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What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to foster Industry Relations? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Industry Relations? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Industry Relations? How are you going to continue to foster Industry Relations?

Malta Section has invested in a number of initiatives including a study (on going) with a large number of local organisations where we are seeing what IEEE can offer and how we can address different challenges they face. We participate in different debates and forums that allow us to share IEEE practices and how IEEE Malta and IEEE International can contribute in many ways. We face a number of challenges locally particularly when attracting students to choose STEM subjects. IEEE Malta organises several events in schools and with the ministry of education to help improve the way students of all ages experience science.

What activities/programs/initiatives work well in your Section to Attract and Support Future Members, e.g., Students and Young Professionals? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to better Attract and Support Future Members? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Attracting and Supporting Future Members? How are you going to continue to support Students and Young Professionals?

Talks and social events. Different working groups and committees that focus on different segment such as women in engineering, young professionals and student organizations.

What activities/programs/initiatives work well to drive the vitality and sustainability in your Section? What changes would be required by IEEE/the Region/your Section to improve Section vitality and sustainability? What were major successes since the last meeting in terms of Section Vitality? How are you going to continue to foster Section Vitality?

More meeting with companies and more workshops with different organisations to participate in IEEE initiatives that are available from our societies.

What are your recommendations to IEEE Region 8 and the Africa Area Chair Gloria Chuckwudebe to foster IEEE in Africa? How does your Section support IEEE Activities in Africa?

More exchanges to countries, planning events together and providing at least one support initiative to various sections in Africa.

What services and which kind of support would you expect for Region 8 and/or your section out of the new IEEE office in Vienna, Austria? How has the existence of this office influenced your section since its inauguration last year?

We already find a lot of support from IEEE but knowing what funding opportunities are available and how to obtain resources that help us reach out to the public to join IEEE will help us facilitate the events we organise.

Outstanding new initiatives, Special Achievements, Anniversaries.

We recently organized an awards and appreciation night. It was a success and a lot of members attend this event. We are planning a number of events for professional depending on time and resources.