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MEA awarded special recognition at the European Enterprise Awards ceremony in Luxembourg

It was an exciting evening for the Malta Employers' Association during the European Enterprise Awards ceremony which was held in Luxembourg on the 19th November, which was attended by more than 600 delegates from across Europe. The MEA project 'Strengthening the Business Environment through Active Social Dialogue' was among the three shortlisted projects across the European Union for the category of 'Strengthening the Business Environment'. The project was previously awarded the National Enterprise Award in Malta, and was among national projects which participated in the EU event.

During the ceremony, the MEA project was one of four projects from all categories, consisting of thousands of projects, to be awarded a special mention for improving the business environment. This award was handed to MEA specifically for 'providing management support to SMEs and educating the public on employment issues'. This is in recognition of the many innovative activities which MEA has been conducting over the years, amongst them, the setting up of an SME desk, the television programme MEA, and the physical and electronic distribution of a human resources handbook which is an important reference to employers on HR related matters. It was remarked that these projects have good transferability potential and the ideas can be implemented by other employer organizations across Europe.

Since the years when Malta started participating in this event this has been the highest achievement obtained by a Maltese organisation. Joseph Farrugia, MEA Director General, stated that this recognition is an honor for the Association on its fiftieth anniversary since it was founded, and also for Malta as it is proof that our country can produce projects and results on the same level of its European counterparts. He added that this achievement was also possibly because a lean, motivated and dedicated team that is the MEA secretariat and a clear and focused vision by the Council.