

Programme

**High Level Conference on Sustainable Tourism and EMAS
Awards 2017
8 May 2017**

Location: Casino Maltese, 247 Republic St, Valletta, Malta

		
13.00-14.00: Registration		
14.00-14.10	Conference opening and Welcome	Hon. Dr. Edward Zammit Lewis , <i>Minister, Ministry for Tourism, Malta</i>
14.10-14.20	Sustainable tourism - an opportunity for the European Union	European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella
14.20-15.45	A Greener tourism sector? Key trends and opportunities	<p>Challenges and opportunities of sustainable tourism: the role of authorities and economic actors ?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prof. Hans Bruyninckx, <i>Executive Director, European Environment Agency</i> 2) Mr. Angelos Loizou, <i>Chairman, Cyprus Tourism Organisation</i> 3) Mr. Alessandro Arborio Mella, <i>Talent & Culture director, AccorHotels</i> 4) Dr. Catherine Wilson, <i>Technical Manager Certification Services, ABTA</i> 5) Ms. Lonneke de Kort, <i>Director and owner, Bookdifferent</i> <p>Plus discussion with the audience</p>
15.45-16.10	EU sustainable tourism actions and funding opportunities	Ms. Krisztina Boros , <i>Policy Officer, Unit Tourism, Emerging and Creative Industries, European Commission, Directorate-General for the Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</i>
16.10-16.35	<i>Coffee break</i>	
16.35-17.00	The role of the EU tools: Bringing EMAS and Ecolabel to a broader public	Mr. Pierre Gaudillat , <i>Scientific/Technical Support Officer, European Commission - Joint Research Centre</i>
17.00-18.20	Sustainable tourism in practice, does it pay back? – Case studies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ms. Lídice Felizola, <i>Public Relations, Quality and Environmental System Manager, Hotel Jardín Tecina</i> 2) Mr. Miguel Tiago de Oliveira, <i>Head of Operations, Quality Assurance, Environmental, Safe&Security and Social Responsibility, Oceanario Lisboa</i> 3) Mr. Jari Korkalainen, <i>Manager, Metsäkartano resort Finland</i>

		4) Mr. Mario Morana , <i>Marketing Manager</i> , Hilton Malta 5) Mr. Benjamin Souviraa , <i>Director</i> , Espace Blue Ocean Campground & Leader, Ecolabel Club in the South west of France
18.20-18.30	Conference Closing	Mr. Paul Bugeja , <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> , Malta Tourism Authority
18.30-19.00	<i>Refreshments</i>	
		
19.00-19.15	Opening of the EMAS Awards Ceremony	Dr. José A. Herrera , <i>Minister</i> , Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change
	EMAS and Circular Economy – a winning combination	European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Karmenu Vella
19.15-19.20	Introduction of the nominees	Prof. Hans Bruyninckx , <i>Executive Director</i> , European Environment Agency
19.20-19.40	Presentation of nominees for private micro, small and medium-sized organisations (SMEs)	Award handed out by Commissioner Karmenu Vella and Ms. Helena Dalli , <i>Minister</i> , Ministry for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties
19.40-20.00	Presentation of nominees for private large organisations	Award handed out by Commissioner Karmenu Vella and Dr. José A. Herrera , <i>Minister</i> , Ministry for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Climate Change
20.00-20.20	Presentation of nominees for public organisations	Award handed out by Commissioner Karmenu Vella and Hon. Dr. Edward Zammit Lewis , <i>Minister</i> , Ministry for Tourism, Malta
20.20-20.25	Closing of the Awards	Ms. Helga Pizzuto , <i>Chairperson</i> , Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority (MCCAA)
20.25-20.30		Ms. Joanna Drake , <i>Deputy Director-General</i> , European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment
20.30-21.30	<i>Cocktail offered by the Maltese authorities</i>	

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