



National Commission for
**Further and
Higher Education**
Malta



MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Education and Training Dimension of Malta's Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2017

Meeting of Directors General for Higher Education, Bratislava,
17 and 18 October, 2016

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Malta

- Valletta is the capital city
- Population of c. 425,000
- Land area of 316 km²
- Population density of c. 1,350 per km²
- EU Member State since 2004
- Joined the Eurozone in 2008
- 1st Presidency of the Council
- Unemployment rate: 4.8% (October 2015)
- GDP Q3 2015: + 5.4% in real terms over the corresponding period for 2014



The Ministry for Education and Employment

Minister for Education and Employment
Mr Evarist Bartolo



Parliamentary Secretary for Research,
Innovation, Youth and Sport
Mr Chris Agius



Permanent Secretary
Mr Joseph Caruana



The Maltese Education System

- In Malta responsibility for the education system lies with the Ministry for Education and Employment.
- The National Curriculum Framework for compulsory schools is established by the Ministry and followed by all schools.
- The Malta Qualifications Framework, referenced to the European Qualifications Framework since 2009, governs the further and higher education provision in Malta.

Education Outcomes

The Maltese Presidency's overall theme is

“inclusion in diversity through a high quality education for all”

with the target to develop potential talent within a high quality inclusive and equitable educational context.

Overall policy issues included in the agenda of Malta's Presidency

- Skills and Mobility package
- Flexible transitions within education and towards employment
- Digital technologies
- Refugee and migrant crisis
- Beyond ET 2020

Sectoral policy issues included in the agenda of Malta's Presidency

– Schools:

- Exchange of good practice in supporting better transitions
- Inclusive education (including migrants and refugees)
- Follow-up to the Paris declaration
- Continuous Professional development

– Vocational Education and Training:

- Access to VET
- Work-based learning, including apprenticeships in VET

– Higher Education:

- Modernisation of HE
- Digital education and connected/blended learning

Meetings and Events

- **Brussels:**
 - Education committee meetings
 - Formal Education Council meeting/s
- **Malta:**
 - High-Level Group E&T Meeting 28th and 29th November 2016
 - Meetings of:
 - **DG HE – 13th and 14th March 2017**
 - DG Schools - 10th and 11th April 2017
 - Bologna Follow-up Group – 24th and 25th May 2017
 - Education Week 16th to 20th January:
 - *Forum on Leadership Policy for Equity and Learning: Take it to the Students*
 - *Joint PLA Digital Education and Higher Education*
 - *Conference on The State of Digital Education: Engaging with connected, blended and open learning*
 - International Conference on Raising Achievements for all Learners and Inclusive Education – Raising Achievements for All Learners (European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive education) – 5th – 7th April 2017

Endnote

- We are keen to work with our Trio partners and build on the work that has been undertaken by our Dutch colleagues and the work which is being carried out during the current Slovak Presidency.
- Malta is determined to grasp the opportunity which the Presidency presents to leave a strong legacy in terms of enhanced co-operation in education and training
- We look forward to welcoming you all to our beautiful island!

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