



Save the Date

WBL Champion Conference Malta

28 May 2026

Why Work-Based Learning is Your Game Changer in Today's Job Market

The future of higher education is shaped at the intersection of academia and industry.

This 28th May, we're bringing together the people making it happen. The WBL Champion Conference is where educators, students, employers, and policymakers will gather to explore, demonstrate, and advance the integration of WorkBased Learning across European higher education.

This isn't just another academic conference. It's a collaborative summit designed to showcase proven frameworks, share real outcomes, and forge the partnerships that will **define workforce-ready education for the next decade.**

Why This Conference Matters



For Employers & Industry Partners

Close the Skills Gap with Strategic Collaboration

The talent pipeline challenge isn't going away. But universities are ready to co-create solutions with you. Discover structured HEI industry partnership frameworks that reduce recruitment and training costs, see how WBL graduates **bring workplace-ready skills from day one**, and help shape the curricula your organisation needs. This conference shows you how to transform education from a "hope they're ready" system into a "know they're ready" talent pipeline.

For Academics & Educators

Proven Implementation Models, Not Just Theory

Stop reinventing the wheel. At this conference, you'll gain access to proven WBL frameworks, QA toolkits, and course models tested across four European countries. Join hands-on workshops, learn from real case studies showing measurable improvements in student employability, and connect with peer institutions. You'll leave with actionable resources, not abstract concepts, that you can implement immediately at your institution.



For Policymakers

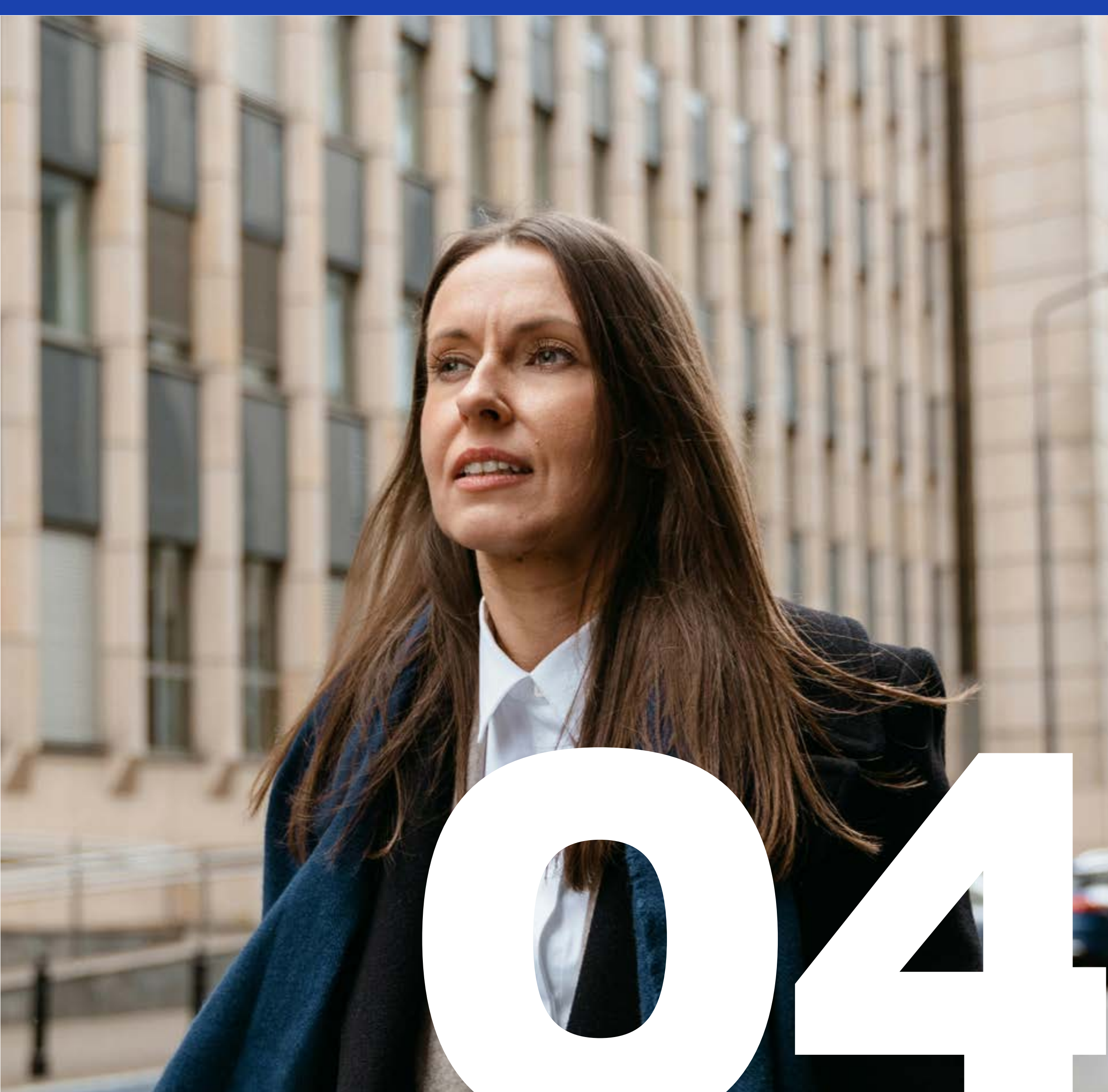
Evidence-Based Pathways to Scalable Impact

Policy decisions need solid evidence. This conference delivers it. Review country reports on WBL implementation in Ireland, Italy, Malta, and Portugal, including best practices and lessons learned. Explore data showing how WBL improves graduate employability and tackles skills gaps, and connect with authorities scaling WBL within existing frameworks. Gain the evidence, models, and networks needed to implement change at scale.

For Students

See What's Possible When Education Meets Real-World Experience

Your voice matters in shaping your education. Hear directly from students who've participated in WBL programmes, their career outcomes, their confidence gains, and what made the difference. Learn about micro-credentials, see how WBL gives you a job market edge, and connect with mentors, employers, and education leaders invested in your success. This is your opportunity to see what modern, career-focused higher education looks like.



What You'll Experience

Three days of purposeful connection and practical learning:

– Keynote presentations from leading voices in WBL and educational innovation

– Live demonstrations of pilot programme outcomes and micro-credential implementations

– Workshops showcasing WBL frameworks, QA toolkits, and curriculum design

– Networking sessions designed to foster partnerships and collaborations

– Panel discussions featuring students, educators, employers, and policymakers

– Resource access to all WBL Champion toolkits, frameworks, and course models

And yes, it's taking place in Malta. A thriving international education hub, a Mediterranean setting, and a jurisdiction actively advancing WBL integration.

[Discover More About WBL](#)

Your Invitation to Lead Change

The WBL Champion Conference isn't just documenting the future of higher education. It's building it.

Whether you're looking to implement proven WBL frameworks at your institution, seeking partnerships that deliver work-ready graduates, advocating for career-relevant education as a student, or shaping policy that closes skills gaps. **This conference is where those goals become actionable strategies.**

Your Next Step

Mark your calendar: **28 May 2026, Malta.** Full conference details will be available in the coming weeks.

Want to be notified the moment registration opens? Follow us on our socials to stay tuned.

The future of higher education isn't theoretical. It's practical, collaborative, and happening now. Be part of it.

Follow us on social media for regular updates on course launch announcements, access opportunities, and ongoing WBL resources:



By following the WBL Champion project, you'll be the first to know when courses launch on the digital platform, and when additional resources are released. You'll also be part of a growing community of educators rethinking how we prepare students for real work.

WBL Champion Project partners: VITECO (Italy), KNIGHTS College (Malta), INOVA+ (Portugal), and Technological University Dublin (Ireland).

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