Malta’s EU Presidency and Ideas from Europe

As part of Malta’s EU Presidency, Malta is searching for innovators and entrepreneurs with solutions to global challenges. From access to power, water and housing to education, healthcare & finance, the winning idea will represent Malta in the next round of Ideas from Europe.

Originally launched as part of the Netherlands’ EU Presidency, Ideas from Europe is a pan-European platform, connecting innovators and entrepreneurs with the stakeholders needed to scale ideas with positive impact.

Individual member states hold country searches to identify the idea and entrepreneur that will represent their country. Ideas from all member states are presented at the SME assembly. The top 10 are provided with the required support and network to improve their reach, scale and impact.

With a drive from the European Commission to make Ideas from Europe a biannual event, the Maltese Government has chosen to lead the next round as part of the Country’s EU Presidency.

The Ministry for Economy, Investment and Small Business (MEIB) has partnered with Deborah Webster, the Founder of AMANI™, to conduct the search for innovators and entrepreneurs.

The initiative is open to all Maltese nationals and residents of Malta. Maltese/Dual nationals living abroad also qualify. The Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business together with Deborah Webster, are leading the search, and are taking an active approach in tapping into the Maltese diaspora and communities with a strong Maltese presence including Australia, Canada, USA, UK, Greece, UAE and the Benelux.

The event to choose the Maltese representative, which will be open to members of the public, will take place in Malta on 7th March 2017. The event will also be streamed, providing Maltese Embassies and Consulates the opportunity to host local events in their host countries.

The deadline for entries is 10th February 2017.

Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges. Shortlisted innovators will be invited to present their idea in person at the 7th of March event.

The winning idea and innovator will go on to represent Malta and will be part of the official launch of the next round of Ideas from Europe, taking place on 6th April.

Shortlisted innovators will receive feedback and guidance on how to improve their idea to have further impact.

This is a unique opportunity to discover workable solutions to global challenges and for innovators to be able to maximise their impact.

Further information is available on [www.ideasfrommalta.com](http://www.ideasfrommalta.com), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [IdeasfromMT](https://www.ideasfromMalta.com)