

Useful logistics info :

Personal and Other Insurance

Participants are reminded to take out personal insurance for themselves and accompanying persons, including insurance of personal effects.

Airport Transfers

Public transport from Malta International Airport to Valletta is available via Bus X7 (direction Valletta) which leaves the airport every hour from 06:57 and 19:57.

A Taxi Stand is also available at the airport. Taxi service from the Airport is available 24 hours a day to any destination in Malta, including Valletta. Fixed rates are applicable and pre-paid tickets can be purchased from the ticket booth at Arrivals.

Telecommunications

New state-of-the-art equipment links Malta to the rest of the World. Broadband Internet Access and fax facilities are readily available while Vodafone, Go and Melita provide the latest generation mobile telephony services (WAP, GPRS). Relatively cheap international calling cards may be bought from various outlets.

Currency

The unit of currency in Malta is the Euro.

Banks

There are banks in all the towns and villages with additional "Bureaux de Change" in Sliema, St Julians and Valletta.

Bank of Valletta and HSBC banking hours are as follows:

Bank of Valletta

Monday - Thursday 0830hrs - 1400hrs

Friday 0830hrs - 1530hrs

Saturday 0830hrs - 1230hrs

HSBC

Monday - Thursday 0830hrs - 1330hrs

Friday 0830hrs - 1630hrs

Saturday 0830hrs - 1230hrs

The bank at the airport is open twenty-four hours.

Electricity

Electricity supply is 220/240 volts, single phase, 50 cycle. **The square fitting standard three-pin plugs and sockets are used.**

Leisure

Malta offers facilities for practically all kinds of sports and the Marsa Sports Club has an 18-hole golf-course, 18 tennis courts, a racetrack and several badminton and squash courts. Many of the leading hotels in Malta have modern health and fitness facilities.

Health

Delegates should ensure that they are covered by adequate medical insurance. Health care in Malta is of a high level conforming to European standards. The new Mater Dei Hospital is the state hospital. There are also two private hospitals, St James Capua and St Philips.

Language

The national language is Maltese which is a complex derivative of Semitic and Romance languages using a primarily Latin alphabet but also including a number of additional letters which originate in the Arab language. English is also an official language and is widely spoken in Malta and will be the language of the conference.

Postal Services

Stamps may be bought from most Newsagents/Stationers. For full postal services the main Post Office is located in Castille Place, Valletta whilst branches may be found in most areas. Postal rates for an ordinary letter/postcard are as follows:

Local: EUR 0.26

Europe and UK EUR 0.37

USA and Canada EUR 0.51

Australia EUR 0.63

Shopping

Shops are usually open from 0900hrs to 1300hrs and 1600hrs to 1900hrs. However, many are closed on Saturday afternoon. Malta is renowned for its Lace, Mdina Glass and reasonably priced gold and silver items. Local honey and wine have been famous since antiquity.

Markets: Il-Monti, Valletta, Mondays to Saturdays, 0730hrs to 1200hrs; St James Ditch, Valletta, Sundays, 0730hrs to 1200hrs. Marsaxlokk, Sunday mornings.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Communications Office, University of Malta +356 2340 2828

Melita +356 27 275000

Flight Enquiries +356 5004 3333 (Malta International Airport)

Gozo Ferries +356 21 556114

Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire) 112

Overseas Operator 1152

Directory Enquiries 1182
Vodafone Operator 1189
Go Operator 1187

Restaurants

Barracuda, 194, Main Street, St. Julians Tel: +356 21 331817, +356 21 337370
San Giuliano, Spinola Beach, St. Julians Tel: +356 21 332000, +356 21 319615
Dolce Vita, 159, St. Georges Road, St. Julians Tel: +356 21 337806
Da Peppino, St. Georges Road, St. Julians Tel: +356 21 373200
Portopalo, Tigne Sea Front, Sliema Tel: +356 21 331915
Bacchus, Triq Inguanez, Mdina Tel: +356 21 454981, +356 21 459437
Medina, 7, Holy Cross Street, Mdina Tel: +356 21 454004
The Arches, 113, Main Street, Mellieha Tel: +356 21 573436, +356 21 520533
The Carriage, South Street, Valletta Tel: +356 21 247828
Trattoria Palazz, Old Theatre Street, Valletta Tel: +356 21 226611
Grabiell, Marsascala Seafront, Marsascala, Tel: +356 21 684194
Porto del Sol, Xemxija Hill, St. Paul's Bay, Tel: +356 21 573970

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