



MALTA MARITIME FORUM ESG CONFERENCE

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ESG CONFERENCE - PROGRAMME

Moderator: Mr Kevin Spiteri

- 0900 *Coffee & Registration*
- 0930 Opening Address
Mr Godwin Xerri
Chairman - Malta Maritime Forum
- 0940 Trends in ESG Regulation & the Impact of EU CSRD on the Global Shipping Industry
Mr Christian Bækmark Schiolborg
Manager, Maritime Technology and Regulation - BIMCO
- 1010 The Importance of the Social Element in ESG
Dr Roberta Lepre
Managing Director – Weave Consulting
- 1030 The G in ESG
Mr Kevin J Borg
CEO - Malta Maritime Forum
- 1050 ESG in Maritime from a Banking Perspective
Mr Mark Scicluna Bartoli
Head Product Management and Development - Bank of Valletta
- 1110 Panel Discussion & Questions from the Floor
Moderator: Mr Kevin Spiteri
**Panellists: Mr Christian Bækmark Schiolborg, Dr Roberta Lepre
Mr Mark Scicluna Bartoli and Mr Kevin J Borg**
- 1200 Conclusion of Event
- 1200 *Refreshments & Networking*

Speakers' Bio Notes

Mr Godwin Xerri – Chairman Malta Maritime Forum

Outside of the MMF, Godwin Xerri is the CEO and one of the founding members of Combined Maritime Services Limited which is Malta's leading multi-disciplinary specialist in maritime consultancy. He is also Managing Director of Focal Maritime Services Co. Ltd and Delta Container Services Ltd as well as Director of GreenwaveShipping.mt.

In the past, he served as Managing Director of Sea Malta Co. Ltd and as a director on various Boards of corporations and companies including Malta Freeport Corporation, Bank of Valletta International (BOVI) and Tug Malta Co. Ltd. Throughout his career in the maritime and logistics industry he has remained involved in the academic sphere through regular lecturing at the IMO International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) and the Institute of Transport and Logistics as well as through involvement in the UK Chartered Institute of Shipbrokers, of which he is a fellow.

In May 2023, Godwin Xerri became the first Maltese to be elected Chairman of the Worldwide Ship Agencies Association (WWSA) – an influential organisation on a global level based in Antwerp.



Mr Christian Bækmark Schiolborg - Marine Environment Manager, BIMCO



Christian Bækmark Schiolborg joined BIMCO in 2019 as Manager, Marine Environment. He is responsible for analysing regulatory developments, mainly on issues related to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships. Furthermore, he represents BIMCO at international organisations such as the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) on various environmental and climate related topics.

Christian is educated as dual officer (deck officer and marine engineer) and has sailed on container ships and offshore vessels. At present, Christian is studying for a Masters degree in Sustainable Leadership at the Technical University of Denmark (DTU).

Before joining BIMCO, he worked 6 years with the Danish Maritime Authority. Here he began as ship surveyor, became port state control officer and ended as special adviser in technical regulation in the department for maritime regulations and legal affairs. During this time he represented Denmark at IMO on different technical issues and was Head of the Danish delegation in the Sub-committee on Ship Systems and Equipment.

Dr Roberta Lepre - Managing Director, Weave Consulting

Dr Roberta Lepre is a Doctor of Laws and Managing Director of WEAVE Consulting: the ESG Specialists where she actively engages with businesses in the adoption of sustainable practices that exert a positive impact on society and the environment and to contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. She acquired experience in the domestic social sector, having served on public bodies and in the non-profit sector, including the Guardian for Future Generations.

Dr Roberta Lepre is also a founding member and Project Director of SEAM (Social Entrepreneurs Associations Malta), member of the board of VSF Malta, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of Directors (Malta), as well as forming part of EcoDA's Task Force on ESG



matters. She also manages the newly set up Europe Direct Core Platform. In 2021, she was awarded the Sustainability Role Model Award during Malta's Businesswoman awards, held under the patronage of H.E. the President of Malta.

Mr Mark Scicluna Bartoli - Head Product Management and Development, Bank of Valletta



Mark is tasked with improving access to finance through the development of risk sharing guaranteed financial instruments. Over the past twelve years Mark has tapped into both EU and National guarantee funds mobilising over €600 million in private funds for Maltese enterprises and energy efficiency investments.

Between 2004 and 2012 Mark was tasked with setting up the EU funding unit within Malta Enterprise which launched €45million in EU grants for Maltese enterprises. Prior to 2004 Mark worked as an environmental consultant with Arthur D Little in Cambridge, UK and with the EU Commission in Brussels.

Mark studied life sciences at the University of Malta and later specialised in environmental assessment and evaluation as a Chevening Scholar at the London School of Economics and Political Sciences.

On a personal level, Mark is engaged by the EU Commission and United Nations as an expert in the fields of access to finance and environment and has just concluded his 6-year term as a member of the Board of Directors of the European Investment Fund.

Mr Kevin J Borg – CEO Malta Maritime Forum

A graduate in Economics, Mr Kevin J Borg is the CEO of the Malta Maritime Forum and Director General of the Malta Employers Association.

In the recent past, Kevin occupied other prominent roles including Non-Executive Director of Bank of Valletta and Director General of the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry. Though these various positions in his career, Kevin has amassed almost 25 years experience in leadership of the business community whilst building for himself a distinct reputation for integrity and professionalism with all stakeholders he has connected with including entrepreneurs, political leaders and social partners.



Kevin also sits on the National Productivity Board set up on the recommendation of DG ECFIN of the European Commission.

Mr Kevin Spiteri - Moderator