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The Malta Chamber and Foundation for Transport committed to sustainable mobility

The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, and the Foundation for Transport signed a cooperation agreement to promote forms of mobility that are sustainable, energy-efficient, and respectful for the environment.

"With sustainability being a main pillar in The Malta Chamber's vision towards ethical economic growth, the 'Sustainable Mobility Committee' within The Malta Chamber has been championing this drive towards an ecofriendly future through several initiatives" said Ms Marisa Xuereb, President of The Malta Chamber.

"This cooperation agreement is yet another tangible commitment of how The Chamber is working with different stakeholders to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of all while driving sustainable economic growth," said Ms Xuereb.

Through this signing, both parties agreed to collaborate on initiatives related to the electrification of the fleet which will result in reduced emissions and an advancement in the technology and expertise in this sector. These include the building of competencies and certification of people and organisations that operate in the sector, the establishment of guidelines to promote a wider adoption of charging stations, and fiscal incentives to electrify their vehicle fleet with a strong emphasis on cost effectiveness.

"The Malta Chamber will add an extended outreach to industry players in the transport industry and will create synergies to explain and educate the general public and the business community about new technologies," said Mr Joseph Bugeja, Chairperson of the Foundation for Transport.

"It has become increasingly important to instil confidence in new technologies and act proactively by engaging with industry players to:

- gauge first-hand experience on how new technologies impact their business
- understand safety through gained confidence
- gain understanding of what works best for their company

• identify skills gaps and seek solutions to meet training requirements," said Mr Bugeja.

The agreement was signed by Ms Marisa Xuereb and Mr Chris Vassallo Cesareo as President and Deputy President of The Malta Chamber respectively, and Mr Joseph Bugeja and Mr Anthony David Gatt, Chairperson and Board Administrator of the Foundation for Transport respectively. Dr Ian Borg, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, and Dr Marthese Portelli, CEO of The Malta Chamber attended the signing ceremony.

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