



Horizon Europe Information Day

26 March 2026

09:00 - 14:00

Esplora Planetarium Hall, Kalkara

09:00 – 09:30 Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:30 – 09:35 **Opening Remarks**

Ms Anthea Fabri, Director, Xjenza Malta

09:35 – 10:45 **Horizon Europe: Overview and Calls (Part 1)**

Introduction to Horizon Europe

Ms Anthea Fabri, Director, Xjenza Malta

Ing. Mark Meilak, Deputy, Xjenza Malta

Pillar 1 – Excellent Science

Ms Lili Kankaya, Senior Executive, Xjenza Malta

Mr Ayrton Barbara, Executive, Xjenza Malta

Pillar 3 – Innovative Europe

Dr Alessandra Loria, Executive, Xjenza Malta

Widening Participation & Strengthening the European Research Area

Ms Isabelle Micallef Bonello, Executive, Xjenza Malta

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 **Horizon Europe: Overview and Calls (Part 2)**

Pillar 2 – Global Challenges and European Industrial Competitiveness including Missions

Mr Ayrton Barbara, Executive, Xjenza Malta

Ms Tamara Schembri, Senior Executive, Xjenza Malta

Ing. Mark Meilak, Deputy, Xjenza Malta

Dr Alessandra Loria, Executive, Xjenza Malta

12:00 – 12:45

Turning Horizon Europe Calls into Funded Projects

A panel discussion moderated by

Ms Jacqueline Grech, Deputy Director, Xjenza Malta

Panelists:

Prof. Stephanie Bezzina Wettinger, University of Malta

Mr Steven Figerio, HIVE Ventures Ltd

Mr Fabio Perossini, KPeople Foundation

Mr Anthony Cassar, Heritage Malta

12:45 – 13:00

National Support Schemes and National Contact Point Services

Ms Lili Kankaya, Senior Executive, Xjenza Malta

Ms Tamara Schembri, Senior Executive, Xjenza Malta

Dr Alessandra Loria, Executive, Xjenza Malta

13:00 – 14:00

Networking lunch