



UTRECHT NETWORK 10TH RESEARCH MANAGERS' WORKSHOP

7 – 9 October 2025
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA, Malta



The Research Managers Task Force cordially invites you to attend the 10th Annual Research Managers Workshop, to be held at the historic Valletta Campus of the University of Malta
on **7 to 9 October 2025**.

Venue: Aula Prima, Valletta Campus.: [link to google maps](#)

[Register here](#)

[Accommodation Rates](#)

The programme will centre on the critical theme of Research Security, with additional focused sessions on Research Infrastructures, AI Applications in Research Support, Data Security and Open Science Implementation and more essential topics for research management professionals.

We invite you to join colleagues from across the field for three days of knowledge sharing, networking, and collaboration in one of the Mediterranean's most beautiful settings.

Programme

Day 0: Monday 06/10/2025

19:30 Optional welcome dinner (at own expenses)
Venue: Valletta Waterfront

Day 1: Tuesday 07/10/2025

08:30 **Registration + Welcome Coffee**

09:00 **SESSION I:**
Welcome to University of Malta and Introduction of Participants
N.N.

'Tour de table': Introduction of participants

Chaired by: Emmanuel Babatunde, University of Bergen

Participants will introduce themselves and their organisation following a standard introduction presentation template (approx. 5 minutes per organisation).

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 **SESSION I: continuation**

12:00 Lunch

13:00 **SESSION II:** Research Security – Ministry of Education
Chaired by: N.N.

14:00 Coffee break

14:15 **SESSION III:** Research Security – Xjenza Malta
Chaired by: N.N.

15:30 **SESSION IV**
Guided tour of Valetta
Guided tour in the city centre.

19:00 **Networking Dinner** - Evening: social event in a restaurant
Venue: Nenu the Artisan Baker, 143, St Dominic Street, Valletta VLT 1605

Day 2: Wednesday 08/10/2025

08:30	Welcome Coffee
09:00	SESSION V: Major Challenges facing the Research Infrastructures Chaired by: Dr Elena Sultana
09:45	SESSION VI: Research Security, including aspects such as dual-use research, export control, and institutional best practices., Aarhus University, John Westensee Chaired by: N.N.
10:30	Coffee break
10:45	SESSION VII: Nurturing social innovators in the University, University of Cambridge, Ms Emma Salgård Cunha Chaired by: N.N.
13:00	Lunch
14:00	SESSION VIII and IX: Visits to research centres / labs Chaired by: N.N., University of Malta
17:00	SESSION X: Research Managers Task Force Meeting Chaired by: Emmanuel Babatunde, University of Bergen Only for Task Force members (E. Babatunde, Z Vémolová, E. Felice, G. Owen, G. Fuchs)
18:00	SOCIAL PROGRAMME (☺) Mdina

Day 3: Thursday 09/10/2025

08:30	Welcome Coffee
09:00	SESSION XI: Lump Sum Funding, University of Malta, Ms Donia Farrugia Chaired by: N.N.
10:30	Coffee break
10:45	SESSION XII: Getting Ready for Framework 10, Dr Sean Mc Carthy Chaired by: N.N.
12:00	SESSION XIII: Outlook for the future, Evaluation Chaired by: Emmanuel Babatunde, University of Bergen In this session, we would like to reflect on the past event, evaluate the sessions and discuss plans for the next-year workshop.
13:00	Lunch and end of the workshop
13:45	Depart for Harbour Cruise