

THE MBR'S NEWSLETTER

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FOREWORD BY THE REGISTRAR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dr. Geraldine Spiteri Lucas



FAREWELL 2023

What a year it has been... and as the saying goes “one for the books”. The year 2023 strongly consolidated our ambitions in terms of our internationalization and digitalization efforts respectively.

We started off with putting into effect the new insolvency framework aimed at giving businesses a second chance and to be able to put everything in order before it would be too late. Additionally, as Malta Business Registry, we introduced new methods in our day-to-day operations aimed to better our clients’ experience., most notably the restructuring of the Registry Unit to enhance efficiency with a more specialised structure focusing on Incorporation/Dissolution and Shipping Companies, Ongoing and lastly the Ultimate Beneficiary Owners and Transactions. These changes were aimed to strengthen our supervisory functions to maintain an accurate and transparent register of beneficial ownership information for all commercial entities.

Also during this year, the Mobility Directive was transposed into Maltese law. Such new legal initiatives in place will encourage businesses to venture in the international markets whilst ensuring that the operation of the company and the employees are safeguarded throughout. In an ever-changing world, the algorithm of businesses is constantly changing, and the transposition of the Mobility Directive caters to this scenario. It ensures a sense of flexibility when it comes to business operations, something that has long been the essence of Malta’s Companies Act, and on the other hand, it safeguards employees.

Listening to the suggestions of the business community and their challenges is at the heart of our mission. Hence, during this year, it was of utmost importance to reach out to CSPs through the accredited training seminars which attracted over 700 participants throughout the year. This is a significant number which reflects a sense of need in building bridges with the community in this sector and most importantly in disseminating information across the board. The feedback gathered through these seminars was utilised to better our stakeholders’ experience and knowledge tools. And this is the pace we intend to maintain during the coming year.

A most significant milestone was the hosting, in Malta for the first time ever, of the Corporate Registers Forum Annual Conference whereby we welcomed amongst us over 50 registries from all over the globe. The four-day conference was crucial in building bridges with our worldwide counterparts, in putting the voice of small states such as ours on the international forum, and, most importantly, in sharing experiences to enhance our work when tackling money laundering. It was an opportunity that shed light on the significant work Malta has done in the past years in this field.

2023 will be put down as the year during which the Malta Business Registry took its leap of faith into digitalization through the new online system which triggered off the vision of going paperless by 2025. Moreover, it seeks to provide more tools to CSPs, foundations, organisations and associations, and to assist them in providing information to update the National Company Register.

Another significant landmark in the MBR's activities for 2023 was the preliminary market consultation for the development of Central Data Repository Solution which, as pledged in the national budget for 2023, aims to facilitate the process of identification of applicants who intend to do business in Malta. Eighteen proposals have been gathered from this consultation, consolidating the MBR's commitment to establish this repository with the goal of streamlining bureaucratic procedures and to foster a more business-friendly environment.

Last, and certainly not the least, these achievements would not have been possible without our hardworking employees who are the beating heart of the MBR's success. 2023 established the foundations, upon which the MBR will continue to develop, improve and strengthen its operations during 2024.

I wish you and your dear ones, a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



MCAST FRESHERS WEEK 2023



9th - 11th October

Mcast, Paola



CRF MALTA 20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

The four-day conference, welcomed over 200 delegates from more than 45 registries across the globe and served as a safe space for registries to share their experiences into current and future projects impacting the global sector as well as the common challenges facing us all. The agenda addressed crucial topics from money laundering, varying levels of transparency, the Register of Beneficial Ownership, transparency versus privacy, digitalisation, EU Initiatives and sector specific companies and registries. For the Malta Business Registry, the conference served as a platform for Malta to voice its own vision for this sector and served as an opportunity for the international community to understand the role our small island state play within the registry sphere as well as our recent experiences in enhancing our role in safeguarding the interests of the Maltese jurisdiction

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17th - 20th October, 2023

MBR'S NEW ONLINE PLATFORM

Click on the icon to be redirected to the Website itself



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Notices

Company Links on the new MBR Portal
12/10/2023

Kindly note that as from today, Corporate Service Providers (CSPs) and warranted practitioners can start linking companies to their personal and/or Corporate Account.

You can refer to Section 2 (Personal Accounts) and Section 5 (Corporate Accounts) in the following [guide](#).

In the event that any natural persons, already registered as Authorised User on the our current system (registry.mbr.mt), can opt to authorize the MBR to transfer the existing company links to the new portal automatically onto their personal account. In such a case, you are kindly requested to send an e-mail on support.mbr@mbr.mt with your Name, Surname, ID Card/Passport, username on registry.mbr.mt along with the relevant board resolutions.

Towards the launch of a new online platform for the Malta Business Registry
31/08/2023

The Malta Business Registry (MBR) is launching a new online platform. To ensure a smooth transition from the current system to the new one, the new platform is available as from today 31st August 2023 and will include a facility to register corporate accounts and an application for a qualified digital signature.

In the Corporate Accounts feature, companies need to delegate an administrator who will create a corporate account and manage the company's users that are linked to the latter top-up account. There is different user access which can be assigned to members of the group. Kindly note that users can have a personal top-up account and be linked to a corporate group account. Key benefit of the corporate group account is to utilise name reservations within the same group for new company incorporations. In the Qualified Digital Signature, users can apply for a qualified digital signature. This can be used for the submission of documents through the online platform and is valid for 3 years and can be used for personal use.

[Read More](#)

MBR Online Portal User Guide
31/08/2023

The following link is a step-by-step guide on how to access the new Malta Business Registry Online System.

Download User Guide

Kindly note that the website is in BETA, meaning that not all functionality will be available (such as online filing). The aim of launching the website in beta is so that corporate service providers (CSPs) and the general public can get used to the new user interface as well as set-up their accounts on the new portal.


Users will be able to:

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EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

SME Week 2023



ACCREDITATION COURSE FOR INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS

The Insolvency and Receivership Service within the Malta Business Registry is announced its first accreditation course for Insolvency Practitioners in terms of the Insolvency Practitioners Act, Chapter 632 of the Laws of Malta.

The course, convened by the Insolvency and Receivership Service together with a number of esteemed academics distinguished within the sector of insolvency, will provide an in-depth introduction to the new insolvency framework encapsulated in the Insolvency Practitioners Act, the Pre-Insolvency Act, the related legislative amendments to the Commercial Code brought about by Act XXIII of 2022 and the general provisions of the EU Directive 2019/1023. This course will also provide practical training to the candidates wishing to carry out the functions of an insolvency practitioner in terms of Maltese law.

The Official Receiver and Head of the Insolvency and Receivership Service, Dr Ingrid Hamilton, remarked that this course will pave the way to an innovative niche in the insolvency legal sector and gives practitioners new opportunities to provide indispensable guidance to businesses facing hard times, thus ensuring that such enterprises have access to the necessary tools which could help give them a second chance.

Applications were accepted until the 15th of December 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR CEO ELECTED AS EXECUTIVE MEMBER



We are proud to announce that MBR's CEO and Registrar Dr **Geraldine Spiteri Lucas** has been elected as an Executive Member of the leading global network of business registries, the Corporate Registers Forum. She will be entrusted with the Regional Seat representing Europe.



THE MOST INSPIRING YOUNG LEADER

Premju Nazzjonali Haddiem tas-Sena 2023

**THE MBR'S CEO AND REGISTRAR
DR GERALDINE SPITERI LUCAS**

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE 2023

IN AID OF L-ISTRINA



19th - 20th December
Malta Business Registry

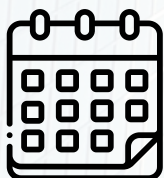
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**UPCOMING
NEXT
IN 2024**



INCORPORATION OF COMPANIES

Half Day Seminar



Tuesday,
16 January, 2024



08:30 hrs - 12:30 hrs



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