



MALTA EU 2017



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Moderated by Joe Tanti, Chief Executive Officer of the Malta Business Bureau

8.00 – 9.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

9.00 – 9.20 Welcome Address

Christian Cardona - Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business
and SME Envoy

**9.20 - 9.35 Effective policy and support measures for business transfers in the
Single Market – how to prepare for the challenge ahead?**

Elżbieta Bieńkowska - Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs and EU SME Envoy

**9.35 - 9.50 Transfers of family businesses and their economic challenges –
Malta and the work it has undertaken**

Nadine Lia – Regulator for Family Businesses Malta

**9.50 – 10.20 What have we learnt from recent work on business transfers? –
Main findings of business transfer projects**

David Garrofé – General Secretary, Reempresa
Juha Tall - Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences Business School
Eleni Foti – Director of International Commercial Relations, Athens Chamber
of Commerce

10.20-11.00 Coffee and Networking

11.00 – 11.10	Technical and non-technical barriers to business transfers Leif Melin – Jönköping University
11.10 – 11.20	Innovative solutions and methods for economically sustainable business transfers Bruno Roelants – Secretary General, CECOP – CICOPA Europe
11.20-12.00	Panel discussion - questions from the audience Moderator: Sakari Oikarinen - CEO, Induco/Managing Director, Enterprise Agency Central Finland, Panelists: Therese Comodini Cachia, MEP Bernard Jehin - Vice Chairman, SOWACCESS Nicolas Pirotte – Secretary General, Transeo
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch and Networking Break
13.30 – 14.00	Keynote Speaker Joseph Muscat - Prime Minister of Malta
14.00 – 15.00	Break Out Workshop Session Workshop Session 1 – Cross-Border Business Transfers Rapporteur: Tom Burroughes - Editor, WealthBriefing Moderator: Rosalie van Rijk- Managing Director, MKBase Panelists: Timothy Lyons QC – 39 Essex Chambers Oriol Alba Sendra – Coordinator, Centre de Reempresa de Catalunya Lex van Teeffelen – HU Business School Utrecht
	Workshop Session 2 – Successions within Family Businesses Rapporteur: Maria Farrugia - Audit and Accounts Assistant, Ellacotts Llp Moderator: Peter Villax – Chairman, Association of Family Enterprises, Portugal, Hovione Family Business Panelists: Alfonso Libano – Chairman, European Family Businesses Stephen Harris – CEO, Clearview Financial Media Jean-Marie Catabelle – Honorary President, Cédants et Repreneurs D'affaires (CRA)
15.00 - 15.40	Coffee and Networking

15.40 – 15.50	Helping Member States to Implement Business Transfer / Family Business Measures. Angela Niebler - MEP
15.50-16.10	How can we build an European policy to encourage and support SME transfers? Miriam Dalli - MEP
16.10 – 16.20	Closing Address Kristin Schreiber – European Commission, Director for SME Policy and the COSME Programme
16.20-16.30	Christian Cardona - Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business and SME Envoy
16.30	End of Conference