

Welcome Letter

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Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the first Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union since Malta's accession in the European Union. This will be held during the next six months, ending in June 2017.

First of all allow me to take the opportunity to thank our colleagues for their input and hard work during previous presidencies. In a particular way we wish to thank the Dutch and Slovak teams with whom we have worked very closely during the past months. Malta will continue implementing the Rolling Programme as agreed during the last EUPAN DGs meeting in Bratislava, in order to ensure continuity.

In today's rapidly-changing and evolving world, Public Administrations are constantly being challenged to provide an effective and efficient service using fewer resources. Our priorities will primarily focus on topics related to good governance, including performing organisations and multiculturalism and HR innovation such as increasing employee motivation through support services. Furthermore we will also be focusing on a Public Service which is brought closer to the citizens.

The calendar of events for the Maltese Presidency in connection with EUPAN will be accessible on the official website www.eupan.eu. The 68th EUPAN DGs Meeting will be held on the 8 and 9 June 2017.

Additionally, the Maltese Presidency will be organising the 9th Quality Conference on the 15 and 16 May 2017, the main theme of which is "Joining forces and breaking silos for a transparent, inclusive and better performing public administration".

For any additional information or queries related to EUPAN, please do not hesitate to contact us on eupan@gov.mt whereas on the 9th QC contact us on 9qc@gov.mt. For logistical and accommodation information contact us on Infomail@eu2017.mt.

We look forward to welcoming you in Malta and invite you to take an active role during the meetings. Sharing best practices and innovations will contribute towards enhanced and improved public administrations across Europe.

Thank you for your cooperation and best regards.



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