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Accompanying Notes
Realigning the Maltese 2019 National AI Vision and Strategy

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The Malta Digital Innovation Authority (MDIA) has been entrusted with the review of the [Strategy and Vision for Artificial Intelligence in Malta 2030](#). The primary objective of this undertaking is to ensure the ongoing alignment of the strategy with the dynamic advancements in technology and the evolving regulatory landscape, which have transpired since its inception.

To secure the robustness and relevance of the updated Artificial Intelligence (AI) strategy, MDIA is ensuring that the design of the realigned strategy will seek stakeholder and public feedback throughout the process. At present, the MDIA is looking into the general structure and direction of the strategy, identifying the way the measures and action lines of the strategy will eventually be integrated as part of the vision and goals.

The accompanying slides present the current proposal as articulated by the MDIA, about which we are seeking input from interested parties. Should you have any concrete input, you are invited to communicate your feedback via email on consultation@mdia.gov.mt no later than the 30th of November 2023, to facilitate consideration and integration into the next step of the strategy design process.

The slides are organised as follows:

- Slides 2–7 summarise the current state of implementation of the previous 2019 AI Strategy, progress on international AI-related rankings, MDIA projects related to AI and lessons learnt from the process. Further information can be found on the MDIA website, including progress on the 2019 AI Strategy which can be found on the [dedicated page on MDIA's website](#).
- Slides 8–9 justify the need for a realignment of the strategy. Apart from progress on the previous AI Strategy, important drivers are technological developments, regulatory developments (particularly, but not limited to the EU AI Act) and societal shifts since the establishment of the previous strategy (for instance shifts in working modalities resulting from the COVID pandemic).
- Slides 10–15 describe the aligned strategy timeline, and the involvement of stakeholders to date. In addition, these slides present contextual factors feeding into the AI strategy (local strategies and policies, other national AI strategies, the EU AI Act, technological developments, emerging trends in industry, AI ethical frameworks, and international guidelines on risk and technical assessment of AI systems).
- Slides 16–23 explain the proposed realigned strategy structure. It is worth highlighting the foundational importance given to societal well-being, and the inclusion of processes and measures as part of the strategy to continue monitoring, assessing and adapting the strategy throughout its lifetime in order to ensure its continued relevance.

- Slides 24–28 present the consultation questions that MDIA is currently seeking feedback on, along with instructions on how to provide your responses to the Authority.