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MALTA

Wednesday, 26 April 2017

- 14:00 – 19:00** Arrival of delegations and registration at the hotels
- 14:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the meeting venue
- 15:00 – 16:30** **Meeting of the Representatives of the Presidential Troika and the European Parliament**
- 16:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the meeting venue
- 17:15 – 18:00** **Meeting of the Heads of Delegations**
- 17:45** Departure by bus from the hotels to the meeting venue
- 18:15 – 19:00** **Meeting of the Political Groups (no opportunity to return to the hotels before dinner)**
- 19:00** Departure to social event
- Walking tour of Mdina
- 20:30** **Dinner hosted by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairperson of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee***
- Venue: The Xara Lodge, Triq il-Belt, Rabat*
- 22:30** Return to the hotels by bus

Thursday, 27 April 2017

- 08:30** Departure by bus from the hotels to the Hilton Malta, St Julian's
- 09:00** Arrival of participants and registration for the meeting
- 09:30 – 10:00** **Opening Session**
- Welcome address by Hon. Ċensu Galea, *Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta*
- Introductory remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairperson of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*
- Introductory remarks by Mr David McAllister, *Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament*
- 10:00 – 11:45** **Session I: State of Play of the European Neighbourhood Policy**
- Keynote Speaker: Hon. George Vella, *Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malta*
- Debate
- 11:45** **Official Photo**
- 12:00** **Lunch**

13:30 – 15:00 **Session II: European Response to the Instability and Threats in the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East**

Keynote speaker: Mr Gilles de Kerchove, *EU Counter-Terrorism Coordinator*

Keynote speaker: Mr Kahin Ismail, *UN High Commissioner for Refugees Representative in Malta*

Speaker: Mr Valerio de Diverdi, *International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law Foundation*

Debate

15:00 **Coffee Break**

15:30 – 17:30 **Session III: Exchange of Views on the Priorities and the Strategies of the EU in the area of CFSP and CSDP**

Opening remarks by Hon. Carmelo Abela, *Minister for Home Affairs and National Security of Malta*

Keynote Speech by Ms Federica Mogherini, *High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission*

Debate

17:30 Departure to the hotels by bus

19:00 Departure from the hotels to reception

19:30 **Reception hosted by Hon. Ġensu Galea, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Venue: The Gazebo, Hilton Malta, Portomaso, St Julian's

22:00 Return to the hotels by bus

Friday, 28 April 2017

08:30 Departure by bus from the hotels to the Hilton Malta, St Julian's

09:00 – 10:30 **Workshops (in parallel)**

Workshop 1: EU's Migration Policy in 2017 and beyond

Moderator: Mr Paolo Alli (MP, Italy)

Rapporteur: Mr Javier Nart (MEP)

Address by Mr Leonello Gabrici, *Head of Division for Migration and Human Security (EEAS)*

Address by Ms Ana Gomes (MEP)

Workshop 2: Fighting Propaganda and Information Warfare

Moderator: Mr Marko Mihkelson (MP, Estonia)

Rapporteur: Ms Anna Fotyga (MEP)

Address by Mr Frits Lintmeijer (MP, Netherlands)

Address by Mr Silvio Gonzato, *Director for General Affairs (EEAS)*

Workshop 3: European Defence Action Plan and EU-NATO relations

Moderator: Mr Michael Gahler (MEP)

Rapporteur: Mr Cristian Sorin Dumitrescu (MP, Romania)

Address by Mr Crispin Blunt (MP, United Kingdom)

Address by Mr Jorge Domecq, *Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency*

Address by Mr Gabor Iklody, *Director for Crisis Management and Planning (EEAS)*

10:30 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00

Final Session

Presentation of workshop results and adoption of the conclusions

Closing remarks by Mr David McAllister, *Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament*

Closing remarks by Hon. Luciano Busuttil, *Chairperson of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee*

12:00

Lunch

13:30

Departure of delegations