

PRIMA COLLABORATE

AN EVENT UNITING MED RESEARCHERS IN MALTA FOR INNO- VATION

LOCATION: Chaplain's Hall, Esplora, Kalkara, *with online access available.*
Register here: <https://forms.gle/B9W4U33a1K5KW3GJ8>

DATE: 8th - 9th of February 2024

WELCOME EVENT – 8TH FEBRUARY

16:00 – 16:30	Registration
16:30 – 16:45	Welcome note by MCST Chairman – <i>Dr. Tonio Portugese</i> Welcome note by PRIMA Foundation Co-chair – <i>Prof. Mohamed El Shinawi (TBC)</i> Speech by Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Research and Innovation – <i>Hon. Keith Azzopardi Tanti</i>
16:50 – 18:15	Introduction and Panel Discussion on Synergies to Mediterranean Priorities for Research and Innovation (R&I) Moderator: <i>Sonya Sammut – Director, Food systems, Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights</i> Panellists: <i>Omar Cutajar – Senior Director, Strategy, Research and Technical Affairs, Malta Council for Science and Technology</i> <i>Luciano Mule Stagno – Professor, Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta and member of the Thematic Committee.</i> <i>Maria Maia – Science and Policy Officer, Department for International Relations, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia, 5+5 Dialogue Delegate for Science and Portuguese Presidency Secretariat</i> <i>Marco Orlando – Project Officer, Thematic Area Water Management, PRIMA Foundation</i> <i>Martin Vieira – National Contact Point for European Innovation Council, European Innovation Ecosystems and European Institute of Innovation and Technology, Framework Programme Unit, Malta Council for Science and Technology</i>



Alessio Bucaioni – Co-founder and CEO, WES Trade Ltd.

Panellists will present and actively engage in discussions centering around significant contributions made by initiatives, primarily PRIMA, and the Horizon Europe Mediterranean Initiative. These initiatives serve as prime examples of how they aid in advancing and implementing regional priorities, aligned with the Union for the Mediterranean Roadmaps on Research and Innovation, as well as the workplan outlined in the 5+5 Dialogue on Research, Innovation, and Higher Education. The panel will explore how these initiatives, are actively shaping and bolstering the region's Research and Innovation landscapes.

18:30 – 20:00

Networking (Food and Drinks)

PRIMA COLLABORATE EVENT - 9TH FEBRUARY

8:30 – 9:00

Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 – 9:10

Brief introduction on the scope of the day – *Annalisa Cartabia, PRIMA National Contact Point, Internationalisation Unit - MCST*

9:15 – 10:00

PRIMA Section 1 and 2 info session – *Marco Orlando, PRIMA Project Officer*
Application Stage - General Considerations (Annual Work Plan, Calls' overview, consortium eligibility, self-financed partner, proposal submission and evaluation)

10:00 – 11:00

PRIMA projects - successful stories
Project Coordinators to describe briefly their projects/successful stories/building proposal consortium and answering questions from the audience.

Olga Cacciola (Professor, University of Catania, Italy) – *BiOrangePack Project Coordinator (PRIMA Section 2)*

Aziz Faissal (Professor, Cadi Ayyad University, Morocco) – *CYCLOLIVE Project Coordinator (PRIMA Section 2)*

Dirk De Ketelaere and Anna Spiteri (Founders, Integrated Resources Management Company Ltd., Malta) – *Project Partner in Mara-Mediterra (PRIMA Section 1) and Lead Partner in UNIMED project (MCST-TUBITAK Joint Call 2022)*

Karim Ben Hamed (Professor, Centre de Biotechnologie de Borj Cédria, Tunisia) - *HALOFARMS Project Coordinator (PRIMA Section 2)*



11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break - Standing networking
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Proposal writing workshop – <i>Marco Orlando, PRIMA Project Officer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How to write successfully a PRIMA proposal (pre/full proposal, post award)- Main characteristics of a winning proposal – tips & tricks
12:30 – 13:30	<p>Putting knowledge into practice – <i>Marco Orlando, PRIMA Project Officer</i></p> <p>Create a sound concept note outlining a project (simulation). In-person audience will be organized into groups to collaboratively compile the task. Following the group activities, rapporteurs will present examples from their respective teams.</p> <p><i>Online participants will enjoy an additional hour break.</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:30	<p>Pitching proposals and networking</p> <p>Provide researchers and prospective applicants with an opportunity to discuss potential project ideas and establish collaborations for potential research proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pitchers are invited to present concise 2-slide presentations- Participants will have dedicated time for informal discussions to explore project ideas and foster collaborations.
16:30 – 17:00	Concluding remarks and discussion – Q&A

