Navigating the New Occupational Health and Safety Act: Key Updates and Implications for Businesses

Thursday 6th March 2025
11:00hrs – 12:00 noon

Webinar organised by the Gozo Business Chamber and the OHSA
in collaboration with Bank of Valletta

Occupational health and safety (OHS) is a fundamental pillar of decent working conditions and developed countries have enacted various legislative instruments to protect workers' rights in this regard.

All workers in all occupations and in all sectors are in one way or another at risk of injury or falling ill because of work, yet those employed in micro, small, or medium enterprises are more likely to suffer occupational accidents and ill health than those employed by large enterprises.

Last year, the Maltese primary OHS legislation was updated and, apart from retaining various legal obligations present under the old Act, it introduced new obligations, restructured and gave new powers to the national regulator (the Occupational Health and Safety Authority), established a new system of penalties, fines and other deterrents and also established an impartial Health and Safety Tribunal.

This webinar will discuss the new Act, the new obligations and the new developments in the field of OHS as a result of the legislative update.

AGENDA	
11:00 – 11:05	Opening Address, Michael Galea, President of theGBC
11:05 – 11:45	The new Health and Safety at Work Act, 2024 – Silvio Farrugia, Senior Manager (Policies and Programmes); and Dr Melhino Mercieca, Senior Manager (Prosecution)
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

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