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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Euro-Mediterranean Expert Group (EMEG) Meeting “A Frame for a comprehensive Understanding for Water- Energy -Food Nexus”

Le Meridien Hotel and Spa, Balluta Bay, St. Julians, Malta  
30 September, 1-2 October 2015

### Practical Information

#### 1. REGISTRATION

The **meeting registration form** is available [here](#) and everybody, including the ones that filled the preliminary registration form, are kindly requested to fill it again with additional information by **30 July 2015**.

Don't forget to ask support for VISA in case of need (see point 2)

IMPORTANT: Kindly note that Malta is hosting the Commonwealth Heads of State Meeting and a preparatory meeting is expected to coincide with our meeting, therefore, it is important that travel arrangements to our event are made as soon as possible as there could be a shortage of both flights to the Island and accommodation for these days.

#### 2. TRAVELING TO MALTA

Malta has only one legal point of airway entry which is Malta International Airport (MLA). It is situated towards the South of the island, around 20-30 mins from where the meeting is being convened.

Malta International Airport is serviced by daily direct flights from major European Airports: Rome (FCO), Larnaca (LCA), London (LHR and LGW), Paris (ORY and/or CDG), Frankfurt (FRA), Munich (MUC), Milan (LIN), Vienna (VIE), Brussels (BRU), Istanbul (IST). There are infrequent flights to/from Madrid (MAD), Barcelona (BCN), Marseilles (MRS), Algiers (ORN and ALG), Tel Aviv (TLV), Milan (MXP and/or LIN) etc. Please consult the airport search facility with the Malta International Airport website: <http://maltairport.com/page.asp?n=departsearch&st=dt> - this gives you up to date information on the dates and timings of flights in and out of Malta.

#### Visa

[http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/Pages/Home\\_Page.aspx](http://foreignaffairs.gov.mt/en/Pages/Home_Page.aspx)

The link above lists the third-countries whose nationals are subject to the visa requirement, when travelling to Malta and/or any other EU Member State

All foreigners who are currently residing in countries where there is an Embassy, High Commission or Consulate of Malta should preferably apply at any of these offices where applications are processed and visas may be issued. If an applicant is residing in a country where no Maltese Embassy/High Commission or Consulate exists, the applicant may contact the Honorary Consul for Malta in order to be able to apply for the Visa. Honorary Consuls are not authorised to issue Visas but they can assist the applicant by contacting the Immigration Police to forward the Visa application and other relevant documents that might be required. Where there is no official Maltese representation in a country, the applicant should apply directly to the Immigration Police in Malta, with whom s/he should check all the requirements that are relevant to his/her passport. The applicant may obtain the required Visa Form for Entry into Malta by simply downloading it from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (<http://www.foreign.gov.mt>)

**It should be noted that holders of Diplomatic Passports may be exempt from obtaining a Visa.**



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Should you have any questions or queries concerning the embassy / consulate or representative in your country please contact the Visa Section within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Malta on +356 21 242191.

### 3. TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO THE AIRPORT

Transfer from/to the Airport will be on charge of the Organization.

### 4. ACCOMMODATION

The Malta Council for Science and Technology has reached an agreement for a good rate with the following Hotels:

- Le Meridien Hotel and Spa (venue of the event),
- Carlton Hotel (Tower Road 261, SLM 1600 Sliema, Malta)
- St. Julians Bay Hotel (48 Main Street, STJ 1017 Saint Julian's, Malta)
- Onyx Apartments (Ross Street, Paceville, St Julians, STJ 3246 Saint Julian's, Malta)

Please note that a number of rooms have been blocked for a while, therefore we prompt you to book your Hotel room as soon as possible.

The Address of the venue is:

**Le Meridien St Julians Hotel and Spa**

39, Main Street

Balluta Bay,

St Julians

Telephone: +356 2311 0000

The St Julians Bay Hotel and the Carlton Hotels are the closest to the Meeting venue (5 minute walk), the rest are also within walking distance of 20mins or a short bus ride.

With the exception of Le Meridien, which has its own web booking, to book any of the other hotels, kindly log into [www.myhotelsmalta.com](http://www.myhotelsmalta.com) and place a booking using the Promotional code 'EUROMED' which will automatically give you a discount negotiated by MCST.

*Kindly inform us ([ian.a.gauci-borda@gov.mt](mailto:ian.a.gauci-borda@gov.mt)) once you have placed your hotel booking and which hotel you will be staying which we require for the transfer to/from Airport.*

### 5. INTERPRETATION

There will be no interpretation during the meeting, all exchanges need to be made in English.

### 6. DINNERS AND SOCIAL EVENTS

#### **29 September 2015:**

1800hrs: Meeting at Meridien Lobby and walk along the Sliema/St Julians promenade to Spinola Bay

#### **30 September 2015:**

1800hrs: Meeting at Meridien Lobby and Departure by Bus to Sliema Ferries

1810hrs: Boarding of Harbour cruise from Sliema Ferries

1830hrs-2000hrs: Harbour Cruise (both harbours)

2000hrs: Drop off in Ta Xbiex and short walk to restaurant

2030hrs: Dinner at Ta Xbiex Water Polo Club (offered by MCST)

2300hrs: Return to Hotels



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### **1 October 2015:**

This is a free evening for participants, however, we can organise a trip to Mdina (the old Capital City) no Dinner will be offered, but the coach transfer to and from Mdina may be paid by MCST. Participants may choose a restaurant in Mdina. The itinerary will be the following:

1800hrs: Departure by Coach from Meridien Hotel

1820hrs: Courtesy stop at Mosta Dome (the third largest free-standing Dome in the World)

1835hrs: arrival at Mdina and walk around the walled city

2000hrs: View from Mdina Bastions

2000hrs-2230hrs: Dinner time for those participants who wish to stay (at their own payment)

2000hrs: 1st coach transfer back to Meridien

2230hrs: 2nd Coach transfer back to Meridien

### **2 October 2015**

1330hrs: Transfer by Coach to Valletta (Malta's Capital City – smallest Capital City of Europe)

1345hrs: Arrival in Valletta and walk to the following:

- 1) New Parliament Building
- 2) Old Theatre
- 3) Castille Palace (Prime Minister Office)
- 4) Upper Barrakka Gardens
- 5) St John's Co Cathedral (MCST to pay entrance of interested participants)
- 6) Coffee stop at Piazza Regina
- 7) Visit of the President's Palace
- 8) Walk to Marsamxett
- 9) Boat transfer back to Sliema Ferries (1800hrs)
- 10) Walk back to Meridien.

## **7. CONTACT PERSONS**

For any technical or logistical issues regarding your trip for EMEG Meeting please do not hesitate to get in touch with the undersigned.

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## **8. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT MALTA**

### **Languages**

Maltese is the official language of the Republic of Malta. English is considered as the secondary language and very widely spoken, whereas Italian and French are spoken less frequently.

### **Local Time**

Malta Time is GMT +1.



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### **Climate & Weather**

Malta enjoys a sub-tropical climate, the winters on the island remain mild and pleasant providing warm and sunny weather throughout the year. The climate is typically Mediterranean, with hot, dry summers, warm and sporadically wet autumns, and short, cool winters with adequate rainfall.

Winters are mild with only rare occurrences of cold weather brought by north and northeast winds from central Europe, with plenty of sunshine. The weather in November is still warm during the day but the evenings are cool. The average mean temperature for the month is 17°C, with the high temperatures reaching 20°C and the low temperatures resting around 14°C. The average sea temperature is still warm in November with an average of 24°C.

### **Currency**

The currency of Malta is the Euro.

### **ATMs and Credit Cards**

All major banks in Malta have automatic teller machines (ATMs) in most towns and in the majority of the large villages. All major credit cards are accepted almost everywhere.

### **Electricity supply**

The electricity supply in Malta is 230 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 amp, **with 3-point plugs, square pin**. Many hotels provide adaptors upon request from the reception.

### **Smoking**

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor public places and night clubs.

### **Opening hours**

*Shops* normally open around 09:00 and close around 19:00. Shops in tourist areas may stay open on weekends and public holidays as well.

*Banks* are open on workdays (Monday to Saturday) usually between 08.30 and 13.30. From October to April they are also open on some afternoons until 1900. Banks are closed on Sunday's and public holidays.

### **Driving**

Driving is on the **left-hand side of the road**. All the international road traffic signs are in use and placed on the left-hand side of roads and highways. On roundabouts, priority is given to the right side.

### **Emergency Number**

Call 112, the EU-wide emergency number for police, fire department and ambulance.

**Dial Code for Malta:** +356

**Telephone Directory Assistance:** 1182

**Site of Airmalta for direct flights from main cities:** [www.airmalta.com](http://www.airmalta.com)

### **More information on Malta:**

Malta Tourism Authority (MTA): [www.mta.com.mt](http://www.mta.com.mt)

Government of Malta: [www.gov.mt](http://www.gov.mt)

*We look forward to welcoming you to Malta.*

Ian Gauci Borda