

ESPON Seminar: "Revealing territorial potentials and shaping new policies" 24-25 May 2017 in Valletta, Malta

Practical Information

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Venue

Mediterranean Conference Centre
Triq I-Isptar ,Valletta
VLT 1645
Malta
Tel: +356 21 243 840/3
<http://www.mcc.com.mt>

Registration and Accreditation

Please register for the ESPON Seminar on our website: <http://www.espon.eu>

Deadline for registration is: **10 May 2017**

Following your registration on the ESPON website, you will receive an invitation from the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU with a link to the accreditation portal. Only participants who have successfully completed the accreditation process will be issued a badge to access the venue. Participants will not be admitted to the venue without the badge. Accreditation is personal and non-transferable.

For information regarding accreditation, kindly contact: accreditation@eu2017.mt.

Accommodation

Delegation members are responsible for booking and paying for their accommodation. The Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU has blocked a limited number of rooms with preferential rates at the following hotels:

Hotel Address	Rates
Hotel Fortina (4*) Tigne Seafront Sliema SLM 3012, MALTA http://www.hotelfortina.com	€141.50 (Allocation on a first come first served basis)
Fortina Spa Resort (5*) Tigne Seafront Sliema SLM 3012, MALTA http://www.fortinasparesort.com	€170.50 (Allocation on a first come first served basis)

Please use the enclosed booking forms to reserve your room before the **3rd of April 2017**. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Queries regarding hotel accommodation should be addressed to Special Interest Travel (SIT), the Maltese Presidency designated Destination Management Company (DMC).

Contact Details : rcamilleri@sit.com.mt

Public transport between the airport and the hotels

Delegates are kindly asked to organize their own transport to and from Malta International Airport. You can take the following bus to travel between the airport and the selected hotels:

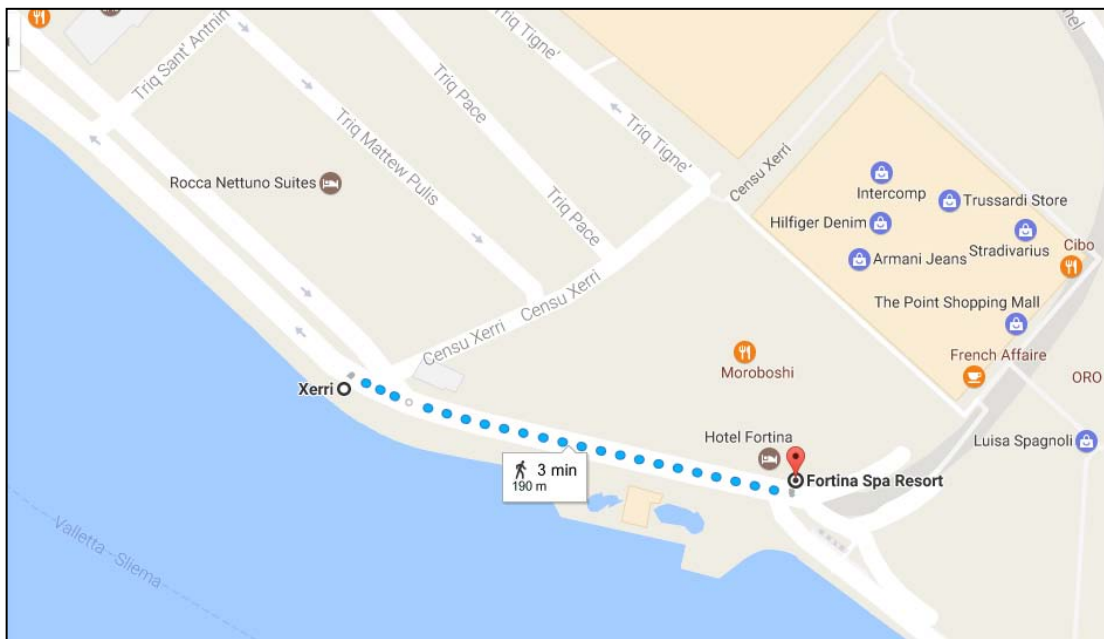
X2 St Julians – Airport

The bus stop closest to the hotel is called 'Xerri'. This stop is approx. 200 metres from the hotels. It is a circular bus line. Please consult the time table here: <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/route/X2>

Further information can be found on the website:
<https://www.publictransport.com.mt/>.

Taxis are available directly outside the Arrivals Hall at Malta International Airport 24 hours a day. A taxi service booth, from which prepaid tickets can be bought, is situated in the Arrivals Hall. Please consult the travel rules for eligibility of taxi fares if you qualify to have your travel costs reimbursed by ESPON.

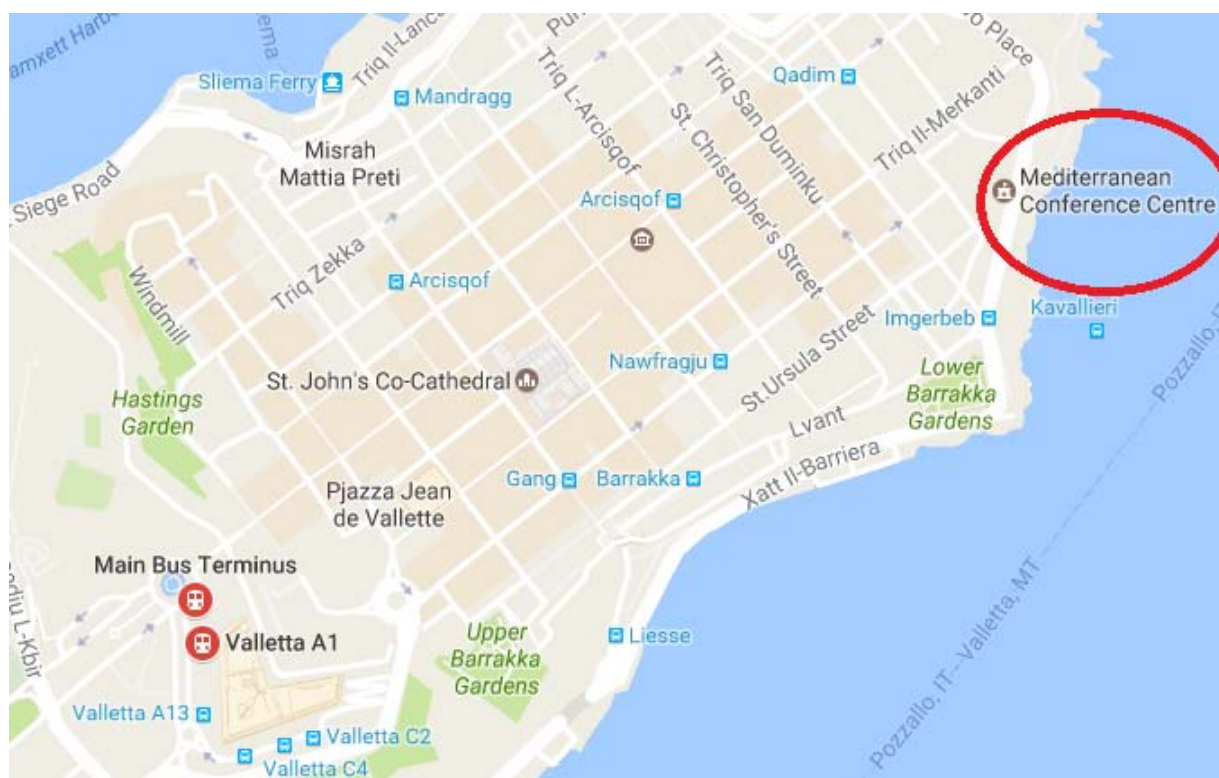
Further information can be found on the website:
<https://www.maltaairport.com/passenger/getting-here/taxi-service/>.



Public transport between the hotels and the venue

Delegation members staying at a different place of accommodation are responsible for organizing their own transport to the meeting venue.

The venue can be reached from the selected hotels (Xerri bus stop) by bus routes 13 and 14 stopping at the bus terminus in Floriana, which is about 15 minute walking distance from the meeting venue:



Public transport between the airport and the venue

From the airport you can take busses 72 and 73 (direction Valletta) to the bus terminus in Floriana. From there, you can either take bus 133 (circular bus line) and stop at Iermu, or walk (15 min.). Bus stop Iermu is approx. 100 meters from the venue.

Organized bus transfers

Bus transfers from hotels (Fortina Hotel/ Fortina Spa Hotel, Sliema) to the meeting venue (Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta) and back will be provided on both days of the seminar. Transfers for Welcome Drink, Cultural Tour and Official Dinner will be also provided (the final practical information and agenda, which will be send to all registered participants, will include the exact time and place of all transfers).

Facilities and Services at the Meeting Venue

The venue will be equipped with a wireless internet connection with unlimited access for delegation members. In addition, there are monochrome photocopying, scanning and faxing facilities available.

All sessions, catering and activities listed in the programme are free of charge.

Security

There will be security measures present at the venue. The venue is accessible only to accredited persons wearing a valid badge. The badge must be worn and visible at all times.

Schengen - Visa

Should a visa be required in order to attend any of the events being held as part of the Maltese Presidency programme, it is the delegate's responsibility to access the visa website in order to obtain the necessary

application. This would need to be filed at the diplomatic mission of the main destination or country of first entry into the Schengen area, or its representation. The delegate must ensure that the application is lodged within the established deadlines in order to ensure timely review.

Should a visa be required for attendance to any of the events being held as part of the official presidency programme, it should be clearly indicated in the registration form on the Accreditation Portal. Upon successful completion of the process, the Presidency Unit will issue a supporting letter confirming accreditation.

The relevant documentation may be obtained from Malta's Central Visa Unit (CVU) portal: <https://identitymalta.com/visa-application>

For further information, kindly contact Malta's Central Visa Unit (CVU) on T. +356 2204 2310/2421/2424 or mvisa.ima@gov.mt.

Other Practical Information

Important numbers :

Emergency :	112
Ambulance :	196
Police :	+356 2122 1111/4001/4007
Mater Dei Hospital :	+356 2545 0000
Passport Office: Malta :	+356 2122 2286

Time Zone : Central European Time (GMT+1).

Currency: EURO

Country Code: +356

Power Supply:

230V \pm 10% electrical supply. Supply frequency is 50Hz.

Plug socket in use is the three-pinned rectangular pin BS 1363 plug. The two-pinned round pin BS 4573 plug is used for shavers. Adapters are widely available.

Climate: Mediterranean Climate. In May temperatures are warm with an average of 25°C in the morning and 20°C at night. Sunny days should be expected.

Contacts

For information on the accreditation process: accreditation@eu2017.mt

For information on accommodation: rcamilleri@sit.com.mt

For information on the programme: sandra.di.biaggio@espon.eu

For information on press and media relations: piera.petrucci@espon.eu

Other questions for the Maltese EU Presidency team: infomail@eu2017.mt or T.+356 2540 2700

Other questions for the ESPON team: silvia.pierik@espon.eu

For general information in Malta: info@visitmalta.com



Booking Form for ID 327 23rd until 25th May 2017

Bookings are to be sent by 3rd April 2017

Hotel Fortina 4 Star

Rate	Euro 141.50 per room per night (single occupancy)
Extra persons sharing	Euro 6.50 per person per night
Including	Buffet breakfast, wifi, and VAT
Excluding	ECO Contribution tax of €0.50 per person per day to a maximum of €5.00 per person per stay.

GUEST DETAILS

- **Mr / Mrs / Ms** _____
- **Country** _____ **Confirmation No.** _____
- **Arrival date** _____ **Departure Date** _____

	Description of Charges	Cost (Per day)	No of Nights	Total
Room 1				
Room 2				

CARDHOLDERS DETAILS

- **Credit card Details:**
- Cardholder's name _____
- Type of credit card (**VISA ELECTRON NOT ACCEPTED**) _____
- Credit Card Number _____
- Start Date _____ Expiry Date _____ [] Corporate Card
- CVV number _____
- **CONTACT DETAILS, (Telephone number essential)**
- **PHONE :** _____
- **E-MAIL / FAX :** _____

No deposit will be processed at time of booking, however credit card details are required to guarantee room reservation. If cancellation is made within 2 days of arrival date and in the case of no-show, the first night will be charged for. *All cancellations have to be in writing.*

Email :- info@hotelfortina.com Tel: 00356 2346 2121/0 website:- www.hotelfortina.com



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Fortina Spa Resort 5 Star

Rate	Euro170.50 per room per night (single occupancy)
Extra persons sharing	Euro 10.50 per person per night
Including	Buffet breakfast, wifi, and VAT
Excluding	ECO Contribution tax of €0.50 per person per day to a maximum of €5.00 per person per stay.

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