

**Euroguidance Conference 2018**  
**‘My Journey’: Opening New Horizons for Students**  
**Monday, 3rd December from 08.30 – 14.30**  
**Venue: Seashells @ Suncrest, Qawra**

## Programme

- 08.30 – 09.00 **Registration**
- 09.00 – 09.15 Introduction to the Conference  
Opening Speech by Ms Maria Mc Namara, Director General, Directorate for Educational Services.  
Opening Address by the Hon. Mr. Evarist Bartolo, Minister for Education and Employment
- 09.15 – 10.00 **Keynote address: The Skills Gap Challenge – Can ‘My Journey’ help us transform it into a Strategic Inflection Point**  
Ing. Vince Maione, CEO, National Skills Council
- 10.00 – 11.15 **Panel Discussions: *Further Insights on the topic***  
**Panel Members:**
1. Mr Stephen Cachia Director General, Department for Curriculum, Lifelong Learning & Employability
  2. Ms Sandra Cortis, Director, National School Support Services
  3. Mr Joseph Farrugia, Director General, Malta Employers’ Association
  4. Ms Marisa Xuereb, Vice President, Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry and Managing Director, Raesch Quarz (Malta) Ltd.
  5. Mr Jonathan Attard, Head of Secondary School, St Theresa College
  6. Mrs Joyce Aquilina, Parent of a Year 8 student attending Middle School, St Thomas More College
- 11.15 – 11.45 Coffee Break
- 11.45 – 12.45 **Workshops (Parallel Sessions): *Preparing the learners for the skills of the future***

**Workshop 1:** Is education equipped to fuel the skills of the future?

**Facilitator:** Mr Gaetano Bugeja, Director, Learning & Assessment Programmes

**Rapporteur:** Ms Maria Montebello, Head of School, Middle School, St Ignatius College

**Workshop 2:** What is the role of parents/guardians in assisting their children throughout their educational journey?

**Facilitator:** Mr Maria Mc Namara, Director General, Directorate for Educational Services

**Rapporteur:** Ms Charmaine Elshout, Head of Middle School, St Clare College

**Workshop 3:** What is the role of educators, employers and career professionals in the formation and development of our future employees?

**Facilitator:** Mr Keith Bartolo, College Principal, St Clare College

**Rapporteur:** Ms Franceanne Borg Orland, Assistant Director, Education Psycho-Social Services

**Workshop 4:** How can the link between education and employment be further strengthened?

**Facilitator:** Mr Alex Farrugia, Director, Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability

**Rapporteur:** Mr Mario Bugeja, Head of School, Alternative Learning Programme

**Workshop 5:** How can 'My Journey' pave the way forward towards further education after compulsory schooling?

**Facilitator:** Mr George Psaila, College Principal, St Thomas More College

**Rapporteur:** Mr Nicholas Agius, Head of School, Wardija Resource Centre, Maria Regina College

12.45 – 13.15	Summary of Workshops by Rapporteurs
13.15 – 13.45	Concluding Remarks by keynote speaker
13.45 – 14.00	Closing Speech by Dr Frank Fabri, Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Education and Employment
14.00 – 14.30	Stand Up Lunch

### **Keynote Speaker:**

*Vincent Maione is an electronic engineer by profession. He has held engineering and managerial positions in industry where he spent the first twenty - three years of his professional career. In 2004 he joined MCAST as a lecturer where he had the opportunity to teach engineering from level 3 to level 6. His career at MCAST progressed on to educational management and in the last three years he was the Vice Principal of the college. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> November of this year he has been appointed as Chief Executive of the National Skills Council where he hopes to bring his industry and education experience to fruition.*

### **Keynote Address: The Skills Gap Challenge – Can 'My Journey' help us transform it into a Strategic Inflection Point**

Malta's impressive economic growth is constantly being challenged by a skills shortage and skills gap. The comprehensive education strategy 'My Journey' provides us with the vision and action plans that could transform the challenges into an opportunity.

### **Panel Discussion: Further Insights on the topic 'My Journey': Opening New Horizons for Students**

A number of stakeholders will engage in a discussion about 'My Journey' educational experience and its impact on education and employment. The audience shall be encouraged to participate in the discussion by asking questions and sharing their experiences regarding the topic.

### **Workshops (Parallel Sessions): Preparing the learners for the skills of the future**

Participants may select one of the workshops. Participants are given the opportunity to discuss the theme in small groups.