

Malta's EU Presidency and Ideas from Europe

As part of Malta's EU Presidency, Malta is launching the next round of Ideas from Europe, and is searching for Maltese Innovators solving global challenges.

Originally launched as part of the Netherlands' EU Presidency, Ideas from Europe is a pan-European competition to find business solutions to global challenges. Individual member states hold local competitions to identify the idea and innovator that will represent their country. Innovators present their idea at the SME assembly. The top 12 are provided the required support to improve their reach, scale and impact.

With a drive from the European Commission to make Ideas from Europe a biennial event, the Maltese Government has chosen to lead the next round as part of the country's EU Presidency. The Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (MEIB) has partnered with Deborah Webster, the Founder of AMANI Circle, to conduct the search.

From access to power, water and housing to education, healthcare & finance, Malta is looking for Maltese / Dual citizens, and innovators residing in Malta, working on solutions to societal and environmental issues.

The competition is open to all Maltese nationals, regardless of where they reside. 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, www.ideasfrommalta.com.mt, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)