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## The Malta Chamber forms part of consortium to innovate VET sector

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry has partnered up with 11 other entities, one of which being MCAST, across four other different European Union member states on a project aimed at designing and developing a European Platform of Centre of Excellence devoted to innovating the VET sector for the social inclusion of individuals belonging to disadvantaged groups. The project titled **Governance for Inclusive Vocational Excellence** better known as **GIVE**, aims at consolidating the activities and practices developed at local level by the partners in terms of inclusion, exploiting their outcomes and impacts of Inclusive Excellence.

The project will be targeting disadvantaged groups that come from a migration background, with disabilities, those that have low skills and obsolete qualifications, a drop-out history, with special learning needs and those from a difficult socio-economic background.

President Perit David Xuereb said, "This project is an excellent opportunity for The Malta Chamber to help make a difference and together with MCAST we are geared up to do so."

The Malta Chamber will provide feedback based on their perspective on the business sector as a social partner and will work to bridge the gap between MCAST and the business community by participating in all work packages listed in the project. This project will amount to a total of 4 million euros and will have a duration of four years. The GIVE project will offer a trigger for the consolidation of a European Platform for the analysis and development of practices and tools in terms of pedagogical framework and governance for a really inclusive and excellent VET system, as well as leaders' and trainers' training in the EU and beyond.

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