

Malta Section

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List the activities carried out to foster relations with Industry and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help your Section in your industry-related activities?

A number of activities have been organised to create a local network related to digital health. To increase the interest we have worked hard to get other new members to become part of our committee and they will work on different topics that are of interest to our members. We need support to link better international activities and know more whats going on in various areas. This allows us to encourage more professionals to become part of IEEE and nominate to become part of IEEE in active way giving more value to the membership. Region 8 can help acquire funds that allow our section organise events and help us bring professional guest for talks, seminars and conferences.

List the activities addressed to Students and/or Young Professionals and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your students and YP-related activities?

The student branch had a change in committee. We currently recruited a new team and as a section we are working hard to help them setup a number of events that attract students. There is a lot that needs to be done when a committee changes and when new students become members. This is because the first few months are crucial when establishing themselves. Young professionals are not always seeing value in IEEE unless they continue their career in research or are finding their way in the international community. This depends on the area they are interested. Malta we do our best to invite them to the section meeting and organise events with them.

List the activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained. List the initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your membership-related activities?

Talks and meeting with various industry partners. We will diversify by attracting a new members that will form a new committee to have a wider reach.

List the activities intended to support chapters, affinity groups, and student branches and the results obtained. List the related initiatives planned during the next 6 months and their expected outcomes. How can the Region help in your support to chapters, affinity groups, and student branches?

Distinguish talks and webinars. Allocate funds for members to travel and organize events. The student branch we are supporting them to organise Robot wars and help them fund a new arena. The old one is not good enough for the purpose. Women in engineering we are supporting this affinity group to ensure proper active representation in various activities we organise.

Challenges (with a focus on what support is required from Region 8)

Due to the limited amount of face of face events we need support to reach to new members and keep existing members engaged with our initiatives. We have found it difficult to reach out to members due to the limited access we had to events we traditionally organise. Most activities were held online with members that know about us.