



Dedicated to promote the interests  
of the Maltese maritime industry

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## **TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

The Malta Maritime Forum (MMF) is a non-governmental organisation with a vision to champion all matters related to the Maltese maritime industry<sup>1</sup> and the Blue Economy and to serve as a facilitator for communication between the authorities and various sectors that form this industry. As the leading Maritime Cluster of the Maltese Islands, the MMF also seeks to provide value, support and leadership to the Maritime Community.

Stemming from the above, the MMF strives to keep itself and its members abreast of developments of direct relevance to the Blue Economy. Over the past few years, in fact, it has been strongly engaged in policy development related to ESG issues, most notably the decarbonisation of transport.

In October 2021, the MMF signed a 5-Year Partnership Agreement with the Malta Employers' Association (MEA) with a view to compare notes with this prestigious private sector representative body on matters of mutual interest. The MMF was delighted to discover the serious and relentless activity which was being conducted at the time by the Association in the context of its *MEAGreen* Initiative dedicated to raising awareness amongst the business community about green growth, the circular economy, sustainable jobs and SDG governance in general.

By virtue of this MoU, the MMF was able to source new contacts and information. Similarly, the MMF was able to communicate its knowledge and positions on decarbonisation, digitalisation for carbon neutrality, sustainable (maritime) jobs, circular economy issues to the members of the MEA through invitations made to the MMF to participate in webinars, conferences, MEA TV programmes and written contributions which appeared on MEA digital and printed media under the umbrella initiative *MEAGreen*. The undersigned, together with my colleagues, in fact participated in various MEATV programmes, a conference held on 3 November 2021 and a special publication outlining the views and recommendations aired during this conference.

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<sup>1</sup> The Forum represents all the major players in the Industry across a very wide spectrum including: Shipyards, Terminal Operators, Ship Owners & Operators, Shipping Agencies, Educational Institutions, Maritime Lawyers, Stevedores, Ship Management Companies, Naval Architects, Maritime Pilots, Bunker Suppliers, Towage Operators, Cruise Port Operators, Hauliers, Consultants, Freight Forwarders and others.



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In my view, the conference and publication are particularly noteworthy for their relevance and validity as it underlined the need for action towards green growth, making several tangible recommendations which, I understand, were very favourably received.

In fulfilment of its mission to provide value, support and leadership to the Maritime Community, the MMF looks forward to continued collaboration with the Malta Employers' Association focused on the highly effective MEAGreen project which has proven to be most successful and inspiring to members of both the MEA and MMF.

In closing, I would find no hesitation nominating the Malta Employers' Association and their its MEAGreen Initiative for the forthcoming 2022 National Supporting Business Awards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Borg".

Kevin J Borg  
Chief Executive Officer