

Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca



Former President of Malta, Marie Louise Coleiro Preca served in politics for 45 years and was a Member of Parliament for 16 years. She was the very first elected female General Secretary of one of the two main political parties in Malta. Coleiro Preca also served at the Council of Europe. As Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity, she initiated numerous social reforms. The Maltese Parliament unanimously elected Ms Coleiro Preca as President of Malta in 2014.

Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca was President of Malta between 2014 and 2019.

Coleiro Preca founded and chairs The Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, The Malta Trust Foundation, The Emanuele Cancer Research Foundation Malta, and Fondazzjoni Nazareth.

President Emeritus Coleiro Preca is President of Eurochild, and the Mediterranean Children's Movement. She works with and for children in Europe and beyond. She is an eminent speaker, a strong advocate of children's rights and passionately promotes child participation, ensuring children attain their aspirations.

She is also Member of the Council of World Women Leaders, and Member of the WPL Global Forum Advisory Board.

Marie Louise Coleiro Preca graduated with a Bachelor's degree, in Legal and Humanistic Studies, and a Notary Public from the University of Malta. Ms Coleiro Preca is also Honorary Professor of the University of Warwick, Honorary Doctor of Laws from University of Leicester (UK), and Honorary Doctor of Literature from the University of Malta.

Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca is deeply passionate and vociferous about improving the lives of the most vulnerable in society, continuing to be so throughout her life, Her Presidency, and beyond. She is a strong advocate, and an avid speaker on social issues including social justice, equality and equity, children's rights and gender equality.