



Event Title: rEUnion: Reflecting on Europe

Event Type: Town Hall Debate

Date: 2nd February 2017

Organiser: Local Councils Association

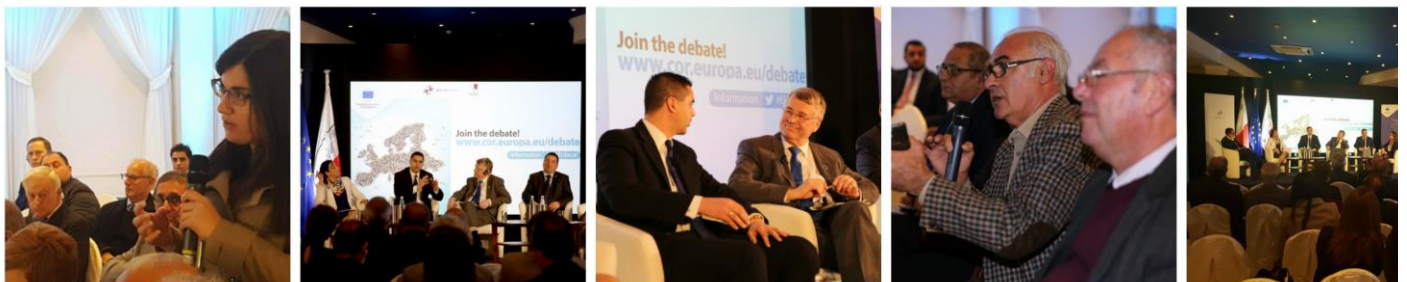
Partners: European Committee of the Regions

Initiating Member: Joseph Cordina (MT/PES)

Audience: 50 people (mainly local authority representatives)

Themes: Employment, simplification of EU funds for local and regional authorities, democratic deficit, migration, support for young, women, SMEs, European standard for public transport.

Reflecting on Europe is an initiative of the European Committee of the Regions, offering a space for citizens to present their concerns, thoughts and ideas on the future of Europe. We take the commitment to make the citizens' voices heard!



Speakers

Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions

Ian Borg MP, Parliamentary Secretary for EU Funds and the 2017 Maltese Presidency

Joseph Cordina, Mayor of Xaghra and Head of the Maltese Delegation at the European Committee of the Regions

Sarah Agius, Mayor of Zebbug

Marthese Portelli, Member of Parliament of Malta and Shadow Minister for Energy, Environment and Transport

Moderator: **Glenn Micallef**

Key Messages

During the Maltese town hall debate, participants asked a range of questions with local and regional dimensions, including migration, youth unemployment, circular economy, environment and EU funds.

The EU's wifi for all, support for SMEs, young entrepreneurs and women empowerment were all cited as measures that affect people personally and which could turn the tide on perceptions.

Is the voice of local and regional authorities heard in the EU? Do other institutions pay attention? Can the CoR help to build capacity in Malta? People need to be educated more. The main challenges of the Maltese presidency were at the core of the debate.

Social media impact

#EULocal hashtag mentions over time



Press/Social Media Coverage

Media coverage - Broad coverage by national and local media

[Government of Malta Press Release](#)

Websites

[CoR Local Event Page](#)

[CoR Press Release](#)

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Social media

[Event Facebook page](#)

[YouTube videos](#)

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Reflecting on Europe: Follow-Up

The **CoR online survey**, a new feedback mechanism to report back to the CoR the main concerns and ideas of citizens in local events, was tested for the first time at the local event in Malta.

The data collected will be used in the CoR contribution to the **Reflection on Europe**. The experience of Malta will be shared by the CoR, inspiring other CoR Members to **go local and listen** to their citizens.

Services Supported by the CoR

Interpretation [MT/EN]

Moderator's Cost

Co-Creation of the Event Programme, preparation with moderator and speakers, venue setting support

Press & Social Media Local event page, FB/Twitter, media partnership, Flickr gallery, webstreaming, distribution of materials

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