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Candidates' Profiles



Philip Azzopardi is a recent engineering graduate with a strong interest in aviation and materials engineering, having gained early professional experience through industry placements. He has recently completed postgraduate studies and is eager to contribute to the continued development and promotion of the engineering profession.

Alongside his academic background, he possesses extensive voluntary and leadership experience. Philip has been an active member of The Scout Association of Malta since childhood and has served in leadership roles within his local Scout Group for nearly nine years.

During this period, Philip organised and supervised educational and community-focused activities, including an initiative recognised through ERA's Sustainable Development Action Award. He has also completed formal leadership training, undertaken leadership responsibilities within an international scouting environment, and collaborated on outreach activities aimed at promoting engineering careers. During his postgraduate studies, he also served as Course Representative, acting as a liaison between students and academic staff, and was a committee member of a university society, contributing to the organisation of academic and recreational activities. If elected as an executive member of the Chamber of Engineers, his aim would be to support the profession's advancement and engagement, while representing younger engineers and contributing informed perspectives.



Stefania Cristina is a warranted electrical engineer who graduated from the University of Malta in 2008 with a B.Eng. (Hons.) degree in Electrical Engineering, followed by an M.Sc. by Research in 2010 and a Ph.D. in Engineering in 2016. She is currently a Senior Lecturer with the Department of Systems and Control Engineering at the University of Malta. With over 16 years of experience in computer vision and image processing, Stefania actively contributes to these fields through research that focuses on eye-gaze tracking for human-computer interaction, video-based human motion analysis, thermal image analysis, and document binarisation.

Beyond her academic and research endeavours, Stefania has also been committed to promoting the engineering profession. She has served as Chair of the Institution of Engineering and Technology's (IET) Vision and Imaging Technical Network, and as Chair of the Malta Group of Professional Engineering Institutions (MGPEI).



Joseph M. Farrugia is a warranted mechanical engineer who brings over 37 years of experience in pharmaceutical engineering, specialising in capital project management, site master planning, and the development of resilient maintenance systems. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Malta and has served in senior engineering and leadership roles at Pharmamed, Actavis, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, STMicroelectronics and Siegfried Malta.

Joseph has successfully managed major capital projects exceeding €120 million, leading multidisciplinary teams and implementing engineering solutions that strengthened operational capability and regulatory compliance. His work includes complex facility redevelopments, the establishment of effective engineering teams, and the delivery of business-critical projects within demanding timelines and regulatory frameworks. His experience extends internationally, having contributed to and overseen project portfolios in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Italy. He has formed part of the Actavis Corporate Engineering Team and Teva's Engineering Global Project Management Team, supporting strategic initiatives across Europe.

In November 2025, Joseph was honoured with the Maurice Debono Lifetime Achievement Award by the Chamber of Engineers, recognising his long-standing contribution to the engineering profession in Malta. Renowned for his commitment to engineering, he continues to support the profession through consultancy in the pharmaceutical and healthcare sectors, assisting both local and international organisations.



Ryan Grixti is a Solutions Architect at Epic Malta, where he has been working since November 2021. In this role, he transforms business needs into technical solutions, oversees digital transformation projects, manages stakeholder negotiations, and ensures seamless project integration. He also represents technology teams as an employee representative.

Prior to this role, he spent over seven years at STMicroelectronics, where he held positions such as Manufacturing AI and Data Analytics Manager. There, he implemented IoT and machine learning technologies for predictive maintenance and led quality improvement initiatives. As Product Engineering Team Lead, he worked with clients like Samsung, Apple, and Google on MEMS sensor testing and process optimization.

Ryan holds a Master's degree in Microelectronics and Microsystems and a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Computer Engineering from the University of Malta. He received his Engineering Warrant in 2017, officially recognizing him as a warranted Ingenier. Ryan also holds a EUR. ING. title from Engineers Europe. He currently serves as International Affairs Secretary for the Chamber of Engineers, contributing to the advancement of the profession in Malta and the international sphere.



David Scicluna Giusti is a warranted electrical engineer who graduated from the University of Malta in 2001. He started his career within the research and development team of a local automotive electronics manufacturing company. He then joined a local building services consultant where he gained valuable experience in electrical installations ranging from medium voltage to extra low voltage systems.

He was then employed as Chief Technical Officer with a local electrical supplies company and was responsible for major projects. He was also temporarily relocated to Libya to set up an office in Tripoli to serve the Libyan hospitality and oil & gas market. He is now employed with a local M&E contractor and is responsible for the estimation and execution of major projects including Medium Voltage systems.

David has served on the Chamber of Engineers executive council during the past 5 years as activities secretary and lately as Vice-President. He would like to further his contribution to the Engineering profession.



Izaak Scicluna grew up in a strong educational environment and guided closely by his parents, particularly his mother, who is a teacher. Through this upbringing, he developed effective study habits, confidence in his abilities, and a strong belief in the value of hard work. Early on, he believed he could achieve his goals independently. During his time in sixth form, involvement in extracurricular activities transformed his perspective. He came to understand the importance of collaboration and discovered a strong passion for activism and leadership. He is currently privileged to lead a team of youth volunteers advocating for entrepreneurial skills and to have served on UESA's executive team over the past year.

Izaak hopes to bring the experience gained from these roles to the position of Student Representative for the Chamber of Engineers. He firmly believes that the engineering profession depends not only on technical expertise, but also on strong communication, networking, and collaboration. Through this role, he aims to act as an effective link between the student body and the Chamber of Engineers, contributing actively to the development and strengthening of the profession
