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Subject: Financial Literacy Challenge in Primary and Secondary Schools

Date: 23rd January 2026

Heads of Schools are kindly requested to forward the circular to all educators in Primary and Secondary State and Non-State schools.

The Home Economics Seminar Centre within the Directorate for STEM and VET Programmes, in collaboration with the Malta Bankers' Association, cordially invites schools to participate in the **Financial Literacy Challenge 2026**. This initiative forms part of the activities leading up to **European Money Week** and **Global Money Week**, which will be held from **Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd March 2026**.

Challenge Themes

Primary Schools: *Learn. Save. Earn.*

Middle and Secondary Schools: *Smart Money Talks*

Aim

This challenge aims to encourage initiatives or ongoing projects that strengthen students' financial capabilities, while actively involving educators, parents and the wider school community.

Eligibility

Open to all **Primary and Secondary State and Non-State schools**, as well as other educational institutions at these levels.

Initiatives or projects must be conducted during the **2025–2026 scholastic year**.

Submission Requirements

Schools participating in the challenge need to present the following for the implemented initiative(s):

- A short description of the initiative(s) (not more than 150 words),
- Video footage of the initiative(s) (not more than 5 minutes),
- Photos (minimum of 10),
- Copies of any resources used/produced



All documentation must be sent via **WeTransfer** to: **home_economics@ilearn.edu.mt**

An acknowledgement will be issued upon receipt.

Judging

The evaluation of the documentation will be carried out by professionals from the education and banking sector. The entries will be judged on the following criteria:

- theme relevance, implementation of the initiative(s),
- curriculum integration,
- level of engagement (stakeholders involved),
- resources used and produced,
- creativity and innovation.

The decision of the judging panel shall be final and binding. The judging panel may decide not to award a prize if, in its judgement, entries do not meet the required criteria or standard.

Registration

Schools wishing to participate must complete the registration form linked below **by Monday, 2nd February 2026**. **Only one application per school** may be submitted.

Registration to participate can be carried out by clicking on this [link](#) or scanning the QR code.



Deadline for Submission of Documentation

Monday, 2nd March 2026

Prizes

1st Prize – €550

2nd Prize – €350

Prizes are provided by the **Malta Bankers' Association**.



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Award Announcement

Winning entries will be announced during the **Money Week Launch on Monday, 16th March 2026.**

Further Information

For additional information on the 2026 Global and European Money Weeks, please visit:
<https://www.globalmoneyweek.org> and <https://www.ebf.eu/europeanmoneyweek/>

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Thank you for your collaboration.

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