



PROGRAMME

**SMALL STATES
IN THE EU:
PASSIVE POLICY TAKERS
OR INDUSTRIOUS
AGENDA-SETTERS?**



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SEMINAR PROGRAMME

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Old University Building

St Paul Street

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| 8:30-9:00 | Registration | 11:15-11:35 | Luxembourg and the Rotating Council Presidency of the EU: Experiences and Challenges
Guido Lessing, Professor of History, Centre d'études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman |
| 9:00-9:10 | Welcoming Address
Professor Roderick Pace, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta | 11:35-11:55 | The Manufacturing Sectors in the EU Small States
Professor Lino Briguglio, Institute for Islands and Small States, University of Malta |
| 9:10-9:20 | Small States in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges
A Brief introduction of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project
Pia Hansson, Director, Centre for Small State Studies | 11:55-12:15 | When Size Counts: How Smallness can Enable a Member State to Better Manage the Obligations of Membership
Dr. Mark Harwood, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta |
| 9:20-9:40 | Small States beyond the EU: Deploying a 'Small State-Large State' Perspective onto the Japan-China Dispute in the East China Sea
Professor Godfrey Baldacchino, Department of Sociology, University of Malta | 12:15-12:35 | Shaping Union Decisions with 0,08% of its Voting Powers in the Council
Dr. Peter Agius, Head of European Parliament Information Office in Malta |
| 9:40-10:00 | Maximizing Influence in the European Union: Small State Strategies in the European Institutional Landscape
Professor Anders Wivel, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen | 12:35-13:35 | Panel Discussion: Coping with Smallness
Chaired by Professor Roderick Pace.

Participants:
Ambassador Victor Camilleri
Professor Lino Briguglio
Professor Anders Wivel
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson
Professor Stelios Stavridis
Dr. Kulli Sarapuu |
| 10:00-10:20 | Do Small States need Shelter? The Baltic States, the Nordic Nations and Scotland
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of Political Science, University of Iceland | 13.35-13:45 | Closing remarks
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson |
| 10:20-10:35 | Coffee break | | |
| 10:35-10:55 | Small States in the EU: Cyprus and Malta
Professor Roderick Pace, Professor Charalombous Tsardinidis and Professor Stelios Stavridis | | |
| 10:55-11:15 | The EU Council Presidency: Challenges for a Small State Public Administration
Dr. Külli Sarapuu, Ragnar Nurkse School of Innovation and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology | | |