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FOREWORD



**DR GERALDINE
SPITERI LUCAS,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER &
REGISTRAR**

As we present this latest edition of the Malta Business Registry Newsletter, I am proud to reflect on the continued progress we are making in strengthening Malta's business environment through integrity, innovation and collaboration.

This issue highlights several key milestones that reinforce our commitment to excellence. The publication of the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Insolvency Practitioners marks a significant step forward in enhancing transparency, accountability and professionalism within our insolvency framework. Alongside this, our ongoing investment in education and accreditation ensures that practitioners are equipped to meet the evolving demands of the sector.

A particularly important development is the coming into force of the Youth Enterprise Regulations, 2026.

This initiative reflects our belief in the potential of young people to contribute meaningfully to Malta's economic future. By providing a clear legal framework, structured guidance and access to mentorship, we are enabling individuals aged 16 and 17 to transform innovative ideas into tangible business ventures. This measure not only nurtures entrepreneurial skills at an early stage but also promotes a culture of creativity, responsibility and informed risk-taking that will benefit our economy in the years to come. Equally important is our drive towards digital transformation.

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The launch of our API packages represents a major advancement in how we deliver services, promoting efficiency, real-time access to information and stronger collaboration with stakeholders. These initiatives are essential as we continue to align with international standards and support a modern, data-driven regulatory environment.

Beyond operations, we remain committed to our people and our community, fostering a supportive workplace, encouraging professional achievement and empowering the next generation of entrepreneurs.

We also look forward to the upcoming training seminar and international engagements, which will continue to bring together experts and stakeholders to discuss key developments shaping Malta's business and regulatory landscape. These events reflect our ongoing commitment to knowledge-sharing, collaboration and staying at the forefront of innovation and best practice.

Together, these efforts reflect our vision of a resilient, forward-looking Registry that serves as the cornerstone of Malta's economic growth.

CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR INSOLVENCY PRACTITIONERS

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January 8th, 2026

The Insolvency and Receivership Service within the Malta Business Registry has just published the Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Insolvency Practitioners. This Code defines the requirements of professional conduct for insolvency practitioners, with the purpose of safeguarding the standing of their profession, continuously updating it and to create a uniform set of rules of conduct, setting out their duties and obligations to meet the ethical standards expected of them. At the same time, this Code aims to ensure the quality and transparency of the services provided by insolvency practitioners, to guarantee proper performance of the work undertaken by them and moreover to best serve the interests of the creditors and the debtor client.

The Code applies to authorised insolvency practitioners, ensuring that they do not act abusively or negligently, while upholding the dignity of their profession and the trust conferred on them.

Minister for the Economy, Enterprise and Strategic Projects, Silvio Schembri, stated: "With this Code, we are ensuring that insolvency proceedings are not only effective but fully open and accountable. We are showing that Malta is a serious jurisdiction where the rules are clear, protecting the interests of everyone involved and reinforcing confidence in our business framework."

Dr Ingrid Hamilton, Official Receiver and Head of the Insolvency and Receivership Service said that "the publication of this Code marks an important step in strengthening the integrity, transparency and professionalism of the insolvency framework in Malta. It establishes a clear and uniform set of ethical standards and obligations, ensuring that authorised practitioners carry out their duties with the highest level of competence, accountability and independence.

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By safeguarding the dignity of the profession and promoting proper conduct, the Code reinforces public trust while ensuring that the interests of creditors and debtors alike are served fairly and responsibly."

Referring to the MBR's accreditation course for insolvency practitioners, now running in its second term, Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of the MBR, said that "this comprehensive course convened by the Insolvency and Receivership Service in collaboration with leading academics represents a crucial step in strengthening Malta's insolvency framework, offering practitioners in-depth legal knowledge, practical training and formal accreditation under the new legislative regime. It opens an innovative niche within the profession and equips practitioners with essential guidance to distressed businesses, supports timely debt recovery and ultimately helps enterprises and individuals secure a meaningful second chance."

The Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct for Insolvency Practitioners is available as a printed copy and may also be downloaded [here](#).

THE MBR EARNS RECOGNITION FOR PROMOTING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE WORKPLACE



February 6th, 2026

We're proud to share that the Malta Business Registry has been recognised with an award that celebrates collective organisational efforts in fostering a healthy, safe, and supportive workplace through the S.A.F.E Programme by Agenzija Sedqa. This recognition reaffirms our ongoing commitment to prevention, awareness, and employee well-being.

EBRA MALTA 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL CONFERENCE - GET YOUR TICKETS

May 27th - 28th 2026

**TICKETS ARE
LIVE NOW!**

**PURCHASE YOUR
TICKETS FROM HERE**

EU SCREENER'S' ACADEMY - HYBRID MEETING



March 2nd - 4th, 2026

The MBR, in collaboration with the National FDI Office hosted an international meeting organised by the EU Commission, aimed to strengthen cooperation and best practices amongst screening authorities within the European Union.

MBR'S LAUNCH OF THE API PACKAGES FOR SUBJECT PERSONS

NOTICE

March 4th, 2026

The Malta Business Registry (MBR) has just launched the Application Programming Interface (API) packages, an initiative aimed at further strengthening digital service delivery and enhancing collaboration with Subject Persons.

In an environment where data exchange and automation are integral to operational efficiency, the MBR is establishing a framework that enables secure, reliable and scalable system-to-system integrations. This initiative is designed to support trusted data consumption, improve service responsiveness and enhance the overall client experience.

Following a comprehensive consultation with Subject Persons, the MBR launched the following API packages:

1. Package 1 – Company Search API: Gives users the ability to search for companies using the company name or the company registration number or both. Retrieves Company Name, Registration Number, Registration Date and State of a company.
2. Package 2 – Basic Company Details API: Retrieves Company Name, Registration Number, Registration Date, Registered Address and State of a company using the company registration number.
3. Package 3 – Full Company Details API: Retrieves all details in Basic Company Details API plus involvements, share capital data and a list of document filings using the company registration number.
4. Package 4 – Bundle API: Gives the user access to all the 3 APIs in one application.

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The adoption of MBR APIs will significantly improve interoperability by allowing Subject Persons to integrate their internal systems directly with MBR services through machine-to-machine communication, eliminating the need for manual data retrieval and processing. The APIs will support automated data exchange, real-time information access and enhanced data consistency across platforms.

Furthermore, the use of the MBR's APIs will enable large institutions to optimise resource allocation by automating routine data queries and transactional processes. This allows human resources to be redeployed towards higher-value, analytical and compliance-focused activities, while ensuring that the daily operational data is generated and processed efficiently.

The MBR's Chief Executive Officer and Registrar Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas remarked the offering of API services seals the MBR's commitment in further bolstering digital services, reducing manual processes and increasing efficiency when providing information at real-time. "This initiative reinforces the MBR's commitment to modern, data-driven public services that support regulatory compliance and improve the overall user experience. Most importantly, it puts Malta's registry at par with other registries in terms of digital registry standards, sharing of information and real-time data and compliance support in relation to AML/CFT directives" said Dr Spiteri Lucas.

The MBR's Chief Operations Officer and Deputy Registrar, Ms Annalise Zammit, explained that from an operational standpoint, the introduction of API packages will enable both the MBR and Subject Persons to streamline workflows through enhanced automation and interoperability.

"This long-awaited initiative will significantly facilitate the day-to-day implementation of AML/CFT obligations by Subject Persons.

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By enabling access to real-time registry information, institutions can optimise resource allocation, improve processing efficiency and redirect human expertise to higher-value, analytical and risk-focused activities," said Ms Zammit. She further noted that this initiative forms an integral part of the MBR's broader digital transformation strategy. "The deployment of API services supports the MBR's objective of becoming a paperless entity, while simultaneously encouraging Subject Persons to modernise and strengthen their digital infrastructure in an environment that is increasingly data-driven" said Ms Zammit.

Interested Subject Persons can refer to following [FAQs](#) for more information.

For any further queries, kindly send send an email on apis.mbr@mbr.mt

MBR'S UPCOMING TRAINING SEMINAR



Digitalisation, Compliance & Future Growth

TRANSFORMING BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN MALTA

Practical reforms, EU tools and strategic initiatives shaping tomorrow's business landscape.



REGISTER NOW



CPE ACCREDITED

Date & Time

28 APRIL 2026
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Location

The Link,
AM Business Centre
Labour Road,
Żejtun

A full-day seminar exploring Malta's evolving business landscape through digitalisation, regulatory reform and EU initiatives. Industry experts will address company law updates, CSRD, AMLD, digital identity tools, FDI and automation, followed by a high-level panel discussion on aligning compliance, innovation and sustainable growth.

COMPANIES ACT (YOUTH ENTERPRISE) REGULATIONS, 2026

NOTICE

March 12th, 2026

The Malta Business Registry ("MBR") hereby informs the general public that the following [Companies Act \(Youth Enterprise\) Regulations, 2026](#) has entered into force on the 12th March 2026 by virtue of Legal Notice 56 of 2026.

In order to better understand each provision in terms of Legal Notice 56 of 2026, one is encouraged to refer to the [User Guidelines](#) which seek to guide youth enterprises, their members, mentor and all stakeholders involved throughout the process. These User Guidelines are to be read in conjunction with Legal Notice 56 of 2026.

MBR would like to inform the general public that youth enterprises are to submit the relative forms via the following link: baros.mbr.mt

Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas
Registrar & CEO

COMPANIES ACT (YOUTH ENTERPRISE) REGULATIONS, 2026



During the launch of the new legal framework titled Intrapriža 16, our CEO and Registrar Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas highlighted the importance of empowering the next generation of Maltese entrepreneurs.

Through the Youth Enterprise Regulations, the Malta Business Registry is providing young people aged 16 and 17 with a chance to turn their ideas into business ventures, supported by mentorship, training, and a clear legal framework.

THE MALTA BUSINESS REGISTRY HOSTS ESTONIAN DELEGATION



March 17th, 2026

The Malta Business Registry had the pleasure of welcoming a delegation from Estonia to the Malta Business Registry, where discussions focused on the Register of Beneficial Ownership, its functionalities, and the legal frameworks underpinning it.

CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING

NOTICE

March 26th, 2026

The Malta Business Registry ("MBR") hereby informs the general public that the Various Laws relating to Corporate Sustainability Reporting (Amendment) Act, 2026, ([ACT No. I of 2026](#)), hereinafter referred to as "The Act", has been published.

Further to the above, and in virtue of [L.N. 61 of 2026](#) the following articles of the Act have come into force: **17, 26, 27, 28,29, 31, 41** and **42**.

The Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2023/2775 of 17 October 2023 amending Directive 2013/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the adjustments of the size criteria for micro, small, medium-sized and large undertakings or groups has also been transposed into Maltese law and with respect to Part II of the Act. Kindly note, the new thresholds as set out in **Articles 185(1), 185(5), and Item 1 of the Third Schedule to the Companies Act**.

The enclosed revisions are mandatory for financial reporting periods starting on or after 20th March, 2026. Early adoption or retroactive application is strictly prohibited.

Reference is also to be made to Part V of the Act dealing with administrative penalties for which the [User Guidelines](#) should be read in conjunction with such amendments.

Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas
Registrar & CEO

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