Having worked in the Manufacturing Maltese sector for the last 27 years, I have got involved in various manufacturing operations. I have always wished to continue to enhance my studies further, but due to various life commitments, it was not possible. It was not possible for me to leave my full time job and attend a full time academic course at the University of Malta. So I had to find a part time course which suits my needs. I have found the MBA at the University of Malta and fortunately found the 2013 Master it! Scholarship, a scheme which is part-financed by the E.U.-European Social Fund. It was not possible for me to grab this opportunity to do the course without the financial help from Master-it scheme.

The MBA offered me the opportunity to enhance my practical knowledge with the academic aspect. The course content was diverse and included: Marketing, Operations, Strategy, Entrepreneurship, Risk Management and other interesting management business topics.

At the final stage of my degree a thesis was presented, titled: “An Investigation into Lean Practices in the Maltese Manufacturing Industry”. It gave me the opportunity to meet and interview different managers within the manufacturing industries and see how they operate and the current challenges this sector is going through.

Personally I feel that the MBA from the University of Malta enabled me to develop my management competencies and also aid in potentially attract more manufacturing sectors, especially pharmaceutical companies into opening or further expand their operations in Malta. This was my main goal prior to commencing the MBA, of which I feel I have reached.

I encourage other students, and persons, not only young but others whom seek to improve and further to enhance their education, not to be afraid and further develop and improve their studies. The continuous evolving dynamic world puts pressure upon individual to be in a position, to compete and contribute to the modern world. Master it has been the scheme which eliminated my major financial burden and made me more employable. Without the Master it scheme, I would have found it difficult to embark on the MBA course. My last comment to conclude this article is for all students not to miss their golden opportunity and participate and benefit from schemes like the one I have profoundly am grateful to.

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