



MALTA EU 2017



Business Transfer Conference - Draft Agenda

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- 8.00 – 9.00** **Registration and Welcome Coffee**
- 9.00 – 9.15** **Welcome Address**
Christian Cardona, Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small Business
and SME Envoy
- 9.15 - 9.30** **Effective policy and support measures for business transfers in the
Single Market – how to prepare for the challenge ahead?**
Elżbieta Bieńkowska - Commissioner for Internal Market, Industry,
Entrepreneurship and SMEs and EU SME Envoy
- 9.30 – 9.40** **TBC**
Jerzy Buzek - MEP and Chairperson of the ITRE Committee
- 9.40 - 9.50** **Transfers of family businesses and their economic challenges – Malta
and the work it has undertaken**
Nadine Lia – Regulator for Family Businesses, Malta
- 9.50 – 10.20** **What have we learnt from recent work on business transfers?
–Main findings of business transfer projects**
Albert Colomer i Espinet - Reempresa
Juha Tall - Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences Business School
Eleni Foti – Athens Chamber of Commerce, Director of International
Commercial Relations
- 10.20-11.00** **Coffee and Networking**

11.00 – 11.10

Technical and non-technical barriers to business transfers

Leif Melin – Jönköping University

11.10 – 11.20

Innovative solutions and methods for economically sustainable business transfers

Bruno Roelants – Secretary General CECOP – CICOPA Europe

11.20-12.00

Panel discussion - questions from the audience

Moderator: Sakari Oikarinen - CEO, Induco/Managing Director, Enterprise Agency Central Finland,

Panelists: Therese Comodini Cachia, MEP

Bernard Jehin - Vice Chairman, SOWACCESS

Nicolas Pirotte – Secretary General of Transeo

12.00 – 13.30

Lunch and Networking Break

13.30 – 14.00

Keynote Speaker

Joseph Muscat - Prime Minister of Malta

14.00 – 15.00

Break Out Workshop Session

Workshop Session 1 – Cross-Border Business Transfers

Rapporteur: Tom Burroughes - Editor, WealthBriefing

Moderator: Rosalie van Rijk- Managing Director, MKBase

Panelists: Timothy Lyons QC – 39 Essex Chambers

Oriol Alba Sendra - Coordinator, Centre de Reempresa de Catalunya

Lex van Teeffelen- HU Business School Utrecht

Workshop Session 2 – Successions within Family Businesses

Rapporteur: Maria Farrugia

Moderator: Peter Villax – Chairman Association of Family Enterprises, Portugal, Hovione Family Business

Panelists: Alfonso Libano – Chairman, European Family Businesses

Stephen Harris - CEO Clearview Financial Media

Jean-Marie Catabelle - Honorary President - Cédants et Repreneurs D'affaires (CRA)

- 15.00 - 15.40** **Coffee and Networking**
- 15.40 – 15.50** **Helping Member States to Implement Business Transfer /
Family Business Measures.**
Angela Niebler – MEP
- 15.50-16.10** **How can we build an European policy to encourage and
support SME transfers?**
Miriam Dalli - MEP
- 16.10 – 16.20** **Closing Address**
Kristin Schreiber – European Commission, Director for SME Policy
and the COSME Programme
- 16.20-16.30** Christian Cardona - Minister for the Economy, Investment and Small
Business and SME Envoy
- 16.30** **End of Conference**