

PRESS RELEASE

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75% of Businesses Prefer Summertime

75% of Malta Chamber businesses who responded to a survey on whether they preferred summertime to wintertime, said that they preferred summertime.

The survey was conducted by the Malta Chamber last week, as part of a public consultation process taking place across the European Union on the subject.

The vast majority of respondents expressed a position in favour of summertime, while only a quarter of those who answered the survey said they preferred wintertime.

Businesses taking the survey preferred summertime all year long. They remarked that longer days should lead to a more motivated work-force, which translates into more business activity especially amongst retail, hospitality and restaurant businesses.

Longer days also meant that workers would enjoy more daylight after their respective work shifts, leading to a wider feel good factor amongst employees, one member said. "This would mean more work-life balance, therefore a happier workforce" the respondent said.

Some businesses also stated that Malta ought to align its time to other European countries in the CET zone.

The change from summer to wintertime was considered negative by 54% of respondents, while 68% considered the change from winter to summertime as positive.

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