





EXTRAORDINARY WORKERS' GROUP MEETING

11-12 May 2017

Palace Hotel, Royal Hall High Street, Sliema 1542, Malta

AGENDA

1 p.m. Press point Opening session: Welcome address Gabriele BISCHOFF, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC 2.10 p.m. Keynote speech Joseph MUSCAT, Prime Minister of Malta 3 p.m. Keeping the EU together "Social and economic divergences and convergences - Where does Malta stand?" Intervention Michael FARRUGIA, Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity Edward SCICLUNA, Minister for Finance Josef BUGEJA, Secretary General of the General Workers Union (GWU) "Challenges for labour market and employment relations" Intervention Evarist BARTOLO, Minister for Education and Employment Edward ZAMMIT LEWIS, Minister for Tourism Josef VELLA, Chief Executive Officer of the UHM Voice of the Workers (UHM) Debate 5 p.m. Break Priorities and Programme of the Maltese EU Presidency – How to ensure the effective continuation of the European project and bring the Union closer to its citizens		1st day - 11 May
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	2nd day - 12 May
9 a.m.	Towards fair and balanced EU trade policies for the benefits of jobs and citizens
	Introduction
	- Nikos ZAIMIS, Adviser, European Commission, DG Trade
	"Lessons learned"
	- Thierry DELAVAL, Belgian Permanent Representation to the EU (Representative of
	Walloon region)
	- Silvio SCHEMBRI, Member of the Maltese Parliament
	- Reingard ZIMMER, Professor of Labour Law at Berlin School of Economics and Law
	"Future strategy"
	- Liina CARR, ETUC Confederal Secretary, Gr II member
	- Tanja BUZEK, Gr II member of the EESC International Trade Follow-up Committee
	Debate
12.30 p.m.	Closing remarks
	- Gabriele BISCHOFF, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC
12.45 p.m.	End of the meeting

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