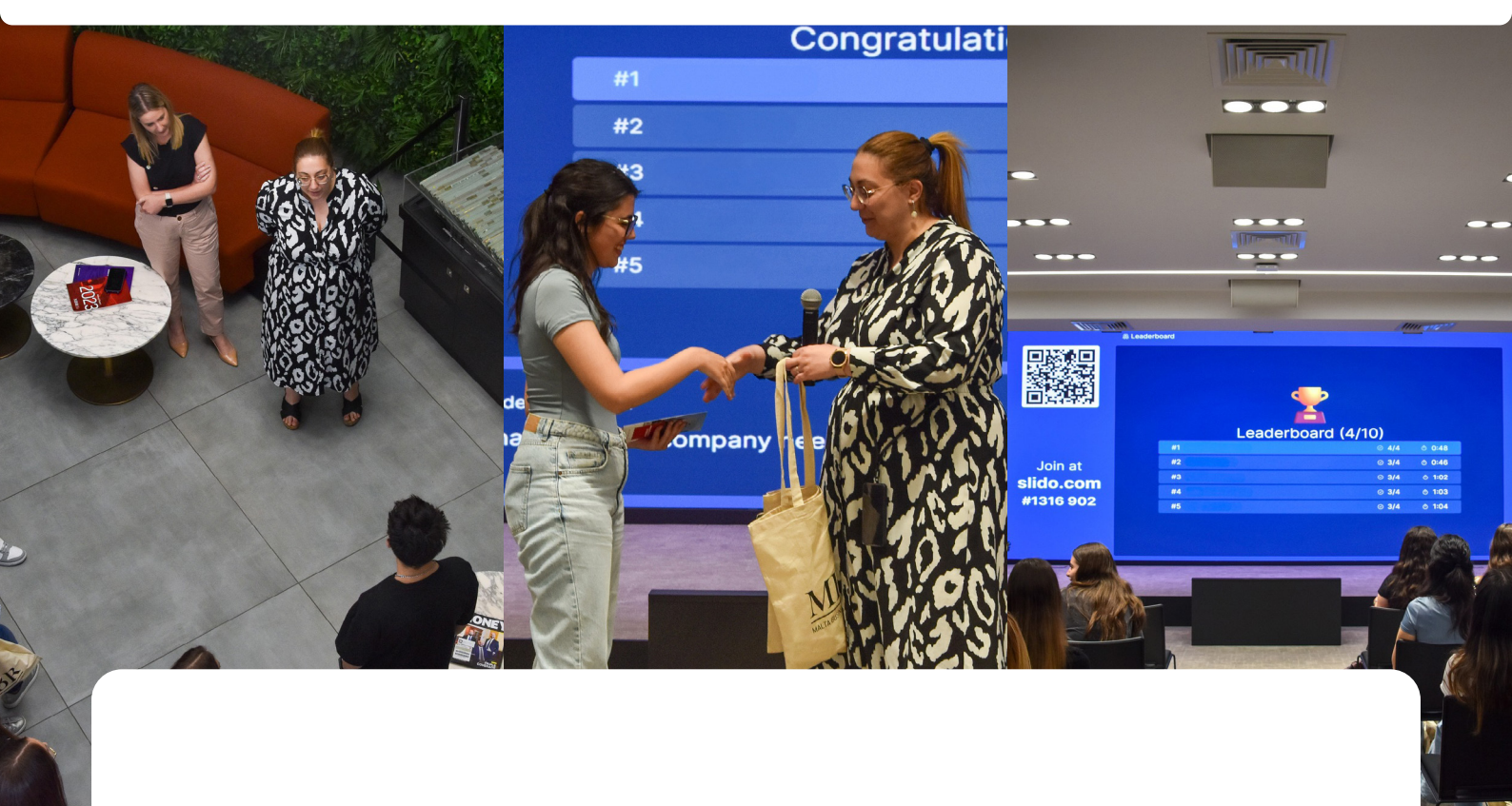
# PUBLIC SERVICE EXPO 2025

MAY 22-25 | 2025

We were thrilled to engage with the many students at the Public Service Expo who participated and showed such a strong interest in the work carried out by the Malta Business Registry. It was a pleasure to share insights into the MBR's operations, responsibilities, and the vital contribution we make to maintaining transparency and trust in the corporate sector. We look forward to fostering continued interest and collaboration with the younger generation, who represent the future of business and innovation in Malta.







# DE LA SALLE STUDENTS VISIT

MAY 26 | 2025



It was a great opportunity to welcome students from De La Salle College Malta and showcase the work we do at the MBR through an interactive and engaging session. We also took the time to highlight the various opportunities available for students looking to take their first steps towards a career in this field.





# JA MALTA FOUNDATION FINALS AWARD NIGHT

MAY 27 | 2025

At the MBR, it is our goal to reward and recognise the remarkable entrepreneurial spirit out there. This commitment came to life at the JA Malta Foundation Finals Award night.

It was our absolute pleasure to meet these youths with tremendous ideas for their and our own future. Congrats to the winners, keep chasing your dreams!







# FREEHOUR YOUTH AWARDS

JUNE 2 | 2025

The Malta Business Registry is proud to once again celebrate entrepreneurial spirit, this time at the Freehour Youth Awards. Our Deputy Registrar and COO, Ms. Annalise Zammit, had the pleasure of presenting this year's award for Entrepreneur and Innovator of the Year to Luke Debattista. This recognition honours Luke's dedication in transforming an idea into a meaningful reality with a positive impact on our future society.







# **GITEX EUROPE BERLIN**

## ***TECH & INNOVATION EVENTS***

JUNE 2 | 2025

Gitex Europe was a remarkable experience, being one of the leading tech and innovation event shaping the future of digital economies. The Malta Business Registry was proudly represented by Ms Melanie Damato and Ms Ruth Agius, Analysts within the Registry of Companies (Ongoing) who had the opportunity to engage with forward-thinking professionals, exchange ideas, and explore cutting-edge developments in digital transformation. They also participated in a panel discussion focused on the process of setting up a business in Malta, the MBR's ongoing digitalization initiatives, and the organization's commitment to upholding the integrity of the Maltese jurisdiction.



# EBRA CONFERENCE MILAN 2025

JUNE 11-12 | 2025

Malta, through the Malta Business Registry will be hosting the European Registry Business Association Annual General Conference 2026. This was announced during the EBRA AGM which was organised in Milan Italy, this year's host. EBRA is an association of Business Registry experts who collaborate to improve the operation and management of business registers in Europe. EBRA has 43 members who represent business registries from across Europe. In Milan, the MBR's CEO and Registrar Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas shared an insightful analysis of MBR's achievements both from a regulation and digitalisation aspect. 'The hosting of the EBRA Annual Conference in Malta next year will seek concrete actions that will encourage closer collaboration amongst other European registers. It is with great satisfaction to note the respect Malta garnered on the international stage given that this will be the second conference of this kind to be hosted by Malta in a short span of time following the success of the CRF Conference 2 years ago' said Dr Spiteri Lucas.







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*THE MBR IS PROUDLY HOSTING*

# EBRA 2026



*THE EBRA CONFERENCE 2026 IS COMING TO MALTA*



# OUR CEO AND REGISTRAR ELECTED AS *INTERIM PRESIDENT* OF THE CRF

JUNE 19 | 2025

We are proud to share with you that our CEO and Registrar Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, has been elected as the Interim President Elect of the Corporate Registers Forum, the international association of corporate registries. This appointment reflects the impeccable leadership of Dr Spiteri Lucas at the Malta Business Registry and her contribution to the international community of corporate registries.

Dr Spiteri Lucas will formally assume the role on 24 July 2025, succeeding Ms Louise Smyth who served as CEO of Companies House and will be retiring in August after her distinguished service to the CRF and the international registry community.







# MALTA BUSINESS REGISTRY *NOTICES*



# MALTA BUSINESS REGISTRY FEES

MAY 2 | 2025

Please note that the payment requested by the Registrar of Companies in respect of the cost of the publication of notices in a daily newspaper shall be as follows:

Amalgamation/Merger of Companies	€100
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Continued Outside Malta	€200
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Contribution Reduction/Assignment of Interest	€100
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Conversion of Company/Partnership	€100
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Cross-Border Merger/Division/Conversion	€200
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Division of Companies	€100
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Notice of Dissolution	€15
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Reduction in Capital	€100
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# INFORMATIVE NOTE *PUBLICATION OF LEGISLATION*

MAY 16 | 2025

## AMENDMENT TO THE FORMS REGULATIONS

The Companies Act (Forms) Regulations (“the Forms Regulations”) are being amended by virtue of Legal Notice LN 92 OF 2025. The changes stem from the amendments affected to the Companies Act and to enhance the reporting made by companies to the Registrar in terms of the Companies Act. For these reasons the Forms Regulations will now incorporate two (2) new statutory forms and an amendment to the existing Forms K and K (1).

### NEW FORMS:

**Form F (3)** – upon the appointment of an auditor in the cases stipulated in article 66(3) or article 151(9) of the Act, the company is to submit this new form to the Registrar, within 14 days from such an appointment. The form, indicating the appointed auditor’s name and warrant number, serves as to notify the Registrar of every auditor’s appointment taking place in a company. Failure to do so will result in liability of the company’s officers to administrative penalties, as applicable under article 151(6) of the Companies Act.

**Form K (2)** – following the appointment of a person by an order of the court or competent authority, as the company’s administrator, legal representative or as the person de facto responsible for the management and administration of the said company, the respective person is to inform the Registrar of such an appointment within 14 days. The same form is to be filed when such person is removed or resigns from such a role. The time-period to notify the Registrar in such cases is also of 14 days. No administrative penalties are being prescribed in such situations.

### AMENDMENT TO EXISTING FORMS:

**Form K and Form K (1)** – to ensure legal certainty, the English version of the Form K is being amended. The term “legal representation” is being replaced with “representation” to remove discrepancies between the English and Maltese texts. Furthermore, the wording in relation to the directors’ consent and declaration in terms of law is being substituted and re-organised to reflect better reporting.

### USER GUIDELINES:

One may access the [User Guidelines](#) which seek to guide the citizen and all stakeholders throughout the process. As part of the obligations to protect small and medium sized enterprises, the new Forms will only become effective *following two (2) months* from the publication of the Legal Notice.



# JOINT MFSA AND MBR COMMUNICATION ON AVOIDING NAME SIMILARITIES BETWEEN SLPFS & INCORPORATED COMPANIES

MAY 28 | 2025

Reference to the Malta Financial Services Authority's (MFSA) [Circular](#), of the 12 February 2025, launching a framework for Collective Investment Schemes structured as Limited Partnerships without separate legal personality – Special Limited Partnership Funds (SLPFs).

As outlined in Section 6 of the said Circular, the SLPF framework is fully administered by the MFSA, which is responsible for both the approval of the Limited Partnership Agreement (LPA) establishing the SLPF and the Scheme's authorisation under the applicable regulatory framework.

Section 5 of the same Circular encouraged interested parties to ensure that the proposed name of an SLPF is not identical or too similar to the name of any existing commercial partnership registered with the Malta Business Registry (MBR), in line with Regulation 6 of the Investment Services Act (Special Limited Partnership Funds) Regulations.

In this regard, the MFSA and the MBR would like to further emphasise that it is considered undesirable to apply for the incorporation of a company by a name that:

- i. is already in use by an SLPF listed in the MFSA's Financial Services Register; or
- ii. includes the phrase or abbreviation "Special Limited Partnership Fund", "SLPF", or "S.L.P.F.", or any similar wording that, in the MBR's opinion may give rise to confusion.

Stakeholders are advised that whilst the acceptability of a company name will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, the MBR reserves the right to refuse the registration of companies by a name which is considered to be undesirable, pursuant to Article 70(4)(b) of the Companies Act.

Further to the above, stakeholders are reminded that all authorised SLPFs will be listed in the MFSA's Financial Services Register, which is accessible through [this link](#).

For further information or clarification, stakeholders may contact the MFSA's Strategy, Policy and Innovation function at [assetmanagementstrategy@mfsa.mt](mailto:assetmanagementstrategy@mfsa.mt). Queries to the MBR can be directed to [namereservation@mbr.mt](mailto:namereservation@mbr.mt).



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NOTICE

# ATTENTION DIRECTORS & COMPANY SECRETARIES

MAY 30 | 2025

The Malta Financial Services Authority has made enhancements to its current regulatory framework for Company Service Providers (CSPs), which cover the provision of directorship and company secretary services.

Up until now, individuals acting as directors or company secretaries in no more than two involvements were not required to obtain authorisation from the MFSA. To gain greater oversight of this group and assess the potential risks they may pose to the jurisdiction, the new legislative framework now requires that such individuals submit a notification regarding the positions they hold.

## ACTION REQUIRED

If you currently provide directorship or company secretary services to one or two client companies, make sure to **submit your notification to the MFSA by 16 July 2025**.

## SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

Further details on the new regulations (including the applicable exemptions) and how you can submit your notification, are available on the MFSA's website, at: [www.mfsa.mt/notifications](http://www.mfsa.mt/notifications), including a [Guidance Note](#) and [FAQs](#).

For any queries, we invite you to send an email to [cspreform25@mfsa.mt](mailto:cspreform25@mfsa.mt).

READ MORE



# **MANDATORY SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS THROUGH BAROS**

An informative video, click on the laptop below to be redirected to the video.





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