



MALTA EU 2017

**European Migration Network Conference
Malta Presidency of the Council of the European Union
The reform of the Common European Asylum System:
opportunities and challenges.**

**24-25 May 2017
InterContinental Malta, St. Julian's**



23rd May 2017

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

24th May 2017

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, EMN National Contact Point, Malta.

Session 1 – Current situation, asylum-causing factors and possible future trends

09.40 Professor Marie-Laure Basilien-Gainche, Faculty of Public Law, University Jean Moulin Lyon 3.
Mr Lutin Ward, Head of Information and Analysis Unit, European Asylum Support Office.

10.40 *Coffee break*

Session 2 – The proposed Asylum Procedures Regulation and the proposed Qualification Regulation

11.00 Dr Martine Cassar, Malta Refugee Commissioner, Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security, Malta.
Mrs Corinna Wicher, Head of Directorate for International Tasks of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees, Germany.

Session 3 – Asylum Reception Conditions

12.00 Mr Joseph St John, Senior Official, Ministry for Home Affairs and National Security, Malta.

Ms Camille Ruiz, Policy Officer, Emergency accommodation, national mechanism of emergency accommodation, follow-up of accommodation and orientation centres in France, France.

13.00 *Networking Lunch*

Sessions 4 and 5- CHAIR Dr Jean Pierre Gauci, Founder and Director at The People for Change Foundation.

Session 4 – Legal pathways and resettlement

14.30 Mr Federico Soda, Director, IOM Coordinating Office for the Mediterranean, Chief of Mission for Italy and Malta.

Mr Conny Larsson, Project Leader, EU-FRANK Project, Sweden.

Session 5 – Intra-EU solidarity

15.30 Participation by the EASO (speaker tbc)

Ms Zoe Nasika, Head of Relocation Unit Greek Asylum Service, Greece.

16.30 Concluding remarks for Day 1

Guided tour followed by dinner at the Maritime Museum in Vittoriosa (by invitation only)

25th May 2017

08.30 Registration and welcome coffee

09.00 Welcome

Sessions 6, 7 and 8- CHAIR Dr Carmen Sammut, Pro-Rector, 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.

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, Founder and Director, The People for Change Foundation.

11.15 *Coffee break*

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

11.40 Ms Charmaine Hili, Asylum Policy Officer, DG Home, European Commission.

MEP Dr Roberta Metsola, Member of European Parliament, Malta.

MEP Dr Miriam Dalli, Member of European Parliament, Malta.

Mr Vincent Cochetel, Director of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Regional Bureau for Europe.

12.40 Concluding remarks

13.00 *Networking Coffee Break*



Venue: InterContinental Hotel, St. Julians, Malta.

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