



**MALTA EU 2017**

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### Programme

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017

16.00-20.00 Registration at the hospitality desk at the Intercontinental Hotel

#### 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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| 08.00 | Registration and welcome coffee  |
| 09.15 | Welcome  |
| 09.20 | Opening remarks by Hon. Minister Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security of Malta |
| 09.30 | Opening remarks by EASO Executive Director Mr José Carreira  |

*Sessions 1, 2 and 3- CHAIR Ms Diandra Buttigieg, Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security, Malta*



- 09.40 *Session 1 – Current situation, asylum-causing factors and possible future trends*
- Mr Vincent Cochetel, Director of UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe.  
Participant from the European Asylum support Office (speaker tbc)
- 10.40 *Coffee break*
- Session 2 –Asylum Procedures in the EU*
- 11.00 Dr Martine Cassar, Malta Refugee Commissioner, Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security  
Mrs Corinna Wicher, Head of Directorate for international Tasks of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees.
- Session 3 – Asylum Reception Conditions*
- 12.00 Mr Joseph St John, Senior Official, Ministry for Home Affairs Malta  
Ms Laurine D'Alzon, Head of Unit, Emergency accommodation, national mechanism of emergency accommodation, follow-up of accommodation and orientation centres in France
- 13.00 *Networking Lunch*
- Session 4- CHAIR Dr Jean Pierre Gauci, The People for Change Foundation*
- Session 4 - Legal pathways and resettlement*
- 16:30 Concluding remarks for Day 1
- Guided tour followed by dinner at the Maritime Museum in Vittoriosa (by invitation only)



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09.00 Welcome

*Sessions 6, 7 and 8- CHAIR Dr Carmen Sammut, University of Malta*

*Session 6 – Cooperation with other countries and Regional Protection Programmes*

09.15 Mr Julien Simon, Regional Coordinator for the Mediterranean, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (tbc)  
Mrs Matilda Aku Alomatu Osei-Agyeman Minister-Plenipotentiary, Ghana High Commission in Malta

*Session 7 – The role of civil society organisations*

10.15 Ms. Catherine Woollard, Secretary-General, European Council on Refugees and Exiles  
Ms. Regina Catrombone, Director, Migrant Offshore Aid Station  
Dr. Jean Pierre Gauci, Director, The People for Change Foundation

11.15 *Coffee break*

*Session 8 – What to expect in future from the Common European Asylum System?*

11.40 Participation by representative from DG Home (tbc),  
MEP Dr Roberta Metsola, Malta Member of European Parliament  
MEP Dr Miriam Dalli, Malta Member of European Parliament  
Mr Vincent Cochetel, Director of UNHCR Regional Bureau for Europe

12.40 Concluding remarks

13.00 *Networking Coffee Break*



Venue: InterContinental Hotel, St. Julians, Malta.

*The European Migration Network (EMN) is co-ordinated by the European Commission with National Contact Points established in each EU Member State plus Norway.*