



## **Youth4Entrepreneurship Gozo – 2022**

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Dear all welcome! It is with pleasure that I am introducing this Youth4Entrepreneurship Gozo event today, and first of all, I would like to thank our partners, Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ, Bank of Valletta, and the Ministry for the Economy, European Funds, and Lands, for their support. We are going to hear some very interesting presentations which I am really looking forward to! I am sure you are too! During the past four editions our youth have not failed to surprise us on how creative they can be. As a Chamber we have always believed in this initiative right from the start, just as we also believe that for these young persons this activity can really be a true launching pad towards new horizons.

In order to be of further help to young entrepreneurs I am pleased to announce today that as from the start of next year, 2023, the Gozo Business Chamber will be offering free membership to start-ups, for a period of up to three years; this will be subject to the following criteria:

- The start-up must have its registered operational address in Gozo;
- It must have in plan an operation with products and/or services to be launched on the market, or is already offering such products or services on the market; and
- The start-up must not have been in operation for more than 5 years.

The Chamber is an important institution where these start-ups can continue to network and consequently the Chamber can provide them with a platform where they can grow further. On our part we believe that the Chamber will be enriched by having these start-ups as its members. This will be our small way of giving a helping to these start-ups so that they may grow even further! It is rather the message that we want to go

out there; we value the entrepreneurial spirit in our youth and we want to encourage this spirit by giving it all the support we can garner.

Today, we will be hearing about and discussing ideas through which we can combat climate change. It could not have come at a more opportune moment as world leaders are gathered in Egypt, debating how we can all come together to avert catastrophe, as we are already experiencing the dire effects of climate change. The Chamber has been working tirelessly putting forward the aspect of sustainability, and I hope that today's initiative will continue to raise the awareness that we need to act urgently. There is no more time to lose.

Whilst looking forward to hear from these young entrepreneurs, I thank you all for supporting our initiative and I hope you will all enjoy this evening!

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