## **ESG** for SMEs

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 11:00hrs – 12:00 noon

Webinar organised by the Gozo Business Chamber, in collaboration with Weave Consulting, and Bank of Valletta

ESG principles, which stand for Environmental, Social, and Governance, can benefit small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in various ways. Implementing ESG practices can enhance sustainability, improve risk management, and contribute to long-term success. ESG principles can help SMEs through: (a) Improved reputation and brand value; (b) access to capital; (c) risk mitigation; (d) operational efficiency; (e) regulatory compliance; (f) market access and differentiation: (g) stakeholder engagement; (h) long-term resilience; (i) innovation opportunities; and (j) talent attraction and retention. In summary, integrating ESG principles into business practices can bring numerous benefits to SMEs, ranging from financial advantages to enhanced stakeholder relationships and long-term resilience.

The scope of this webinar will be to examine the impact of adhering to ESG criteria for SMEs.

AGENDA	
11:00 – 11:05	Opening Address, President of theGBC
11:05 – 11:25	ESG and its Benefits for SMEs - Dr. Roberta Lepre, Managing Director - Weave Consulting
11:25 – 11:45	ESG, Sustainability and Banking. Mitigating Climate and Environmental Risks  — Clint Azzopardi Flores – Head ESG Department – Bank of Valletta
11:45 – 11:55	Q&A session moderated by Daniel Borg, CEO of the Gozo Business Chamber
11:55 – 12:00	Closing Remarks, by Daniel Borg, CEO







