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## Malta Chamber forges Gold Partnership with EY

The two organisations to collaborate on the formation of an Economic and Financial Affairs Horizontal Research Thematic

The Malta Chamber has signed a Gold Partnership agreement with EY, intended to enhance collaboration between the Big 4 Firm and the Chamber in the future. Through the agreement, EY Malta will support The Malta Chamber in the formation of an Economic and Financial Matters Committee.

The Economic and Financial Matters Committee is a new horizontal policy committee being set up within The Malta Chamber, to develop its policy in key areas of macroeconomics, economic governance, structural reform, taxation, monetary policy and financial regulation.

The Economic and Financial Matters Committee shall have an advisory role to the Council of The Malta Chamber.

Malta Chamber President Perit David Xuereb said that the agreement was a natural step in a long and fruitful relationship between the two organisations.

"EY and The Malta Chamber go back a long way" Perit Xuereb said. "As a Chamber, every year we are honoured to strongly support and open the EY Malta Attractiveness Conference, which saw its fledgling beginnings in the main hall of The Malta Chamber a few short years back. We are only too pleased to be part of this journey. Moreover, we are energized to collaborate closer than ever, and take our relationship to the next level, in order to provide The Malta Chamber members and the country with more value through this partnership"

Ronald Attard, EY Malta's Country Managing Partner, said: "Our firm has had a strong and close relationship with The Malta Chamber for many years and we are thrilled to join forces and collaborate further. We are certain that the formation of an Economic and Financial Matters Committee will greatly benefit the local business community and wider society as we explore policy and reforms, which will inspire long-lasting and positive impacts. We also look forward to yet another year collaborating on the EY Attractiveness Survey, which will be presented virtually over four days in October, in an event rebranded as Future Realised."

The agreement was signed by President Perit David Xuereb and Deputy President Ms Marisa Xuereb on behalf of the Malta Chamber and Ronald Attard, Country Managing Partner on behalf of EY Malta.