

SME Forum: Adapting to Change

Tuesday 24th June 2008
Radisson SAS Baypoint Resort, St Julians

08.30	Registration
09.00	<i>Opening of Conference by Chairperson</i> Vanessa Macdonald Editor, www.di-ve.com
09.10	<i>Welcome Speech</i> Dr Gabriella Pace CEO, Forum Malta FL-Ewropa
09.20	<i>Opening Address: Government's approach to SMEs</i> Hon. Tonio Fenech Minister for Finance, the Economy and Investment
09.35	<i>State of SMEs in Malta: Presentation of GRTU's survey June 2008</i> Mr Vincent Farrugia (discuss topic), Director General, GRTU Mr Marcel Mizzi (presentation), Vice President Sections, GRTU
10.10	<i>Supporting Maltese SMEs</i> Alan Camilleri Chairman, Malta Enterprise
10.30	Q&A interaction with the floor
10.50	Coffee Break
11.10	<i>Meeting the challenges ahead: The Small Business Act</i> Luc Hendrickx Director Enterprise Policy and external Relations, Association of Craft, Small and Medium sized Enterprises (UEAPME)
11.40	<i>Making Small Business Grow: Grabbing the IT opportunities</i> Kurt Camilleri Business Sales Manager, Vodafone Malta
12.00	Q&A interaction with the floor
12.20	Standing Lunch

13.40	<p><i>Better regulation: reducing the administrative burden for businesses</i></p> <p>John W. Aquilina CEO, Management Efficiency Unit (OPM)</p>
14.10	<p>Workshops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SME Access to Finance</i> Keynote: Albert Frendo, Executive Head- Credit Risk, Bank of Valletta • <i>Better Regulation</i> Keynote: Dr Robert Attard, Ernst&Young • <i>Health and Safety</i> Keynote: Dr Marc Gauci- CEO, Occupational Health and Safety Authority • <i>Consumer Acquis: A fair deal for small businesses</i> Keynote: Josephine Borg, Director - (Consumer Affairs), Consumer and Competition Division (MFEI)
15.15	Presentation of findings by Workshop Rapporteurs
16.00	Concluding by the Chairperson