

A LEADING STATE ATTRACTING TOP-NOTCH TALENTS AND CAPITAL FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Gifted with its warm and sunny climate all year round, its unique mediterranean landscapes and crystal-clear waters, combined with numerous cultural and historical sites, Malta has long earned its reputation as a premium touristic destination. However, the country is more recently being recognized as a first-choice destination for FDI, business and relocation by high-net-worth Individuals and investors, entrepreneurs, digital nomads and foreign professionals whom are increasingly attracted by the country's booming economy and opportunities, strategic location and high connectivity, in addition to its pleasant quality of life and stable and safe environment.

Located right in the heart of the Mediterranean, at the crossroads between Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, Malta is the European Union's smallest member state. Famous for its 7000-year History, the country has emerged as one of the most remarkable stories of the Eurozone. Recognized for its pro-business attitude, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and modest costs of doing business, it has become the go-to country for growth-minded entrepreneurs and multinational companies.

Malta's strong economic performance has been lauded in multiple occasions by various international entities such as the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund and credit rating agencies.

The country's economy is well balanced and predominantly export-oriented. The major indicators namely, gross domestic product, labor market developments, industrial production and trade, all indicate growth : the Central Bank of Malta is projecting a GDP growth of 5.2% in 2022 and a similar trend in the three coming years and the country's labor market is showing the fastest employment growth rates amongst all the EU28 members, increasing at a steady rate of over 4%.

Aware of its limitations in terms of size, with a population of just over 443,400 people, the country keeps fuelling its innovative economy with new talents and capital by actively welcoming foreign professionals, businesses, and investments. The country has created new citizenship and residency by investment programs, in addition to one of the most sought-after digital nomad residence permits, offering favorable conditions for non-EU nationals to relocate to the European island and settle in smoothly.

As an FDI location, the Maltese Government and Business Community have a medium to long-term vision and are currently focusing on higher value-added type of investments, digital innovation, financial services, climate action and energy, aviation and maritime, health and pharmaceutical industry, education or tourism and culture. The

archipelago's strong and consistent growth is leading the country to becoming the destination of choice for a number of multinational companies seeking to relocate their operations or looking for an ideal market within the EU and the Mediterranean area.

The country's main strengths lie in its efficient and qualified workforce, and the flexibility and proximity of the Government and institutional decision makers, the use of English as a business and official language, an attractive legal and fiscal framework for international companies and investors, as well as low operating costs.

Thanks to its internationally recognized educational system offering a wide variety of faculties and research institutes for both local and foreign students, and its solid medical sector, ranked by the World Health Organization has one of the top performing health systems in the World, Malta is also an ideal destination for foreign families willing to relocate to a safe and well connected European country, or even retirees willing to enjoy island lifestyle in the middle of the Mediterranean.



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