
PRESS RELEASE

EU EXPERT ON ECONTENTPLUS TO ADDRESS FORUM MALTA FL-EWROPA FUNDING SEMINAR

Marc Roeder, European Commission official responsible for the eContentplus Programme, will be addressing an info day on the EU's eContentplus Programme. Mr Roeder, who hails from the European Commission's DG Information Society and Media Digital Content & Cognitive Systems, will focus on the Work Programme and Call for Proposals for this year.

The seminar is one in a series of funding information seminars being organised by *Forum Malta fl-Ewropa* and will be held on **23rd April 2008** at the **Coastline Hotel, St Paul's Bay**. FME's organisation of this training seminar follows a Central Information Day on eContentplus presenting the objectives of the target areas for 2008, recently held in Luxembourg.

The seminar will focus on the various target areas and their specific focus for 2008: geographic information, educational content and digital libraries; the actions and the means for implementing the Programme, including targeted projects, best practice networks and thematic networks; practical advice for preparation of an eContentplus project proposal, its evaluation process and criteria.

The eContentplus Programme (2005–2008) has a budget of €149 million to tackle organisational barriers and promote the take up of leading-edge technical solutions to improve accessibility and use of digital material in a multilingual environment. **A call for proposals has been published with a deadline for submission set for 12 June 2008.** The seminar targets local authorities, corporations, University and schools, libraries, archives and museums, managers of EU-funded projects and programme managers.

Dr Gabriella Pace, *Forum's* CEO, will be chairing this seminar, while the Hon. Chris Said, Parliamentary Secretary for Public Dialogue & Information, will be delivering

the opening address. There will also be a Project Gallery featuring projects in which Maltese entities were involved.

The half-day seminar is free of charge with registration starting at 8.45am. Early booking is recommended and can be made by calling Brian Pace on 2590 9101 or by sending an email to forumfunding@gov.mt.

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STQARRIJA GĦALL-ISTAMPA

KELLIEM MILL-KUMMISSJONI EWROPEA SE JINDIRIZZA SEMINAR TAL-FORUM MALTA FL-EWROPA DWAR IL- PROGRAMM TA' FONDI ECONTENTPLUS

Marc Roeder, Uffiċjal mid-Direttorat Ġenerali tas-Sočjeta` ta' l-Infommazzjoni u s-Sistemi ta' Kontenut Diġitali u Konoxxittiv għall-Mezzi tal-Komunikazzjoni tal-Kummissjoni Ewropea, se jindirizza gurnata ta' infommazzjoni dwar il-Programm ta' fondi ta' l-Unjoni Ewropea: eContentplus.

Dan l-aħħar, fil-Lussemburgu, inżamm Jum ta' Infommazzjoni Ċentrali dwar dan il-Programm fejn kienu pprezentati l-oġġettivi għad-diversi oqsma li jridu jintlahqu din is-sena. U għalhekk li l-Forum Malta fl-Ewropa, qed jorganizza dan is-seminar ta' infommazzjoni li se jsir nhar l-Erbgħa 23 ta' April 2008 fil-Lukanda Coastline, San Pawl il-Bahar. Dan huwa wiehed minn sensiela ta' seminars dwar fondi mill-Unjoni Ewropea li se jkunu organizzati mill-Forum.

Is-seminar se jiffoka fuq id-diversi oqsma li ġew identifikati għas-sena 2008: fosthom kontenut ġeografiku, infommattiv u edukattiv u l-libreriji diġitali; azzjonijiet u mezzi għall-implimentazzjoni tal-Programm li jinkludi eżempji ta' proġetti varji; kif jistgħu jsiru proposti tajbin għall-proġetti; harsa lejn kif issir l-evalwazzjoni tal-proġetti ffinanzjati mill-UE; gwida għall-immaniġġjar tal-proġetti.

Il-Programm eContentplus (2005-2008) għandu baġit ta' €149 miljun biex jinġelbu l-problemi organizzattivi u jippromwovi soluzzjonijiet tekniċi avvanzati għal aċċessibilità aħjar u iktar użu ta' materjal diġitali f'ambjent multilingwi. **Is-sejha għall-proposti għall-proġetti għadha kif ġiet ippubblikata u d-data ta' għeluq tagħha hi t-12 ta' Ġunju 2008.** Is-seminar huwa intiż għal awtoritajiet lokali, korporazzjonijiet, l-Universita` u l-iskejjel, il-libreriji, l-arkivji u l-mużewijiet, kif ukoll manigers ta' proġetti ffinanzjati mill-UE.

Dr Gabriella Pace, il-Kap Eżekuttiv tal-*Forum*, se tkun qiegħda tmexxi dan is-seminar, waqt li d-diskors tal-ftuħ se jsir mis-Segretarju Parlamentari għad-Djalogu Pubbliku u Informazzjoni, l-Onor. Chris Said. Il-programm jinkludi wkoll preżentazzjoni ta' proġetti varji Maltin iffinanzjati minn fondi Ewropej.

Dan is-seminar se jibda fid-8.45am u jintemm fin-12.30pm. Ghalkemm is-seminar huwa bla hlas, minn jixtieq jattendi huwa ġentilment mitlub iċempel lil Brian Pace fuq in-numru tat-telefon 2590 9101 jew jibgħat email fuq forumfunding@gov.mt sa nhar it-Tlieta 22 ta' April f' nofs in-nhar.

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