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Business Breakfast 'The Next Generation EU' Grand Hotel, Mġarr Gozo 13 May 2022

As part of the activities related to Europe Day, EUROPE DIRECT Gozo is organising a business breakfast on **Friday, 13th May 2022** at the **Grand Hotel, Mġarr (Gozo)**.

The main objective of the event will be to provide an overview of the Next Generation EU with the input of different EU networks.

The Next Generation EU is more than just a recovery plan for EU Member States to recover from the pandemic. It is a plan to transform our economies, create opportunities and jobs for the Europe where we want to live. Also, it is a plan to make Europe greener, more digital and more resilient. This recovery plan is an investment of €806.9 billion. It is a budget fit not only for today's realities but also for tomorrow's uncertainties. The event will focus specifically on the Recovery and Resilience Plans which are an integral part of the NextGenerationEU, with a specific emphasis on the national Recovery and Resilience Plan.

The agenda of the event, which will **start at 09:00 am** is as follows:

Time	Agenda Item
09:00 – 09:10	Introductory Speech by Daniel Borg (CEO of the Gozo Business Chamber and host structure of EUROPE DIRECT Gozo)
09:10 - 09:20	Introductory Speech by Theresa Zahra (Acting Head of the European Commission Representation in Malta)
09:20 – 09:30	Introductory Speech by Dr Mario Sammut (Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Malta)
09:30 – 09:40	Introductory Intervention by Hon Dr Chris Bonett, Parliamentary Secretary responsible for European Funds
09:40 – 10:00	The Recovery and Resilience Facility: investing in a green, digital and social transition Luca Aguzzoni, European Commission, Recovery and Resilience Task Force
10:00 – 10:20	The National Recovery and Resilience Plan Presentation by Maria Pace, Director General, Strategy and Implementation Division, Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands
10:20 – 10:30	Q & A session moderated by Keith Demicoli

10:30 – 10:55	Panel Discussion: What does the Recovery and Resilience Plan mean for us? Panelists: Paul Zahra (Permanent Secretary, Ministry for the Economy, European Funds and Lands (European Funds)), Joe Muscat (Vice Chairman Gozo Regional Committee), Mario Borg (CEO of the Gozo Regional Development Authority)
10:55 – 11:00	Concluding Remarks by Keith Demicoli

Breakfast will be served between **08:00 am to 09:00 am**.