

MBA Seminar to Discuss 'Blockchain, Innovative Technologies and Regulation'

The Malta Bankers' Association is organising a seminar with the theme 'Blockchain, Innovative Technologies and Regulation', targeting financial service providers' concerns relating to the recently enacted comprehensive DLT legislation.

The seminar will be led by a number of experts in the field including Dr. Leonard Bonello and Mr. James Farrugia, Partners with GANADO Advocates, both of whom have been actively involved in this emerging sector as from its inception. Panel speakers will include Mr. Patrick Young, who sits on the board of the Blockchain Malta Association as well as Mr. J P Fabri, the Lead Director on Blockchain and cryptocurrency within the ARQ Group.

Participants will be provided with an overview of the three national legislative measures which target the regulation of these new technologies, namely, the Malta Digital Innovation Act, the Innovative Technology Arrangements and Services Act and the Virtual Financial Assets Act. The speakers will also provide participants with an overview of the various types of service providers in the market, their business models and the types of risks which may be associated to each category of service providers. They will also address the implications of the 5th Anti-Money Laundering Directive and its applicability to such service providers.

This half-day seminar shall be held on Tuesday 24th July 2018 at Le Meridien St Julian's Hotel and Spa with registration commencing at 8.00. The seminar shall be followed by a networking lunch. Further information about the seminar may be obtained from the Malta Bankers' Association by sending an e-mail to <u>info@maltabankers.org</u> or by calling on 21412210.

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