

The mission of the Foundation for Transport is to assist the industry players of the transport sector in Malta and Gozo to adapt to new skills and competencies brought about by new technologies.

The Foundation for Transport firmly believes that together we can achieve sustainable transport for the future, and that adapting to innovation in transport can be a game-changer within this industry.

As part of our ongoing commitment to the sector we have recently participated in MEA's SMEs National Forum 2022, entitled Ensuring the Skills for Future Competitiveness. FfT led one of the discussion panels, and identified the following salient points for development:

The transport industry is an attractive sector within Malta's workforce – technology within this sector is developing at a fast rate, continuously creating new opportunities and prospects. However there are apparent gaps in skills within this industry, both qualitative and quantitative in nature.



This is where we look at the younger generation, wherein lies the untapped potential which can be identified and nurtured towards various roles within the transport industry. Students, parents, educational institutions and businesses should be prepared to adapt and react constantly to address the challenges which technology is presenting at an unprecedented pace.

Continuous development in technology presents new challenges which can be harnessed and developed into opportunities. Therefore, skills forecasting is an important element within a long term plan for implementation of initiatives to address identified gaps, where connectivity and competitiveness have to be part of the equation.

The role of apprenticeships schemes should be revisited and reinstated in the transport industry, to help the sector identify and nurture talent, and hit the ground running when facing the developing scenario.

Transition to green technologies gives the opportunity to regulate in line with international best practices.

The Foundation believes it can reach out to industry players to accelerate their adoption of green technologies and to reskill and upskill resources, in a very natural and dynamic manner thanks to its extensive co-founder base.

Together with industry representatives, the Foundation links vocational education, the transport regulator together with Malta's economic development agency. The Foundation is well placed from its core to disseminate information and best practices very easily and collaborate with policy makers to convey a realistic and holistic picture.



Innovation

New technologies introduce the requirement for new skills and new ways of running our business.



Sustainability

Striving to reach a balance between well-being, a cleaner environment & planning ahead with a vision.



Safety

If new technologies in transport are not synonymous with safety, then they are not worth having.