

AHEAD STEP ONE

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Agenda

08:30	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:00	Welcome
09:05	Keynote International Speaker Carrie Rose Keynote presentation by international speaker Carrie Rose 7 Small Changes That Lead to BIG Discovery Wins in the New Search Era Seven practical changes you can implement immediately to increase discovery across Google, LLMs and social search. Followed by Q&A
10:10	Address HON. Minister Keith Azzopardi Tanti Minister for European Funds, Social Dialogue, and Consumer Protection
10:15	Fireside Chat George Gregory CEO ▶ Malta Enterprise
10:30	Business networking activity
11:30	Workshops
Workshop 1	Upskilling and retaining employees
Presentations	Jobsplus Training & Schemes by Marthanne Castillo Unit Manager and Project Leader ▶ Jobsplus Learning workplaces Charlene Camilleri Senior Manager for Learning Workplaces ▶ National Skills Council
Panel Discussion moderated by Ms Greta Rapinett, Council Member, Malta Chamber of SMEs	Marthanne Castillo Unit Manager and Project Leader ▶ Jobsplus Clayton Cutajar Senior Director (People, Culture, & Public Engagement) ▶ National Skills Amber Muscat Economist, Coordinator within the Economic Intelligence & EU Affairs Unit ▶ Malta Enterprise Ilaria Spiteri Axiak Senior Advisor, Training and Development ▶ misco Consulting Ltd
Workshop 2	Access to funds, finance and incentives
Presentations	Malta Enterprise Changes to Micro Invest Scheme by Francesca Farrugia Coordinator, Incentives design Unit Joseph Darmanin Chief Business Development Officer ▶ Malta Development Bank
Panel Discussion moderated by Mr Marcel Mizzi, Officer, Malta Chamber of SMEs	Cain Grech Sargent Senior Advisor Enterprise Network ▶ Malta Enterprise Mrs. Anne Marie Grech Senior Professional Executive ▶ Energy and Water Agency Waqas Latif Certified Sustainability Professional ▶ GSD Ltd Aldo Formosa Senior Manager ▶ Fondi.eu
Workshop 3	Digitalisation and AI in Business
Masterclass AI Changes Everything – Are You Ready?	Delivered by Simon Vella Co-Founder & Visionary ▶ Prospero
Panel Discussion moderated by Fabian Demicoli, Head of Communications and Business Development, Malta Chamber of SMEs	Alexander Vella Relationship Management & Implementation coordinator with the SMEs Centre of excellence ▶ Malta Enterprise Dr. David Gonzi Managing Partner ▶ Gonzi & Associates, Advocates & GA Corporate Ltd Clive Ebejer Head of Advisory ▶ Prospero Keith Abela Wadge Senior Manager ▶ Fondi.eu Patrick Cutajar Managing Director ▶ Eyetech Ltd Larissa Vella Economist and Deputy Director (skills intelligence) ▶ National Skills Council Gavril Flores Chief Officer for Strategy, Policy and Governance ▶ MDIA
Workshop 4	Effective recruitment, sourcing of TCNs and updates to the labour migration policy
Presentations	Ayrton Hayman Unit Coordinator in the Policy and Strategy Department ▶ Identita' ▶ followed by Q&A Graziella Cauchi Department Manager and Unit Manager of the Employment Licences Unit ▶ Jobsplus followed by Q&A
Panel Discussion moderated by Mr Andrew Aquilina, COO Malta Chamber of SMEs	Graziella Cauchi Department Manager and Unit Manager of the Employment Licences Unit ▶ Jobsplus Ayrton Hayman Unit Coordinator in the Policy and Strategy Department ▶ Identita' George Tabone Head of Client Relations ▶ Konnekt
13:00	Networking Lunch

