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RESTORING FAITH IN THE EUROPEAN UNION: STRENGTHEN SOLIDARITY, UNITY AND DETERMINATION

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DAY ONE - THURSDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2016

- 8.40 Transport leaves the hotel for University Campus Valetta (TEPSA Board Members only)
- 9.00-10.30 TEPSA Board Meeting
- 9.50 Transport leaves the hotel for University Campus Valetta (Other TEPSA Members staying at the Hotel)
- 10.30 Registration / Coffee
- MODERATOR: Dr Peter Agius, Head, office of the European Parliament, Malta
- 11.00 Welcome Address by Professor Roderick Pace, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta
- 11.10 Address by Professor Jaap de Zwaan, Secretary General, TEPSA
- 11.20 Inaugural Address:
THE PRIORITIES OF MALTA'S PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU
The Hon Louis Grech MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto
- 11.50 TEPSA Recommendations
- 12.20 Discussion open to the floor and Minister's Reactions
- 13.00 End of the Opening Session and Sandwich Lunch

- 14.00 **PANEL 1**
THE EU'S NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY AND THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION: FACING UP TO THE ECONOMIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY AS WELL AS THE SECURITY AND STABILITY CHALLENGES

Chairperson:

Ms Moira Catania, Resident Academic Staff Member, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta

Panel Members

- Mr Stefano Mallia, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee



- Prof Manfred Weissenbacher, University of Malta
- Dr Hanna Ojanen, University of Tampere
- Professor Tobias Schumacher, College of Europe

15.00 Discussion and Q&A



15.30

JOHN PINDER LECTURE

INTRODUCTION: BRENDAN DONNELLY, DIRECTOR FEDERAL TRUST

“JOHN PINDER: AN INTELLECTUAL LEADER IN POLITICS”

PROFESSOR RODERICK PACE, INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF MALTA

16.00

Discussion

16.30

Address by the

Hon Dr Ian Borg – Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry for European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto responsible for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds

17.00

Coffee Break

17.15-20.00

TEPSA General Assembly (TEPSA Members only)

20.20

Transport leaves the University Campus to the Hotel

20.45

Conference Dinner at the Grand Hotel Excelsior for the TEPSA Board members, TEPSA representatives, Panelists and Staff.

Keynote speech: H.E. Ambassador Joop Nijssen, of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



DAY TWO - FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2016

8.40 Transport leaves the hotel for the conference venue

9.00 Start of the Conference

9.00

PANEL 2

THE MIGRATION CHALLENGE AND STRENGTHENING INTERNAL SOLIDARITY IN THE UNION

Chairperson: Professor Jaap de Zwaan, Secretary General, TEPSA

Panel Members

- Hon Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security
- Ms Marlene Mizzi, MEP
- Dr Roberta Metsola, MEP
- Mrs Joanna Darmanin, European Asylum Support Office (EASO)

10.00 Discussion and Q&A

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00

PANEL 3

THE EUROPEAN UNION AND BREXIT

Chairperson: Dr Mark Harwood, Director, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta

Panel Members

- Brendan Donnelly, Director, The Federal Trust for Education & Research, UK
- Professor Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chair ad personam University of Cologne, former Chairperson of the TEPSA Board
- Andrew Duff, European Policy Centre (EPC), former MEP
- Dr Alfred Sant, MEP



12.00

Discussion and Q&A

12.30

CLOSING ADDRESS

PROFESSOR MICHAEL KAEDING, CHAIRPERSON, TEPSA

13.00

STANDING BUFFET FOR THE REMAINING TEPSA MEMBERS.

