



## WORKSHOP

# The European Green Deal and the National Energy and Climate Plan in Malta

Organized in cooperation with the Maltese House of Representatives

**22 SEPTEMBER 2022**  
**9:00 – 13:45 VALLETTA TIME**

Parliament Building, The Chamber, Freedom Square, Valletta

Working language: English

### OPENING SESSION - 9:00 - 9:30

- **9:00 - 9:05**      **Opening words**  
Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES
- **9:05 - 9:15**      **Welcoming speech**  
David Agius, Deputy Speaker and Member of the House of Representatives
- **9:15 - 9:20**      **Welcoming speech**  
Ciaran Cuffe, Member of European Parliament & President of EUFORES
- **9:20 - 9:30**      **Climate action: a main driver for change**  
Christine Ann Deasey, Climate Activist in Malta

## SESSION 1 - 9:30 - 10:15

### Setting the ambition for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Malta

The session will present the current situation for renewable energy and energy efficiency in Malta, and how they will be addressed via the National Energy and Climate Plans (NECP), considering the European Green Deal and Recovery Plan. The session intends to set the picture of the present and discuss the development of policies for the renewable energy and energy efficiency system of the future for Malta.

**Chair: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **9:30 - 9:40**                      **The role of renewable energy and energy efficiency for the Maltese green energy transition**  
**Miriam Dalli**, Minister for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise
- **9:40 - 9:50**                      **Energy democracy: Public policies and best practices to end energy poverty**  
**Cressida Galea**, Member of the House of Representatives
- **9:50 - 10:00**                     **The switch to a climate neutral island**  
**Josianne Cutajar**, Member of European Parliament
- **10:00 - 10:10**                    **The challenges for EU islands for the integration and development of a sustainable carbon neutral energy grid and system**  
**Hans van Steen**, Principal Adviser for an integrated renewable energy strategy towards the 2050 carbon neutrality objective, DG ENER, European Commission

**10:10 – 10:15 Questions and Answers**

**10:15 – 10:30 Break**

## SESSION 2 – 10:30 – 11:15

### EU energy efficiency policy implementation in Malta

This session discusses success stories on implementing energy efficiency policies in Malta and good practices for boosting investments. Held as part of the Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project, the session aims at exploring the conditions and argumentative drivers for effective policies.

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- **10:30 – 10:40**      **A Maltese perspective on the opportunities and challenges to reach ambitious energy efficiency targets**  
**Chris Bonett**, Member of the House Representatives
- **10:40 - 10:50**      **Maltese energy efficiency trends and policies by sector**  
**Bonnie Attard**, Secretary General, Chamber of Engineers
- **10:50 - 11:00**      **Tackling the Energy Crisis: How increased energy efficiency can enable Security and Affordability**  
**Abigail Cutajar**, Advisor on Energy and Sustainable Development to the Minister for the Environment, Energy and Enterprise
- **11:00 - 11:10**      **A perspective from business on how to support Maltese investments in energy efficiency**  
**Alison Mizzi**, President, Malta Business Bureau - MBB

**11h10 - 11h20 Questions and Answers**

### SESSION 3 – ENERGY EFFICIENCY - 11:15 - 12:00

#### Enabling factors and barriers for implementing energy efficiency in Malta

The Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project tries to create a better understanding of the national debate and motivation on efficiency policies and good practices. This session focuses on the influential narratives in Malta. Preliminary feedback received from business stakeholders in the project will be part of the discussion.

**Chair: Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **11:20 - 11:30**                      **Successful narratives in the Maltese context for effective policy implementation**  
**Malte Gephart**, Associate Director Energy, Sustainability and Infrastructure, Guidehouse
  
- **11:30 - 11:50**                      **Expert Panel**  
Moderator: **Malte Gephart**, Associate Director Energy, Sustainability and Infrastructure, Guidehouse
  - **Mark Anthony Sammut**, Member of the House of Representatives
  - **Charles Yousif**, Associate Professor, Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta & Secretary General at Malta Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies Association– MEEREA
  - **Sandro Lauri**, Chief Energy Policy Officer, Energy and Water Agency
  - **Diane Cassar**, Project Manager & Finance Officer, Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency – MIEMA

#### 11:50 - 12:00 Questions and Answers

#### 12:00 - 12:30 Lunch Break

Sessions 1, 2 and 3 are organized in the framework of the Energy Efficiency Watch 4 project. Energy Efficiency Watch 4 (EEW4) is a HORIZON 2020 project, coordination, and support action, aiming at supporting policy makers in EU MS in improving the degree of a successful implementation of policy instruments for energy efficiency, and thus contributing to reaching the target of the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED).

## SESSION 4 – RENEWABLE ENERGY – 12:30 - 13:45

### Open discussion: Towards a new and sustainable Maltese energy system

This session intends to discuss the economic and technological opportunities for renewable energy sources in Malta. It highlights the trends of the new energy system, innovative initiatives and new business models from different sectors facing the challenges of the traditional energy system while shaping the future Maltese carbon free energy system.

Chair: Jan Geiss, Secretary General, EUFORES

- **12:30 - 12:40**            **The Maltese economic and technological challenges to achieving a climate neutral energy system based on renewable energy technologies**  
**Stefan Calamatta**, Executive Director, Energy Trading and Dispatch, Enemalta Public Limited Energy Company
- **12:40 - 13:30**            **Expert Panel**  
Moderator: **Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES
- **Eve Borg Bonello**, Member of the House of Representatives
- **Luciano Mule'Stagno**, Director, Institute for Sustainable Energy, University of Malta
- **Laura Gretkowska**, Senior Renewable Energy Broker, Commerg – Energy Attribute Certificates & Carbon offsets
- **Suzanne Maas**, Climate Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Malta
- **Mark Bajada**, Managing Director, Bajada New Energy, Malta

### 13:30 - 13:40 Questions and Answers

- **13:40 - 13:45**            **Closing Remarks**  
**Jan Geiss**, Secretary General, EUFORES

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