



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, and she was President of Malta between 2014 and 2019.

Ms Coleiro Preca founded and chairs The Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, The Malta Trust Foundation, The Emanuele Cancer Research Foundation Malta, and the Mediterranean Children's Movement. She is President of Fondazzjoni Nazareth, and former President of Eurochild.

Marie Louise Coleiro Preca founded the Marchese di Villabianca Centre for Music and the Arts for children with disabilities, offering the children music, dance and art therapy, and an opportunity to develop their artistic skills.

Marie Louise Coleiro Preca is the Special Representative of the Chair-in-Office of the Security and Co-operation in Europe on Civil Society, and a Special Adviser to the European Commission.

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. Working with and for children in Europe and beyond, she is an eminent speaker and a strong advocate of children's rights, and passionately promotes child participation, ensuring children attain their aspirations. She is also a strong advocate and an avid speaker on social issues including social justice, equality and equity and gender equality.