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## MSE-MFSA Collaboration Highlights GRC Week Malta 2026

### **MFSA and MSE Align to Advance GRC Standards, Supervisory Strength, and Market Development at GRC Week Malta 2026**

#### **Strengthening Malta's Governance, Risk, and Compliance Landscape**

The Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) and the Malta Stock Exchange (MSE) jointly welcomed industry leaders, regulators, policymakers, and academics to GRC Week Malta 2026, a national platform dedicated to strengthening the governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) ecosystem across Malta's financial sector.

This year's programme brought together local and international experts to explore the evolving regulatory landscape, supervisory challenges, and the strategic role of GRC in safeguarding Malta's financial stability. Discussions focused on the rising importance of ESG integration, operational resilience, financial crime compliance, sustainable finance, data-driven oversight, and the opportunities and risks emerging from digital innovation and artificial intelligence.

#### **GRC as a Strategic Pillar of Financial Stability**

Throughout the event, MFSA leadership emphasised that GRC is no longer a procedural obligation but a strategic enabler of resilience, public trust, and long-term market integrity. Reflecting on the Authority's ongoing supervisory strengthening, MFSA Chairman Jesmond Gatt highlighted Malta's progress in enhancing supervisory capacity and raising governance expectations across the sector.

He noted that *"Good governance, sound risk management, and strong compliance cultures are the bedrock of Malta's financial system. At the MFSA, we see GRC not as a regulatory obligation, but as a strategic enabler of resilience, trust, and long-term sectoral growth. Our investment in supervisory capacity, our risk-based approach, and our focus on elevating standards across the industry reflect our commitment to a financial ecosystem that is robust, transparent, and internationally competitive. Events like GRC Week Malta strengthen the collaborative dialogue that is essential for achieving this vision."*

## Capital Markets as Drivers of Sustainable Growth

The event also underscored the central role of Malta's capital markets in driving sustainable economic development. Speakers reflected on the importance of transparency, sound governance, and robust market infrastructure in supporting issuers and investors, particularly as regulatory changes and digital transformation reshape the capital markets landscape.

Joseph Portelli, Executive Chairman of the MSE, emphasised the importance of strong governance frameworks in maintaining market confidence, noting that *"GRC Week Malta underscores how essential strong governance is to well-functioning and competitive markets. At the MSE, we remain committed to fostering transparent, efficient, and trustworthy capital markets that support investment, innovation, and sustainable growth. Collaboration with the MFSA is fundamental to this mission, and together we are creating the conditions for Malta to strengthen its standing as a reputable financial centre."*

## A Unified Commitment to Future-Ready Financial Markets

The convergence of supervisory insight and market development priorities demonstrated the value of collaboration between the MFSA and the MSE. As Malta continues aligning with EU regulatory developments and reinforcing its frameworks in areas such as capital markets oversight, operational resilience, sustainable finance, and digital transformation, both institutions reaffirmed their commitment to supporting a financial services sector that is future-ready, well-governed, and internationally competitive.

### About MFSA

The Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA) is the single regulator of financial services in Malta, covering banks, insurance companies, investment services, trusts and pensions. In 2018, the MFSA became the first European regulator to develop a framework to regulate virtual financial assets. The MFSA's mission, as enshrined in its Strategic Statement, is to enhance its position as an independent, proactive and trustworthy supervisory authority with the main purpose of safeguarding the integrity of markets and maintaining stability within the financial sector, for the benefit and protection of consumers. The MFSA licenses over 2,000 entities to operate in the financial services sector.