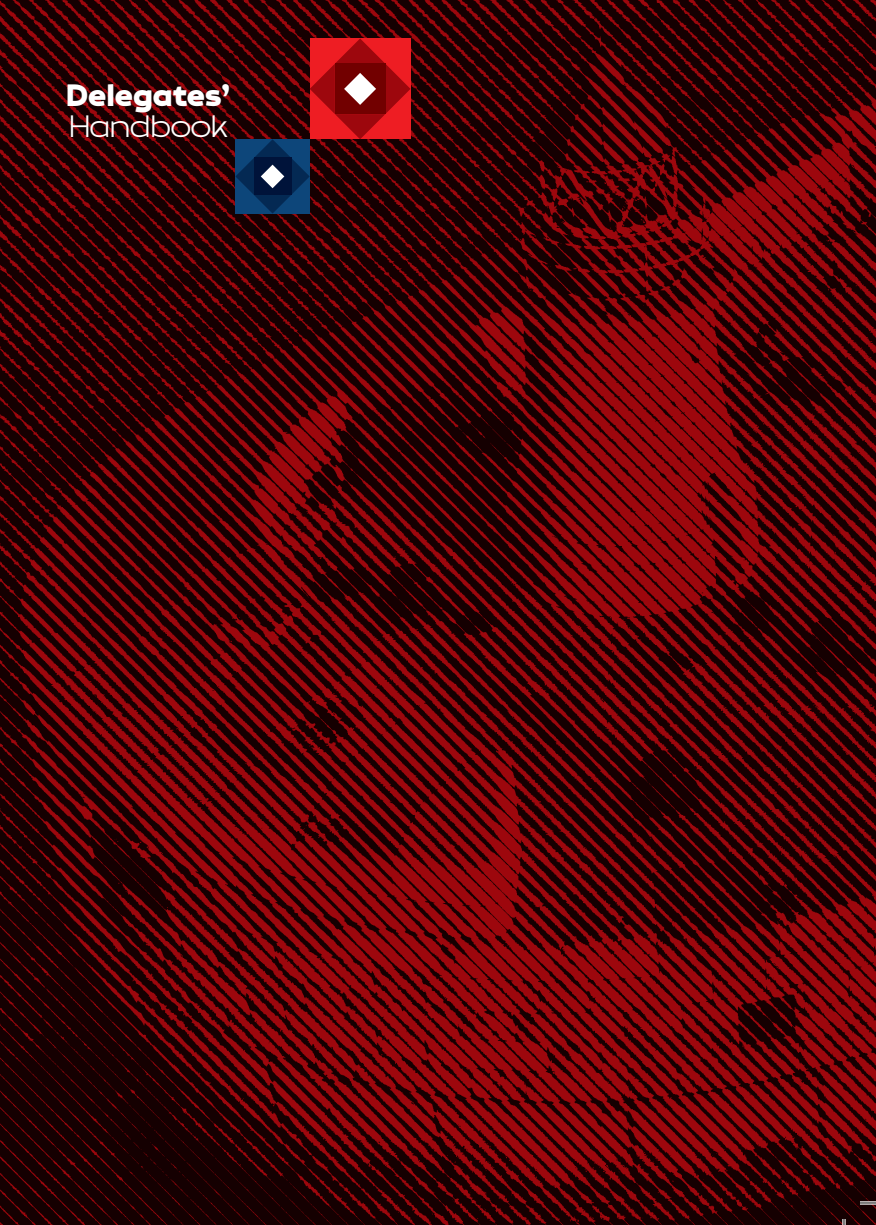
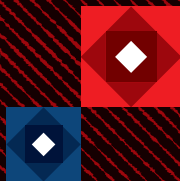




Delegates' Handbook



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Welcome from the Chair-in-Office

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As OSCE Chair-in-Office, I warmly welcome you to Malta for the 31st Meeting of the Ministerial Council.

Under our motto “Strengthening Resilience, Enhancing Security”, we began our Chairpersonship with a pledge to serve as a bridge between Skopje and Helsinki. Throughout, we have worked to reinforce the pillars of the OSCE and uphold the principles and commitments on which it stands.

This Ministerial Council comes at a critical point for both the OSCE and the security of our region. It takes place against a backdrop of ongoing war and human suffering that has tested our collective

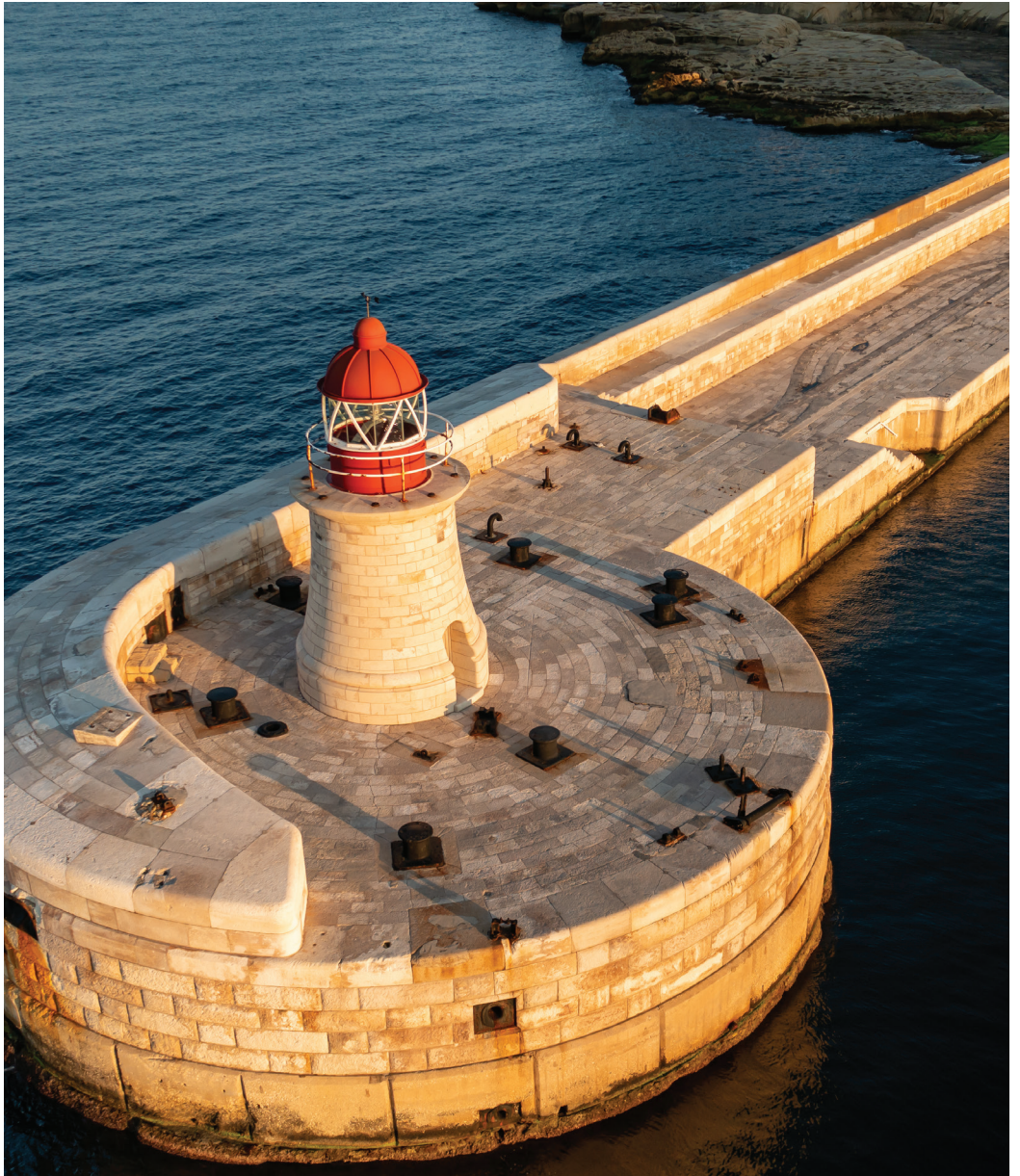
commitment to the laws, rules and norms that have underpinned international peace and security for nearly 80 years.

This meeting provides an opportunity to ensure that the OSCE has the leadership and resources it needs to fulfil its mandates and respond to existing and emerging security threats. It also offers a forum to discuss the security situation in our region as we approach the 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

In this spirit, I welcome you all to Malta, and look forward to exploring ways to set our region on a path towards a more peaceful, secure, and prosperous future.

Ian Borg

Chair-in-Office of the OSCE
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Tourism



Ministerial Council Programme



Thursday, 5 December 2024

- 10:00 Opening session (open)
- Formal opening and adoption of the agenda
- Address by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
- Address by the President of the OSCE
 Parliamentary Assembly
- Report by the OSCE Secretariat
- First plenary session (closed)
- Statements by heads of delegation

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13:15 Working lunch for ministers

- 15:00–18:00 Second plenary session (closed)
- Statements by heads of delegation

Friday, 6 December 2024

- 10:00 Third plenary session (closed)
- Statements by heads of delegation
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents
 and decisions
- Closing statements by delegations
- Any other business
- Closing session (open)
- Formal closure (statements by the current
 and incoming OSCE Chairpersons-in-Office)

13:30 Press conference



Venue

The 31st meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be held at the Malta Fairs & Conventions Centre (MFCC), in Ta' Qali, Malta on 5 and 6 December 2024. Related meetings of the Preparatory Committee and other OSCE bodies will take place in Vienna prior to arrival in Malta.



Exclusive delegation hotels

The Corinthia Palace in Attard
De Paule Avenue
San Anton BZN 9023
+356 21 440301

The Westin Dragonara Resort in
St Julian's
Dragonara Road
St. Julian's STJ 3143
+356 213 81000

The Radisson Blu Resort and Spa in
Għajn Tuffieħa
Golden Sands Bay
Mellieħa MLH 5510
+356 2356 1000

Badge Categories and Access



The Ministerial Council venue can only be accessed with a valid accreditation badge or Head of Delegation pin. Please note that badges and lapel pins are non-transferrable and for personal use only.

Badges with their lanyards, or pins must be worn visibly throughout the Ministerial Council.

Badge categories and access

The following badges will be used during the Ministerial Council with an indication of the areas such badges can access. Please note that delegations will be given gold-coloured floater badges which enable access to the Plenary Hall in combination with their delegate badges. Media representatives will be issued pool cards, which must be visibly worn and will grant access to leave the Media Centre under escort for designated media opportunities

Lost badges

The loss of a pin or badge must be reported immediately to the delegation liaison officer. Participants without a liaison officer are to report the loss of a pin or badge at one of the information desks at the venue. A new badge can only be issued to the registered holder of a lost badge upon presentation of valid identification. Badges cannot be collected by another member of the delegation.

Badge distribution for delegations

Delegation members will receive pins and badges from their respective liaison officers.

Badge distribution for media and NGO representatives

Media badges can be collected upon presentation of a valid photo ID and media credentials at the Information Desk at the Hotel Excelsior (Great Siege Road, Floriana, Malta) on the following dates:

Wednesday, 4 December: 12:00-20:00







Thursday, 5 December: 07:00-11:00

Badges should be collected before going to the MFCC. No access will be granted without a valid badge.

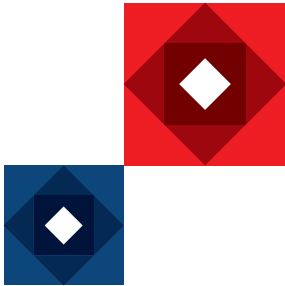
NGO representatives should collect their badges from the parallel civil society event on 4 December from 08:00 to 16:00 at the Xara Lodge, Triq it-Tigrija, Rabat, Malta.

All participants that arrive after the above times or who do not have a Liaison Officer can collect their badges from the Accreditation Desk at Triq Buqana near the Aviation Museum roundabout (35°53'33.8"N 14°24'59.4"E).

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		Plenary	VIP Holding Area	Delegates Area	Media & NGO Area	Press Conference	Side Events	Bilateral Rooms
Heads of Delegation	Lapel pin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delegate of Participating States and Partners for-Cooperation		With a floater badge	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delegate - International Organizations		With a floater badge	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delegate - Civil Society		With a floater badge	×	×	✓	✓	✓	×
Liaison Officers		✓	✓	✓	✓	×	×	✓
Security		×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Delegation Official Media		With a Media Pool badge	×	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Conference information



Opening hours of the conference premises

Thursday, 5 December	07:00 to 20:00
Friday, 6 December	07:00 to 14:00

The Media Centre will remain open until 17:00 on Friday, 6 December.

Internet/Wi-Fi

Wireless internet access is available throughout the Ministerial Council premises.

Smoking area

Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the Ministerial Council venue. A dedicated smoking area has been highlighted on the map.

First aid

A medical team is on standby at the conference venue. In addition, a medic is stationed at each of the three exclusive hotels.

Lost and Found

For lost property, please contact the information desk at the South entrance. The organisers are not liable for personal accidents or loss or damage to the personal property of accredited delegates and media representatives.

Bilateral meetings

There are 18 bilateral meeting rooms, all of which are equipped with a rectangular table that can accommodate 12 persons (six on either side). Bilateral meeting rooms are available to delegations upon prior reservation, on a first come, first served basis.

Opening hours for the bilateral meeting rooms

Thursday, 5 December	11:00 to 19:30
Friday, 6 December	09:00 to 13:00

Opening hours for the bilateral information desk

Thursday, 5 December	08:30 to 19:30
Friday, 6 December	08:30 to 13:00

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Reservations can be made by a delegation member designated by each delegation via email at mcbilateralmeetings.mfet@gov.mt or in person at the bilateral information desk. Timeslots for bilateral meetings are 30 minutes and can be booked only at full or half hours. Delegations are requested to respect the time limit to ensure that the room can be prepared in time for the next meeting.

No flags, flagpoles, table banners, interpretation or refreshments will be provided. Media coverage, if desired, must be arranged in advance through delegation liaison officers.

Delegation liaison officers

A liaison officer has been assigned to delegations to accompany the Head of Delegation during their stay in Malta and to assist with logistics.

Media

The Media Centre is accessible for media and NGO representatives via the South Entrance. The Media Information Desk, located at the entrance to the Centre, will provide information on access to pool or other arrangements, as well as assistance in obtaining official photos and videos of the events.

The Chairpersonship will provide lunch in the Media Centre on Thursday, 5 December. Coffee/tea and refreshments will be available in the Media Centre for the duration of the event.

Livestream

All open sessions will be transmitted live at:

www.osce.org/live.

Video recordings of the open sessions will be made available on the OSCE's YouTube channel. Download links to videos of individual statements in broadcast quality can be requested from comms@osce.org, shortly after they take place.

Social media

Follow the Ministerial Council digitally and on social media:

- MC webpage:
https://www.osce.org/event/mc_2024
- Livestream: <https://www.osce.org/live>
- Hashtags: #OSCEMC24

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- Website: [osce.org](https://www.osce.org)
- X Handle: @OSCE
- Instagram: @osceorg
- Facebook: [facebook.com/osce.org](https://www.facebook.com/osce.org)
- LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/osce](https://www.linkedin.com/company/osce)

Maltese OSCE Chairpersonship and the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of Malta

- Websites: [osce.org/chairpersonship](https://www.osce.org/chairpersonship) & [foreign.gov.mt](https://www.foreign.gov.mt)
- X Handles:
@DeputyPMLanBorg; @OSCE24MT & @MFETMalta
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- LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/company/maltaosce24](https://www.linkedin.com/company/maltaosce24)

Photos

The Ministerial Council meeting has a team of official photographers provided by Malta's Department of Information.

Photos taken by the official photographers will be available in high-resolution format on the OSCE's website:

www.osce.org/resources/multimedia

In due time, they will also be available on

www.flickr.com/photos/osceorg

Please make sure to credit photos accurately with the name of the photographer/organisation.





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Chairpersonship media contacts

Questions related to the logistics of media participation can be addressed to the OSCE Chairpersonship Events Taskforce at pressoscemcmalta.mfet@gov.mt.

For an interview or briefing request, please contact the OSCE Communication and Media Relations Section at press@osce.org or + 43 676 717 4592 (only active during the Ministerial Council).

Delegates area

The Chairpersonship will provide lunch for delegates in the delegates area on Thursday, 5 December.

Coffee/tea and refreshments will be available in the delegates area for the duration of the event.

Transportation, arrivals and departures at Conference Venue

Delegates are asked to kindly communicate all official transportation requests to their designated liaison officers.

The closest access points for taxis arriving at MC venue are:

- Triq Buqana near the Aviation Museum roundabout (35°53'33"N 14°25'02"E).
- Vjal I-Istadium Nazzjonali, corner with Triq San Gakbu, Ta' Qali (35°53'44"N 14°25'23"E)

Transportation to/from the exclusive hotels

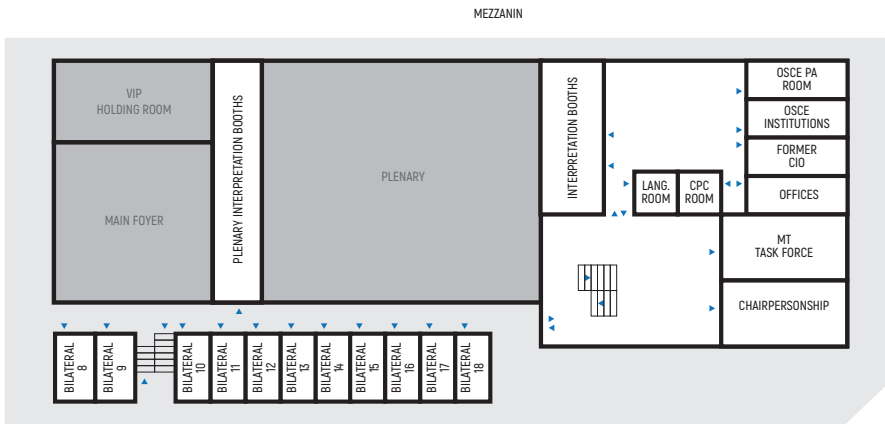
Access to the three exclusive hotels is only for accredited participants of the 31st Ministerial Council, or delegation members who were registered for a hotel badge. The closest access points for taxis from the hotels are:

- Golden Sands - Triq il-Naħħalija, Mgarr (35°56'07"N 14°20'54"E)
- Corinthia Palace – either Triq Birkirkara, Attard (35°53'39"N 14°26'50"E) or Triq il-Ferrovija I-Antika Attard (35°53'38"N 14°27'01"E)
- Westin Dragonara - Triq id-Dragonara, St Julians in front of Vivaldi Hotel (35°55'27.0"N 14°29'29.0"E)

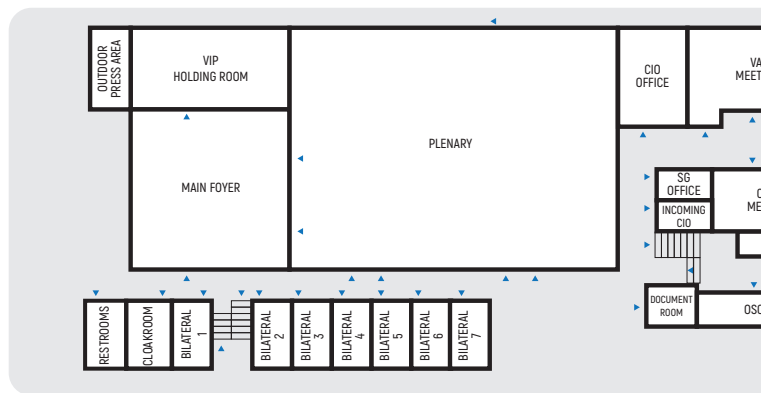


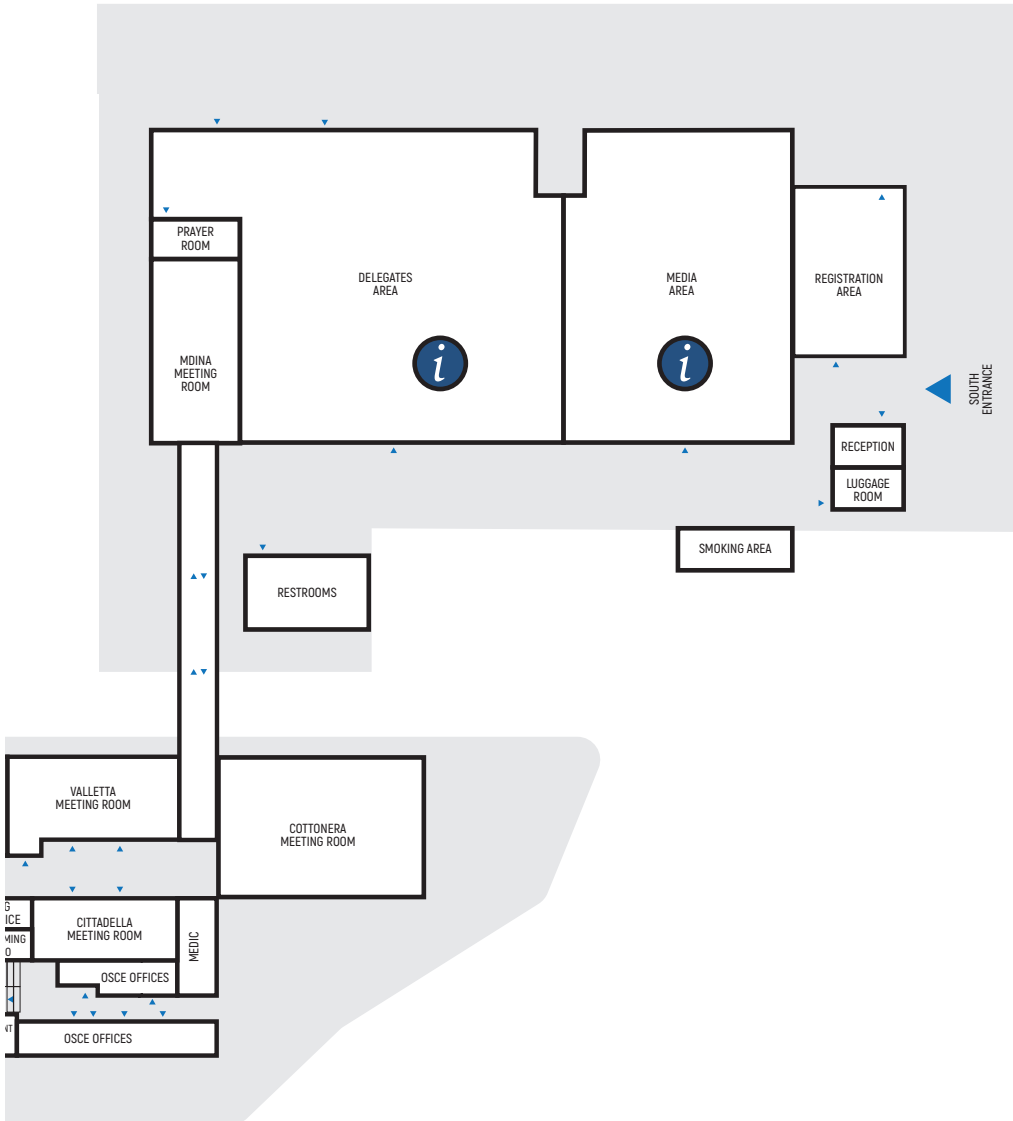
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General Information

About Malta

With an area of just 316sq km, the Maltese Archipelago is one of the smallest in the world. Yet it is also one of the densest, with over 500,000 residents. Located in the middle of the Mediterranean, the Maltese Islands are some of the richest in the region – with a diverse culture, a dynamic history, welcoming people and eclectic attractions.

For more information, see www.visitmalta.com

Banking services and currency

Malta's official currency is the euro. Banking hours are generally Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 17:00. Some banks are open on Saturday mornings. Most internationally recognised currencies and traveller's cheques can be exchanged at commercial banks and at Malta International Airport.

Cash dispensing machines or ATMs are located throughout the country, and major credit and debit cards are widely accepted. ATMs are also located at some hotels.

Business hours shops

Shops are generally open from 09:00 to 13:00 and 16:00 to 19:00, Monday through Saturday. In tourist areas, many shops are open throughout the day.

Electricity voltage

The electricity supply in Malta is 230V. The square-fitting standard three-pin, 13 Amp British plugs and sockets are used. A step-down transformer is needed to convert the current to 110-120V. Delegates are advised to bring their own electrical adaptors if required.

Weather in Malta

The climate in Malta is subtropical Mediterranean, with long, hot, dry and very sunny summers and short, mild and slightly rainy winters. In December, the average air temperature in Malta ranges from 15°C (59°F) to 19°C (66°F).

International dialling codes

The international dialling code for Malta is +356. International calls made from Malta should be preceded by 00, followed by the national country code.

Time zone

Malta is on Central European Time (CET), which is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) in December.

Medical help

A medical team is on standby at the conference venue. In addition, a medic is stationed at each of the three exclusive hotels.

The number 112 can be used for all emergencies.

Local 24-hour pharmacies can be found here:

www.pharmacy.mt/roster

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