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FOREWORD



**DR GERALDINE
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER & REGISTRAR**

As Malta's business landscape continues to evolve, the Malta Business Registry remains at the forefront of initiatives aimed at strengthening the country's corporate framework, enhancing transparency, and simplifying the way businesses interact with public administration.

The developments featured in this edition reflect a period of significant progress and reform. From the launch of the Malta Business Wallet, a landmark initiative designed to reduce bureaucracy and improve efficiency for businesses, to the introduction of new legislative measures that further align Malta's regulatory framework with European standards, the focus remains firmly on creating a more agile, transparent, and business-friendly environment. The integration of the Office of the Co-operatives within the Malta Business

Registry marks another important milestone in streamlining services and improving accessibility for stakeholders, while the entry into force of new reporting and compliance requirements, including Public Country-by-Country Reporting obligations, reinforces Malta's commitment to corporate accountability and good governance.

At the same time, Malta's growing reputation on the international stage was further highlighted by the announcement that the Malta Business Registry will host the European Business Registry Association (EBRA) Annual Conference, bringing together registry experts and policymakers from across Europe to discuss the future of business registries, digitalisation, and regulatory cooperation. This achievement underscores Malta's increasing role in shaping conversations that influence the future of business regulation beyond its shores. Collectively, these initiatives demonstrate a clear commitment towards innovation, efficiency, and regulatory excellence. As businesses navigate an increasingly dynamic and interconnected environment, the Malta Business Registry remains dedicated to supporting sustainable economic growth through modern, accessible, and forward-looking services.

MBR TO HOUSE COOPs

April 10, 2026

The Co-operatives Board and the Registrar of Companies hereby notify the general public that, with effect from 13th April 2026, the Office of the Co-operatives has been relocated to the Malta Business Registry.

This transition has been undertaken to enhance the efficiency of the registration process of co-operatives, as well as to streamline ongoing reporting requirements.

The Co-operatives Board further informs the public that all registrations and filings of notifications may now be carried out through the BAROS system. If you opt for this option, please contact MBR's ICT Support Unit on ictsupport.mbr@mbr.mt.

For any queries or assistance, the designated contact persons are:

- Co-Operatives Board;
- Ms Natalie Farrugia; and
- Mr Damian Borg George.

AGRIFAIR



April 19, 2026

During AgriFair, the Malta Business Registry's COO and Deputy Registrar, Ms Annalise Zammit, delivered a presentation providing valuable insights into the regulatory framework governing agricultural companies in Malta. The session was followed by an engaging panel discussion led by MBR CEO and Registrar, Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, together with Mr Marco Dimech from the Agricultural Directorate. The exchange provided a valuable platform for stakeholders to share perspectives and explore matters affecting the agricultural sector.

Digitalisation, Compliance & Future Growth

TRANSFORMING BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN MALTA

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

April 28, 2026

The Malta Business Registry successfully hosted Transforming Business Operations in Malta: Digitalisation, Compliance & Future Growth, a seminar dedicated to examining the key developments shaping Malta's business environment. Industry experts and MBR representatives shared practical insights on current reforms and future-focused initiatives, highlighting the importance of embracing digital transformation while maintaining strong governance and compliance standards. The seminar further showcased the MBR's ongoing efforts to enhance efficiency, transparency, and accessibility through innovative digital solutions aimed at supporting the evolving needs of Malta's business community.



TRANSFORMING BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN MALTA



MALTA BUSINESS WALLET



May 14, 2026

The Malta Business Registry officially launched the Malta Business Wallet, a pioneering digital initiative aimed at simplifying administrative processes, reducing bureaucracy, streamlining due diligence procedures, and enhancing operational efficiency for businesses in Malta. Developed following extensive consultation with stakeholders and industry representatives, the platform introduces a more standardised and secure approach to information sharing while addressing the evolving needs of the business community through improved access to digital services and more efficient interactions with public entities. The initiative forms part of the MBR's broader commitment to digital transformation, supporting the Government's vision for a more efficient business environment and the continuous enhancement of services for businesses operating in Malta.

The Minister for the Economy, Enterprise and Strategic Projects, Silvio Schembri, launched the Malta Business Wallet, a project designed to reduce bureaucracy and enhance efficiency, thus continuing to facilitate operations and strengthen the concept of 'ease of doing business'.

"Once again, we worked together — Government and public entities alongside social partners and the private sector — and together we have delivered practical solutions. One of the main challenges consistently raised by businesses was the reality of duplicated processes that hinder efficiency. I have never believed in unnecessary bureaucracy, and through the Malta Business Wallet we will continue reducing it. This initiative, which originated as an electoral pledge, is today becoming a reality through the work of the Malta Business Registry and is expected to further strengthen Malta's competitiveness as an attractive investment destination. This is not an isolated project, but one that has been developed in a way that allows integration with other local and European initiatives," stated Silvio Schembri.

MALTA BUSINESS WALLET

May 14, 2026

He added: "At the last European Union Council I attended, discussions regarding the Business Wallet at a European level have just begun. As a country, we should be very proud that while others are still discussing this concept, we are already implementing it today. This puts us in a much better and more advanced position compared to other European Union countries."

Minister Schembri also noted that the level of trust in and demand for the project is already evident, with more than 40 businesses and business owners participating in this initial phase, a number expected to continue growing gradually. The process began in 2023 through the establishment of a steering committee within the Ministry for the Economy, for better coordination and synergy between government entities. This was followed by market analysis and the awarding of the tender, paving the way for the development and implementation of the project. While the initial concept was the Central Data Repository, the Government continued to build upon this work, leading to today's official launch of the Malta Business Wallet.

The Malta Business Wallet will introduce:

- The "once only" principle in relation to due diligence
- A more standardised system
- Reduced unnecessary delays
- Increased efficiency

"The Malta Business Wallet will represent an important transformation for our country's business ecosystem. The involvement of various entities at this important stage will continue strengthening trust between the public sector and the business community. As the Malta Business Registry, we remain committed to delivering efficient and effective services," explained the Chief Executive Officer and Registrar of the Malta Business Registry, Dr. Geraldine Spiteri Lucas.

The Malta Business Wallet will empower business owners to securely control and authorise access to their information, in full compliance with GDPR regulations.

The Malta Business Wallet is available as an application on the Apple Store and Play Store.

"As a Government, we will continue looking ahead to the positive impact this project will have on Malta's economic performance and digital future," emphasised Minister Silvio Schembri.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

May 14, 2026

The Malta Business Registry (“MBR”) hereby informs the general public that the following [Companies Act \(Central Data Repository\) Regulations, 2026, Legal Notice 151 of 2026](#), have entered into force on the 15th May 2026 by virtue of [Legal Notice 152 of 2026](#).

In order to better understand each provision in terms of Legal Notice 151 of 2026, one is encouraged to refer to the [User Guidelines](#) which seek to guide users to manage and selectively share their personal and corporate data with competent authorities and subject persons through a secure digital repository. These User Guidelines are to be read in conjunction with Legal Notice 151 of 2026.



MBR HOSTED THE EBRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

May 27 & 28, 2026

The Malta Business Registry was honoured to host this year's European Business Registry Association (EBRA) Conference in Malta, bringing together business registry leaders, policymakers, legal practitioners, corporate service providers, and industry experts from across Europe.

The conference was officially opened by Dr Geraldine Spiteri Lucas, Host and Chief Executive Officer & Registrar at the Malta Business Registry, together with Antti Riivari, President of EBRA. A keynote speech was delivered by Godwin Mifsud, Permanent Secretary within the Ministry for the Economy, Enterprise & Strategic Projects, who shared valuable insights on the evolving economic and regulatory landscape.

Throughout the conference, delegates participated in a comprehensive programme featuring keynote speeches, expert-led seminars, panel discussions, and networking events. These sessions provided a valuable platform for the exchange of knowledge and best practices, fostering meaningful discussions on the opportunities and challenges facing business registries and corporate services in an increasingly digital environment.

The conference also served as an opportunity to strengthen international collaboration, explore emerging regulatory developments, and showcase innovative solutions that are shaping the future of business registration and corporate governance.

EBRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



SESSION TITLES

SESSION 1: The Business Register as the First Line of Defence Against ML/TF

SESSION 2: We Build Consortium: The Business Registries Perspective on EU Business Wallets and EUDI Wallets

SESSION 3: Building Better Business Registries through User Experience

SESSION 4: Sanctions in Practice: How Registers enable Effective Enforcement across Europe & Beyond

SESSION 5: Registration & Use of Verified BO Information & Structures

SESSION 6: Further Cooperation Amongst Business Registers across the Globe.



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REMARKS FROM

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



EBRA CYBER SECURITY NETWORK (CSN) MEETING



May 29, 2026

The Malta Business Registry participated in the European Business Registry Association (EBRA) Cyber Security Network (CSN) meeting, which was held in Malta, bringing together registry representatives from across Europe to strengthen collaboration on cybersecurity matters. A secure communication platform for CSN members was chosen during the meeting through a unanimous vote, following an in-depth analysis of multiple options. Key discussions focused on the sharing of cybersecurity best practices and increasing participation among EBRA registries. Members also exchanged insights on cyber incidents and discussed effective mitigation measures to prevent similar incidents.

SUPPORTING YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

JA MALTA AWARDS

May 16, 2026



We were proud once again to be part of the JA Malta Foundation Finals Award Night (Entrepreneurial Spirit Award) and witness so many inspiring ideas shaping the future, a huge well done to all participants and winners. Supporting innovation and promoting young talent continues to be at the heart of MBR.

May 28, 2026

FREEHOUR AWARDS

Representatives from the Malta Business Registry attended the Free Hour Youth Awards ceremony, where the MBR had the honour of presenting the prestigious Entrepreneur & Innovator of the Year Award. Representing the MBR were Dr Dorita Cardona, Rosalie Degiorgio, and Dr Mikael Grima.



MBR WEBSITE LAUNCH



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Leading with purpose and vision.

June 3, 2026

MBR is pleased to announce the launch of its new website, designed to provide businesses, entrepreneurs and stakeholders with easier access to company-related information, services and resources.

The new platform brings together key information on company registration, regulatory obligations, official publications, guidance and support services in a more intuitive and user-friendly format. With improved navigation and direct access to BAROS from the homepage, users can quickly find the information and services they need, all in one place.

Visit the new website today at www.mbr.mt

EQUALITY MARK RE- CERTIFICATION



June 4, 2026

The Malta Business Registry is proud to announce that it has been re-certified with the Equality Mark for a further three years, having first achieved this certification in 2019. This renewal marks a decade of recognition by 2029, reflecting the MBR’s ongoing commitment to promoting gender equality and fostering an inclusive workplace culture.

This achievement showcases the MBR’s continued dedication to creating a supportive working environment where equal opportunities, respect, and professional growth remain at the heart of our organisational culture.



RESTORATION OF THE KALAMAZOO

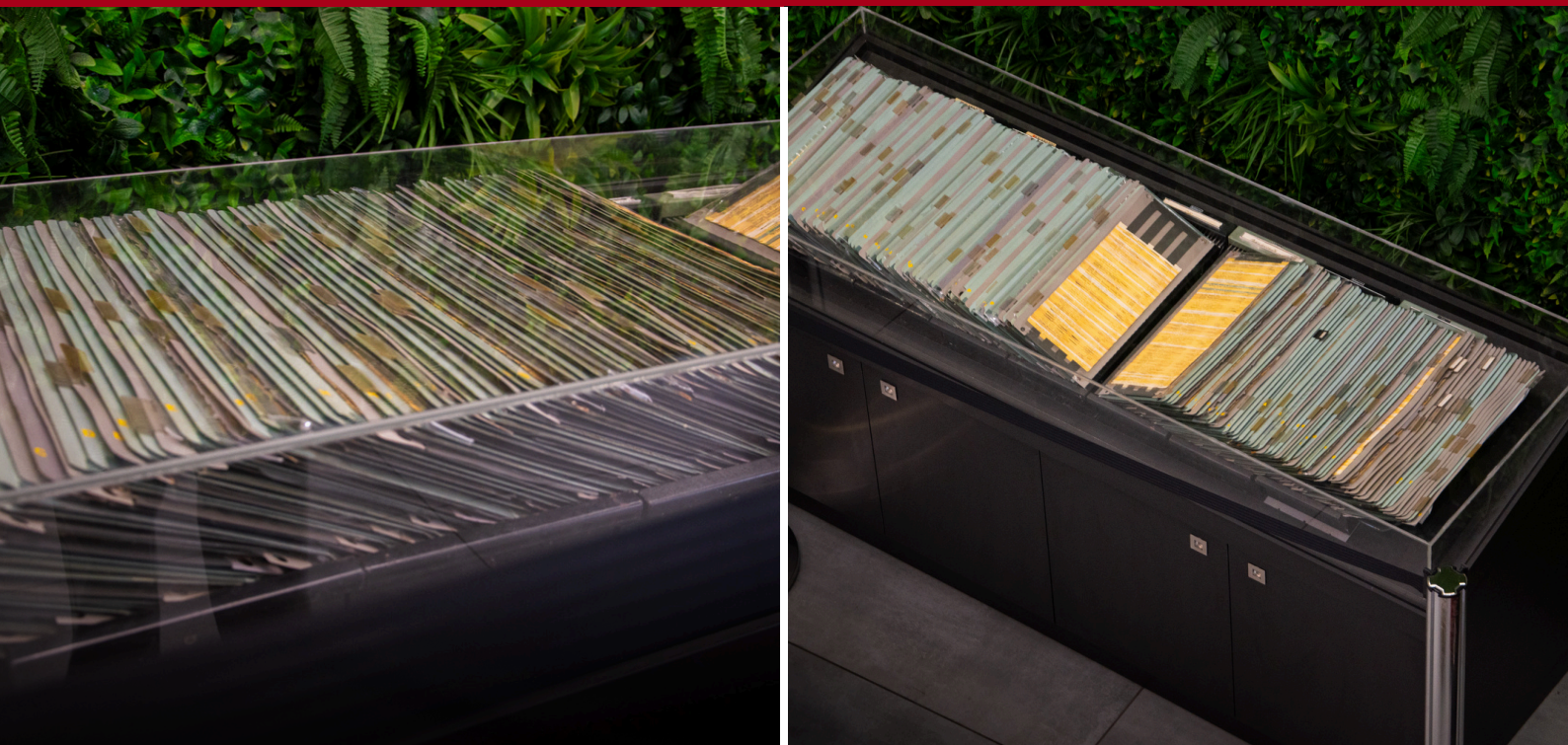


June 25, 2026

It is with immense pride and gratitude that we share the completion of the restoration of the Kalamazoo, a remarkable piece of Malta's corporate history. Long before digital records and online registries, the Kalamazoo served as the official register where companies were meticulously recorded and made accessible to the public, standing as a tangible testament to an era when every entry was inscribed with care.

The journey to restore this historic treasure was far from simple. It began with extensive research, gathering testimonials and historical information to better understand its purpose, significance, and legacy. This effort brought together dedicated professionals from [Heritage Malta](#) and the [Notarial Archives Foundation](#), who immediately recognised the historical value and uniqueness. Through their expertise Kalamazoo has been restored to its former dignity.

RESTORATION OF THE KALAMAZOO



As we reflect on the generations that came before us, we also look to those who will shape the future. We warmly invite students pursuing studies in Company Law and related fields to visit our offices and explore this extraordinary piece of history. Visitors will have the opportunity to examine a specially prepared digital version of the Kalamazoo and watch a documentary tracing the evolution of company law in Malta.

We also encourage members of the public to stop by and discover this unique treasure for themselves. The Kalamazoo will be proudly displayed at our entrance, where it can continue to tell its story and remind us of the enduring importance not to forget who we are and how far we've come.

NOTICES BY THE MBR

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- [Informative Note - Malta Business Wallet](#)

INFORMATIVE NOTE - ENTRY INTO FORCE OF LEGISLATION

April 29, 2026

The Malta Business Registry ("MBR") hereby informs the general public that, in virtue of [Legal Notice No. 110 of 2026](#), the following articles: 21, 23, 24 and 25(a) of [Act XVIII of 2025](#) (the "Act") have come into force.

Previously, where a company was required to report and file its annual financial report in accordance with the European Single Electronic Format (ESEF) reporting standards, in line with Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 supplementing Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format, such report was submitted directly to the Malta Business Registry through the BAROS portal.

Going forward, and in terms of the above-mentioned articles of the Act, where a company is required to report and file in accordance with ESEF, under the aforementioned provisions of the Act, the balance sheet, directors' report, auditors' report and annual accounts shall be prepared and filed with the respective competent authority, being the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA). The same financial report, shall in turn, be transmitted directly to the Registrar through secure channels, without the need for the company to file a separate copy with the Registrar via BAROS.

INFORMATIVE NOTE - PUBLIC COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

June 11, 2026

The provisions implementing Directive (EU) 2021/2101 on the public disclosure of income tax information by certain undertakings and branches have come into effect in Malta through Act XVIII of 2024, which introduced Articles 213B, 213C, 213D and amendments to the Fourth Schedule to the Companies Act (Cap. 386 of the Laws of Malta).

The requirements apply to accounting periods commencing from 22 June 2024 onwards. In-scope entities are required to prepare and publish a Public Country-by-Country Report ("Public CbCR Report") within 12 months of the balance sheet date of the relevant financial year.

Accordingly, entities falling within scope for financial years ending during 2025 will be required to submit their first Public CbCR Report in 2026.

A Public CbCR Report must be filed electronically with the Malta Business Registry via email at cbcr.mbr@mbr.mt and submitted in XHTML format with Inline XBRL (iXBRL) tagging, in accordance with applicable EU requirements.

The reporting entities remain responsible for ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the information reported, compliance with legal obligations, correct XHTML/iXBRL tagging, and timely submission of reports.

For more information kindly refer to this [Guidance Document](#).

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