



Bridging Science and Policy The Artisan Sector

20 February 2025

Joint event organised by Xjenza Malta and the Malta Crafts Foundation

Planetarium Hall, Villa Bighi, Dawret Fra Giovanni Bichi, Kalkara

AGENDA

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 9:30 – 9:35 Welcome remarks by **Xjenza Malta** representative
- 09:35 – 09:40 Welcome remarks by **Malta Crafts Foundation** representative
- 09:40 -10:00 Presentation on the *National Strategy for the Artisan Sector in Malta 2024-2030 with a focus on the innovation aspect*
- 10:00 – 11:00 Open discussion:
- Which areas of research could provide deeper insights into the artisan sector, including its challenges and opportunities?
 - Can collaborations with Higher Education Institutions such as UoM and MCAST unlock the research potential of the artisan sector?
 - How might you or your institution contribute to advancing the research needs identified in the strategy? What skills and resources do artisans have that can contribute to research efforts?
 - What conditions can enable artisans to bridge craftsmanship and research?
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15 – 11:25 Presentation on the FUSION Research Excellence Programme by Xjenza Malta Representative
- 11:25 – 11:30 Summary of Outcomes and Concluding remarks