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Press Release: A Voice for Business. A Voice for the Community

On the 21st February 2024 the Gozo Business Chamber held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Queen Mary University of London, Malta Campus, Victoria. This year's AGM also saw the election of the new council members for the period 2024-2025.

The first part of the Annual General Meeting was dedicated to the presentation of the annual administrative report by the Chief Executive Officer of the Gozo Business Chamber. In his introductory remarks Daniel Borg highlighted that the Chamber "during the past year, has consistently worked on ethics in business, the environment, accessibility, and youth enterprise. The Chamber has also consistently spoken in a clear and transparent manner on issues that affect not only Gozitan businesses but also the community." In his presentation, he outlined the Chamber's work over the past year including the work of the Europe Direct Office within the Chamber, and the Chamber's work within INSULEUR (the Insular Chambers of Commerce of the European Union). Here the Chamber provided significant input in various fora.

During each AGM the Chamber also presents a topic of interest to its members. This year, Ricky Bugeja, partner in reach.mt, delivered a presentation on the benefits of digital transformation for Gozitan businesses. He also provided an overview of the work being conducted within the Chamber to establish a youth network. Interventions during this year's AGM featured also Hon Dr Alex Borg, spokesman of the Opposition for Gozo, and the intervention of Hon Clint Camilleri, Minister for Gozo and Planning.

In his concluding speech Joseph Borg, President of the Gozo Business Chamber, reflected on a number of issues including: the Chamber's work on its 25th year anniversary, its relevance for Gozitan society, and its future; the value of voluntary work; the importance of islands; the need for Gozo to be a protagonist in the environment through the protection of the natural and built environment, and the promotion of renewable energy; the need for a new hospital for Gozo; and the potential of the island in the digital sector.

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Stqarrija għall-Istampa: Vuçi għan-Negozju. Vuçi għall-komunita'

Fil-21 ta' Frar 2024 il-Kamra tan-Negozju għal Għawdex organizzat il-Laqqgħa Ġenerali Annwali (AGM) fil-*Queen Mary University of London, Malta Campus* fil-belt Victoria f'Għawdex. Din is-sena l-AGM ra wkoll l-elezzjoni tal-membri godda tal-kunsill għall-perijodu 2024-2025.

Il-parti introduttiva tal-AGM kienet iddedikata lill-preżentazzjoni tar-rapport amministrattiv annwali mill-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-Kamra tan-Negozju għal Għawdex. Daniel Bog irrimarka li "il-Kamra b'konsistenza kompliet taħdem fuq temi importanti bħall-etika fin-negozju, l-ambjent, l-aċċessibiltà, u l-intrapriża fost iż-żgħażaġh. Il-Kamra baqgħet titkellem ukoll b'mod konsistenti u ċar fuq id-diffikultajiet li qed jaffaċċjaw mhux biss in-negozji Għawdxin imma wkoll is-soċjeta' Għawdxija, u resqet il-proposti tagħha fuq diversi livelli." Fil-preżentazzjoni tiegħu l-Kap Eżekuttiv tkellem dwar ix-xogħol tal-Kamra f'din l-aħħar sena inkluż ix-xogħol tal-uffiċċju tagħha tal-Europe Direct, u x-xogħol tal-Kamra fi hdan l-INSULEUR (*the Insular Chambers of Commerce of the European Union*). Hawnhekk il-Kamra tat il-kontribut tagħha b'interventi f'diversi fora.

F'kull Laqqgħa Ġenerali Annwali il-Kamra tistieden kelliem biex jagħti preżentazzjoni fuq suġġett ta' interess għall-komunita kummerċjali. Din is-sena Ricky Bugeja, *partner f' Reach.mt*, ta preżentazzjoni fuq il-benefiċċji tat-trasformazzjoni diġitali għan-negozji Għawdxin. Huwa tkellem ukoll fuq ix-xogħol li qed isir fil-Kamra tan-Negozju għal Għawdex biex jiġi stabbilit *youth network*. L-interventi fil-Laqqgħa Ġenerali Annwali kienu jinkludu wkoll l-intervent tal-kelliem tal-Oppożizzjoni għal Għawdex, l-Onorevoli Dr Alex Borg, kif ukoll l-intervent tal-Onorevoli Clint Camilleri, Ministru għal Għawdex u l-Ippjanar.

Fid-diskors konklussiv tiegħu Joseph Borg, President tal-Kamra tan-Negozju għal Għawdex, irrifletta fuq numru ta' temi li kienu jinkludu: x-xogħol tal-Kamra f'għeluq il-25 sena mit-twaqqif tagħha, ir-rilevanza tagħha għas-soċjeta' Għawdxija, u l-futur tagħha; il-valur tax-xogħol volontarju; l-importanza tal-gżejjer; il-ħtieġa li Għawdex inkun protagonista fl-ambjent kemm fejn tidhol il-protezzjoni tal-ambjent naturali u dak mibni, u kif ukoll il-promozzjoni u l-użu tal-enerġija rinnovabbli; il-ħtieġa ta' spjar ġdid għal Għawdex; u l-potenzjal ta' Għawdex bħala gżira fis-settur diġitali.
