



ZOOMING ON SUSTAINABILITY

Friday, 15 May 2009

Future initiatives – Networking Opportunities (EU Programmes)

- 09:00 **Introduction by Chairperson**
Mr Michael Cohen
*President, Association of Local Councils
Head of Maltese Delegation
– Committee of the Regions*
- 09:15 **Education & Training Programmes**
Mr Mauro Pace Parascandolo
*National Coordinator – European Union
Programmes Agency*
- 10:00 **The Leader Programme**
Mr Donald Aquilina
Senior Agriculture Officer – MRRA
- 10:30 Coffee Break
- 11:00 **Intelligent Energy Europe**
Ms AnaMaria Pantea
*Manager – CIP Malta National Contact
Point – Malta Investment Management
Co Ltd (MIMCOL)*
- 11:45 **Life +**
Ms Maria Elena Attard
National Focal Point
- 12:15 **Questions & Discussion**
- 12:45 **Round up and Closing Address**
Dr Vanni Xuereb
Head – MEUSAC

Zooming on Sustainability has gathered over 150 participants from 7 different countries which span from Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, France, United Kingdom, Spain and Malta, to exchange ideas, research and best practices on key issues in the area of sustainability.

This three day event includes a wide array of practical topics and networking opportunities. The conference includes discussion working groups which focus on sustainable development and the promotion of active citizenship with particular reference to environment, culture and social matters.

The objectives of this conference are to discuss the role of the targeted beneficiaries in the improvement of the quality of life of their residents and their contribution to sustainable development. Moreover, it will aim to create a network at European level to support the participating audience in working more effectively and with a wider European dimension. In line with the Europe for Citizens Programme, the project aims at discussing thematic sectors that promote citizen's engagement with major EU social issues.

Conference Programme



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Wednesday, 13 May 2009

Opening Session

- 10:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee
- 10:40 **Opening Address**
The Hon. Dr Chris Said
*Parliamentary Secretary
 for Public Dialogue and Information*
- 11:00 **Introductory Address**
Dr Vanni Xuereb
Head – MEUSAC
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- 11:30 **Promoting Urban Sustainable
 Development in Local Authorities**
Mr Robert Vella
Senior Planning Officer – MEPA
- 12:00 **Presentation** by
 Malta International Airport
Major Martin Dalmas
Manager Technical Airfield
- 12:15 **Discussion**
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 **Profile presentations** of each town
Discussion
- 17:00 End of Session

Thursday, 14 May 2009

Innovative Ideas

- 9:00 **Introduction by Chairperson**
Mr Natalino Attard
Director – Local Government
- Workshops**
- 09:00-11:00 Session 1**
- Theme 1: Environmental Sustainability**
 (Sustainable Agriculture; Agro Tourism;
 Renewable Energy and Waste Management)
- Chair: **Mr Julian Micallef**
Acting Head – Consultation Unit – MEUSAC
 Keynote: **Ms M' Louise Mangion**
*Head – Tourism & Sustainable Development
 Unit – OPM*
- Theme 2: Cultural Sustainability**
 (Women and men, children and the elderly,
 families and sustainability; Cultural Tourism;
 The arts and creativity as a resource for
 sustainability; Education sustaining language
 and culture)
- Chair: **Ms Maria Schembri**
Head – Funding Unit – MEUSAC
 Keynote: **Mr Toni Attard**
EU Projects Coordinator – St James Cavalier

Theme 3: Socio-Economic Sustainability

(Levels of governance – sustainability at local,
 regional, national and international levels;
 Domains of responsibility – NGOs; Wellbeing
 and quality of life – sources and strategies)

Chair: **Mr Martin Bugelli**
*Director General – Information, Local
 Government and Public Consultation – OPM*
 Keynote: **Dr Philip von Brockdorff**
*Chief Executive – Centre for Policy
 Research – OPM*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Session 2

Theme 1: Environmental Sustainability

(Sustainable Agriculture; Agro Tourism;
 Renewable Energy and Waste Management)

Chair: **Mr Julian Micallef**
Acting Head – Consultation Unit – MEUSAC
 Keynote: **Ing. Andrea Karl Brincat**
ECO Councillor – WasteServ Malta Ltd

Theme 2: Cultural Sustainability

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Chair: **Ms Maria Schembri**
Head – Funding Unit – MEUSAC
 Keynote: **Ms Davinia Galea**
*Chief Executive – Malta Council for Culture
 and the Arts*

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 and Public Consultation – OPM*
 Keynote: **Dr Andrew Azzopardi**
*Lecturer – Department of Youth & Community
 Studies – University of Malta*

13:00 Lunch

15:00 **Plenary Discussion**

Chair: **Mr Natalino Attard**
Director – Local Government

Presentation of findings
 by Workshop Rapporteurs

16:00 **Closing Address**

The Hon. George Pullicino
Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs