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Group II – Workers' Group

## EXTRAORDINARY WORKERS' GROUP MEETING

11-12 May 2017

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

### AGENDA

	1st day - 11 May
1 p.m.	<i>Press point</i>
2 p.m.	<b>Opening session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome address</li> <li>– <b>Gabriele BISCHOFF</b>, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC</li> </ul>
2.10 p.m.	<b>Keynote speech</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Joseph MUSCAT</b>, Prime Minister of Malta</li> </ul>
3 p.m.	<b>Keeping the EU together</b> <b>"Social and economic divergences and convergences - Where does Malta stand?"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention</li> <li>– <b>Michael FARRUGIA</b>, Minister for the Family and Social Solidarity</li> <li>– <b>Edward SCICLUNA</b>, Minister for Finance</li> <li>– <b>Josef BUGEJA</b>, Secretary General of the General Workers Union (GWU)</li> </ul> <b>"Challenges for labour market and employment relations"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention</li> <li>– <b>Evarist BARTOLO</b>, Minister for Education and Employment</li> <li>– <b>Edward ZAMMIT LEWIS</b>, Minister for Tourism</li> <li>– <b>Josef VELLA</b>, Chief Executive Officer of the UHM Voice of the Workers (UHM)</li> </ul> <b>Debate</b>
5 p.m.	<i>Break</i>
5.10 p.m.	<b>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</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intervention</li> <li>– <b>Ian BORG</b>, Parliamentary Secretary for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds</li> <li>– <b>Georges DASSIS</b>, President of the European Economic and Social Committee</li> </ul>
5.45 p.m.	<b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Gabriele BISCHOFF</b>, Workers' Group President (Gr II) – EESC</li> </ul>
6 p.m.	<i>End of the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the meeting</i>

	<b>2nd day - 12 May</b>
9 a.m.	<p><b>Towards fair and balanced EU trade policies for the benefits of jobs and citizens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>– <b>Nikos ZAIMIS</b>, Adviser, European Commission, DG Trade</li> </ul> <p><b>"Lessons learned"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Thierry DELAVAL</b>, Belgian Permanent Representation to the EU (Representative of Walloon region)</li> <li>– <b>Silvio SCHEMBRI</b>, Member of the Maltese Parliament</li> <li>– <b>Reingard ZIMMER</b>, Professor of Labour Law at Berlin School of Economics and Law</li> </ul> <p><b>"Future strategy"</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Liina CARR</b>, ETUC Confederal Secretary, Gr II member</li> <li>– <b>Tanja BUZEK</b>, Gr II member of the EESC International Trade Follow-up Committee</li> </ul> <p><b>Debate</b></p>
12.30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing remarks</b></li> <li>– <b>Gabriele BISCHOFF</b>, Workers' Group President (Group II) – EESC</li> </ul>
12.45 p.m.	<b>End of the meeting</b>

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