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The Brewhouse, Central Business District, Malta

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Registration & Welcome

08:30 – 09:15 | Welcome Coffee & Registration

09:15 – 09:30 | Opening & Framing the Day

Master of Ceremonies: Morgan Parnis, Knights College CEO & Chancellor

THEME I – GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

09:30 – 09:40 | National Education & Skills Priorities 2030

Minister for European Funds, Hon. Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi

09:40 – 09:55 | Keynote: Digital Education at System Scale

Alessandro Di Lullo, Co-Founder, SuperCharger Ventures

On behalf of the Digital Education Council

THEME II – THE LOCAL CONTEXT

09:55 – 10:15 | Strategic Intervention: Creativity at the Core of Digital Transformation

Mary Anne Cauchi, National STEAM Engagement Taskforce

10:15 – 10:35 | Keynote: Rethinking Change Management in Education Systems

Prof. Patrick Flood, Dublin City University

10:35 – 10:55 | Fireside Chat with Lara Camilleri, CEO at Konnekt

Moderator: Morgan Parnis

10:55 – 11:25 | Coffee Break

11:25 – 11:35 | WBL in Action: Connecting Education to Labour Market Needs

Michele Agius, Manager International Partnerships & EU Funding, Knights College

THEME III – INDUSTRY BLOCK

11:35 – 12:05 | Industry Panel: Where Strategy Meets Labour Market Reality |

Moderator: Joe Tanti

Contributions from:

- **Gavril Flores, Chief Strategy, Policy & Governance, Malta Digital Innovation Authority** | *Digital capability gaps, regulatory frameworks, and governance constraints limiting system agility*
- **Larisa Panait, Head of Skills & Jobs, Eurochambres** | *EU ambition versus national and local execution gaps across skills ecosystems*
- **Clayton Micallef Grimaud, Director of Strategy & Education Relations, National Skills Council** | *Coordination failures and systemic bottlenecks in aligning education with labour market needs*
- **Nick Spiteri Paris, CEO, BigBon Group** | *Employer expectations, hiring realities, and the disconnect between training outputs and business demand*
- **Michelle Vassallo Pulis, Senior Manager, Deloitte & Senior Teaching Associate, University of Malta** | *Applied insights on Work-Based Learning (WBL) and the gap between theory and scalable practice*

12:05 – 12:10 | Video Intervention from Industry Collaborative Partner, Dublin

THEME IV – ERASMUS+

12:10 – 12:40 | Erasmus+ Panel: Translating European Collaboration into Practice

Moderator: Michele Agius

Contributions from:

- **Assumpta Harvey, Head of School, Technological University Dublin** | *Institutional leadership in embedding WBL and aligning academic structures with industry needs*
- **Nadja Dokter, Senior EU Project Manager, VITECO** | *Implementation experience from EU-funded projects and managing cross-country delivery challenges*
- **Marcio Couto, European Projects Manager, INOVA+** | *Innovation in project design, scalability of WBL models, and transnational collaboration frameworks*





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Contributions from (cont.):

- **Kristina Galea Borg, Principal & Vice-Chancellor, Knights College** | *Strategic integration of WBL within higher education and translating EU collaboration into institutional impact*

12:40 – 12:50 | Video Montage

THEME V – EDUCATION

12:50 – 13:20 | Synthesis Panel: From Strategy to Practice

Moderator: Alexia Stafrace

Contributions from:

- **Prof. Alexandra Vella, Associate Professor, University of Malta** | *Institutional readiness, curriculum adaptation, and academic–industry alignment*
- **Assumpta Harvey, Head of School, Technological University Dublin** | *Linking Erasmus+ Opportunities with developing trends in education and work-based learning applications in modern industry*
- **Martin Borg, CEO, EduAlliance** | *Partnership-led models, delivery innovation, and strengthening the practical interface between education and the world of work*
- **Prof. Patrick Flood, Full Professor & Author, Dublin City University** | *Leadership, organisational capacity, and driving change within education systems*
- **Charlot Scicluna, Honorary MBA Student from Knights College** | *Learner experience, expectations, and perceived gaps in employability outcomes*
- **James Perry, CEO, MFHEA** | *Regulatory perspective on quality assurance, system coherence, and enabling innovation*

13:20 – 13:30 | Audience Q&A & Practical Reflections

Moderator: Master of Ceremonies

13:30 – 13:35 | European Keynote Address

Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament

13:35 – 13:45 | Final Takeaways & Close

13:45 – 15:00 | Standing Networking Lunch at Kettles, The Brewhouse



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