

PUBLIC DIALOGUE
Economic Growth in Europe
with Ireland's Minister for European Affairs
Lucinda Creighton

Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union begins on 1 January 2013 and runs for the first half of the year. The Irish Taoiseach (Prime Minister), Enda Kenny, has already stated that "stability, growth and jobs will be the priority agenda for the Irish Presidency".

The EU is now facing major challenges. The European Council last week decided to find a consensus among the 27 over the Union's Multiannual Financial Framework for the period 2014-2020 at the beginning of next year. The European Council 13-14 December will discuss the way forward for EMU.

The Malta-EU Steering and Action Committee (MEUSAC) and the Embassy of Ireland in Malta are organising a Public Dialogue with Lucinda Creighton, Irish Minister for European Affairs on the growth agenda.

This will be held on **Tuesday, December 4 at 9.30 a.m.** at the Aula Magna, University of Malta, Valetta Campus. Ms Creighton will deliver an introductory address which will be followed by a Question and Answer session.

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in this Public Dialogue. To register kindly send an email to info.meusac@gov.mt by not later than Monday, December 3. When registering, please include name/s of participant/s, entity/organisation being represented and a contact number.

We look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Vanni Xuereb
Head, MEUSAC

Jim Hennessy
Ambassador of Ireland



LUCINDA CREIGHTON, T.D.

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Lucinda Creighton was appointed Minister of State for European Affairs on 10 March 2011 by the Taoiseach (Prime Minister), Enda Kenny, T.D.

She was elected to the 30th Dáil (Parliament) on May 24, 2007. She was appointed Spokesperson on European Affairs in October 2007 by Enda Kenny T.D.

Involvement in European Affairs

- Elected Vice-President of the European People's Party (EPP) in October 2012
- Member of the European People's Party (EPP) Young Members Network
- Fine Gael Delegate to the European People's Party (EPP) Parliamentary Network
- 2002: Selected by the Government to represent Ireland at the Youth Convention on the Future of Europe in Brussels.
- 2004: Served on an advisory committee to the Department of Education for the Irish Presidency of the EU.
- 2003 – 2005: served on the Board of YEPP (the Young European Christian Democrats)
- Member of the Irish Institute of European Affairs
- Active campaigner for a 'Yes' vote in the Irish referenda on the Nice Treaty (2001 & 2002) and the Lisbon Treaty (2007)

Background

- Born and raised in Claremorris, Co. Mayo.
- Daughter of John and Mary Creighton, sister of Niamh.
- Lives in Donnybrook and is involved in a number of local organisations and clubs.
- A qualified Barrister and full time Member of Dáil Éireann.

Education

- 1984 – 1998: Completed primary and secondary education in the Convent of Mercy, Claremorris, Co Mayo.
- 1998 – 2002: Studied Law in Trinity College Dublin and graduated with an LLB from Trinity in 2002.
- 2003: Qualified as an Attorney at Law for the State of New York
- 2004 – 2005: Attended the Honourable Society of the Kings Inns.
- 2005: Called to the Irish Bar in 2005.
- 2006 – 2007: Completed her professional training as a Barrister.
- 2008 – : Masters (LLM) in International Relations, Dublin City University

Previous Employment

- 2001: Co-ordinator for the Democratic Party in New York
- 2002: Political advisor in Dáil Éireann
- 2002 – 2003: European Movement, Ireland; Research
- 2003 – 2004: The Health and Safety Authority; Press Office
- 2004: Elected to represent the Pembroke Ward on Dublin City Council
- 2005: Barrister at Law
- 2007: Elected to Dáil Éireann

Involvement in Fine Gael

- Member of Fine Gael's Executive Council
- Served as a member of the Young Fine Gael National Executive
- Previously Vice-chairperson to George Birmingham SC on a special Fine Gael Taskforce charged with rejuvenating the party in the capital in 2003.

Representation on Dublin City Council

- 2004 – 2007: Member of Dublin City Council
- Nominated to a number of Boards, including that of Temple Bar Properties and the Royal Hospital Donnybrook.
- A member of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee.
- Member of the Strategic Policy Committee on Traffic and Transport.
- Member of Lord Mayor's Commission on Childcare.

Dáil Work

- Fine Gael Spokesperson on European Affairs.
- Member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Affairs.
- Member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Scrutiny.