



## **Michelle Piccinino**

Since March 2020, Michelle Piccinino holds the position of Chief Executive Officer within the Environment and Resources Authority (ERA) which is the main environment regulator in Malta.

The Environment and Resources Authority is an independent public entity under the Ministry for the Environment, Climate Change and Planning. The Authority is established in terms of the Environment Protection Act, 2016 (CAP 549 Laws of Malta).

The Authority's main responsibility is the protection of the environment with remits on ambient air quality, ambient noise and radiation, waste management, nature and biodiversity, landscape and geology, water and the marine environment. Today the Authority has a robust regulatory function and is responsible for the issuing of environmental permits for facilities and activities. It also has a compliance and enforcement function and is responsible for the major monitoring requirements of the environment acquis. The ERA is also the competent authority for the Environment Impact Assessment Regulations and is a statutory consultee in the development permitting processes.

Michelle Piccinino served as Director within the ERA since the Authority's inception in April 2016. The Directorate under her responsibility dealt with all the environmental themes under the Authority's responsibility. The Directorate is also responsible for the drafting of environmental policies and plans, for EU reporting obligations and for the environmental permitting process covering the different sectors of the industry.

Michelle has graduated as an architect and civil engineer from the University of Malta in June 1995. Since then she held several senior positions in the public sector. She started her career within the Malta Environment and Planning Authority.

Her multi-disciplinary approach has enabled her to adapt to the various cross-cutting roles and to effectively and constantly involve the different stakeholders in the process. Before 2016, Michelle occupied the role of a Senior Strategic Officer with the Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate. She also held and still hold positions on various boards and commissions.