

# Draft Programme Familiarisation Visit

M A L T A - 11 – 15 October 2004

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## Day 1 – Monday 11 October 2004

- 9:00 – 9:10**                      **Overview and Introduction**  
*Mr Joseph R Grima*  
*Principal Permanent Secretary*  
*Office of the Prime Minister*
- 9:10 – 9:30**                      **Introduction of Participants**
- 9:30 – 10:30**                    **The Maltese Economy: Overview and Prospects**  
*Mr Lino Delia*  
*Senior Lecturer*  
*Department of Economics*  
*Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy*  
*University of Malta*
- 10:30 – 11:00**                   **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:00**                   **The Economic Policy Machinery**  
*Mr Paul Zahra*  
*Permanent Secretary*  
*Ministry of Finance*
- 12:00 – 12:30**                   **Questions**
- 12:30 – 14:00**                   **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:00**                   **The Maltese Private Sector and the Role of the Chamber of  
Commerce and Enterprise**  
*Dr Gabriella Pace*  
*Senior Policy Officer*  
*Malta Business Bureau*  
*Malta Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise*
- 15:00 – 15:30**                   **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 16:30**                   **Manufacturing in Malta and the Role of the Federation of  
Industry**  
*Mr Anton Borg*  
*President*  
*Federation of Industries*
- 16:30**                                **Evaluation of Day 1**

**Day 2 – Tuesday 12 October 2004**

- 9:00 – 10:00**            **Women in Industry**  
*Ms Helga Ellul*  
*Senior Vice President*  
*National Council of Women of Malta*
- 10:00 – 11:00**            **Developing an Information Society**  
*Ministry for Investment, Industry & Information Technology*
- 11:00 – 11:30**            **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:30**            **The Maltese Political System: An Overview**  
*Prof Godfrey A Pirota*  
*Head*  
*Department of Public Policy*  
*Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy*  
*University of Malta*
- 12:30 – 14:00**            **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:00**            **Reform and Modernisation of the Public Service**  
*Mr Charles Polidano*  
*Director*  
*Strategy and Planning*  
*Office of the Prime Minister*
- 15:00 – 15:30**            **Coffee Break**
- 15:30-16:30**            **Employing public labour more productively: a public-private partnership in urban and rural landscaping**  
*Speaker to be announced*
- 16:30**                      **Evaluation of Day 2**

**Day 3 – Wednesday 13 October 2004**

- 9:00 – 12:30**            **Cultural Tour of Valletta**  
(including meeting with Clerk to the House of Representatives)
- 12:30 – 14:00**           **Lunch (in Valletta)**
- 14:00 – 15:00**           **The Tourism Sector in Malta**  
*Mr Chris Grech*  
*Chairman*  
*Malta Tourism Authority*
- 15:00 – 15:30**           **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 16:30**           **Malta's Cultural Heritage and its Preservation**  
*Dr Mario Tabone*  
*Chairman*  
*Heritage Malta*
- 16:30**                    **Evaluation of Day 3**

**Day 4 – Thursday 14 October 2004**

- 9:00 – 10:00**            **Trade Unionism in Malta**  
*Speaker to be announced*
- 10:00 – 11:00**            **Social Dialogue in Malta**  
*Mr Victor Scicluna*  
*Chairperson*  
*Malta Council for Economic & Social Development*
- 11:00 – 11:30**            **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:30**            **Meeting the EU Challenge (Part 1)**  
*Ministry for Rural Affairs & the Environment*
- 12:30 – 14:00**            **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:00**            **Meeting the EU Challenge (Part 2)**  
*Ministry for Justice & Home Affairs*
- 15:00 – 15:30**            **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 16:30**            **The Media in Malta**  
*Fr Joe Borg*  
*Head*  
*Public Broadcasting Service Editorial Board*
- 16:30**                      **Evaluation of Day 4**

**Day 5 – Friday 15 October 2004**

**Day-trip to Gozo** to study Malta's only regional ministry. Visit will include meetings at Ministry for Gozo and lunch on the island.