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The Malta Chamber President calls for bold action to secure Malta's future at the EY Future Realised Conference 2025

The President of The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry, William Spiteri Bailey, today delivered a forceful call for clarity, resilience, and ambition as Malta navigates a rapidly evolving global economic landscape. Speaking at the EY Malta Future Realised Conference 2025, the President emphasised that the decisions taken in the coming years will define the country's trajectory for decades to come.

Addressing a distinguished audience, the President highlighted three major forces reshaping the global economy — trade fragmentation, Europe's industrial reset, and the transformative power of artificial intelligence.

"The world's economic foundations are shifting before our eyes," the President said. "Trade is fragmenting into competing blocs, Europe is redefining its industrial and investment agenda, and artificial intelligence is changing not just how business operates, but what constitutes competitiveness and value."

The President reaffirmed The Malta Chamber's commitment to driving a future-focused economic strategy. Among the Chamber's key priorities is the development of an International Logistics Hub, which was described as "not just a project — but a crucial investment in Malta's long-term survival and growth."

Turning to Europe's industrial policy, the President stressed that Malta must not be a "passive taker of policy" but an active contributor shaping the continent's future. In this context, he called for alignment with the EU's new frameworks for energy, technology, and critical supply chains to safeguard the competitiveness of Malta's industries.

On digital transformation, the President underscored that AI and digitalisation are no longer optional, stating that they must define how both businesses and government operate — through smarter regulation, efficient public administration, and transparent procurement systems.

The President also cautioned that Malta's economic success cannot rest on population-driven growth. "We must transition from a model rooted in labour expansion and over-construction to one focused on quality, value, and sustainability," he said, calling for reforms to boost productivity, governance, and fiscal discipline.

Echoing The Malta Chamber's Pre-Budget 2026 proposals, he urged greater investment in education, re-skilling, and talent retention, including the introduction of incentives to attract skilled Maltese professionals back to the country.

He also pointed to everyday challenges facing businesses; from traffic congestion to weak governance and overstretched infrastructure. Warning that these must be tackled head-on for Malta to remain competitive.

The President linked these priorities to the Envision 2050, a strategy that centres on sustainable growth, citizen-focused services, educational advancement, and smarter use of land and sea resources.

“The world is not waiting for Malta to catch up,” he concluded. “Our competitiveness, our credibility, and our quality of life depend on the actions we take now. Together, we can turn uncertainty into opportunity and ensure that Malta’s future is not only realised — but secured.”

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