



**MALTA EU 2017**  
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# Meeting of the Chairpersons of Economic and Environmental Affairs Committees

## Draft Programme

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**6 – 7 APRIL 2017**  
**MALTA**

**Thursday, 6 April 2017**

- 15:00 – 19:00** Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels
- 19:00** Departure from the hotels to the dinner venue
- 19:30** Dinner hosted by Hon. Silvio Schembri, *Chairman of the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee*
- Venue: Maritime Museum, Ex-Naval Bakery, Vittoriosa Waterfront*
- 22:00** Return to the hotels

**Friday, 7 April 2017**

- 08:15** Departure by bus from the conference hotels to the Grand Hotel Excelsior, Great Siege Road, Floriana
- 09:00** **Opening of the meeting**
- Welcome address by Hon. Angelo Farrugia, *Speaker of the House of Representatives*
- Introductory remarks by Hon. Silvio Schembri, *Chairman of the Economic and Financial Affairs Committee*
- Speech by Mr. Jos Delbeke, *Director General for Climate Action, European Commission*
- Speech by Prof. Simone Borg, *Ambassador for Malta on Climate Change Issues*

**09:30****Session I:****The Economic and Social Impact of Climate Change – the costs of doing nothing**

**Moderator:** Prof. Simone Borg, *Ambassador for Malta on Climate Change Issues*

**Speaker:** Prof. Maria Attard, *Director at the Institute for Climate Change and Sustainable Development, University of Malta* (tbc)

**Speaker:** Mr. Jan Dusik, *Regional Director for Europe, UN Environment Programme (UNEP)*

Debate

**11:00****Coffee Break****11:30****Session II:****Financing the cost of taking action – climate change as an exciting opportunity for non-state actors****Part A - Public and Private Financing**

**Moderator:** Mr. Rainer Vakra, *Chairperson of the Environment Committee, Riigikogu*

**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Sean Kidney, *CEO and Co-Founder of the Climate Bonds Initiative*

**Speaker:** Dr Philip von Brockdorff, *Head of Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy, University of Malta* (tbc)

Debate

- 13:00**                    **Official Photo**
- Lunch**
- 14:30**                    **Session III:**  
**Financing the cost of taking action – climate change is an exciting opportunity for non-state actors**
- Part B – Practical discussion on the involvement of non-state actors**
- Moderator:** Mr Geoffrey Saliba, *Investing in Energy Project Manager, Malta Business Bureau*
- Speaker:** Mr David Xuereb, *CEO, QP Management*
- Speaker:** Mr Ernest Agius, *Chief Operations Officer, Bank of Valletta*
- Debate
- 16:00**                    **Closing of the meeting**
- 16:15**                    **Departure of delegations**