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Programme and Priorities of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the European Union

On 1 January 2013, Ireland assumed the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. This will be its seventh Presidency and also coincides with the fortieth anniversary of Ireland's accession to the European Union. Ireland is also the first of the three Member States that will preside over the Council of the European Union within the context of the current "trio presidency" whereby three successive Member States work together over an eighteen month period to accomplish a common agenda with the current president continuing the work of the previous one. Ireland will be succeeded by Lithuania and Greece respectively.

On December 4, Ireland's Minister for European Affairs, Lucinda Creighton, participated in a Public Dialogue on Economic Growth in Europe during which she outlined her country's plans for the Presidency. The Public Dialogue to be held on January 15, will focus on the Programme and Priorities of the Irish presidency for the coming six months.

Speaking during a ceremony marking the seventh Irish EU Council Presidency, the 40th anniversary of EU membership and the European Year of Citizen, held at Dublin Castle on December 31, the Tánaiste (Deputy Prime Minister) and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Eamon Gilmore, stated that Ireland's Government "will work hard to restore financial stability right across the continent, so as to build the conditions for job-creating growth." The focus will be on Stability, Jobs and Growth.

MEUSAC and the Embassy of Ireland in Malta would like to invite you to a Public Dialogue on the Programme and Priorities of the Irish Presidency to be held on **Tuesday, 15 January, 2013 at Europe House, 254 St Paul's Street, Valletta**. Registration starts at 9.30 a.m.

The programme and priorities of the Irish Presidency will be presented by His Excellency Jim Hennessy, Ambassador of Ireland to Malta. The Hon. Dr. Francis Zammit Dimech, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will provide an insight into Malta's reactions, perspectives and priorities for this semester.

Kindly confirm your attendance by sending an email on info.meusac@gov.mt, including name/s of person/s attending, organisation/s being represented and a contact number or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/meusacmalta. It would be highly appreciated if your confirmation reaches MEUSAC offices by not later than noon of Monday, January 14, 2013.

Whilst looking forward to welcoming you to our event, we convey our best regards.

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Jim Hennessy
Ambassador of Ireland to Malta



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