

Accessible Europe: ICT for ALL

ICT Accessibility: The Key to Inclusive Communications

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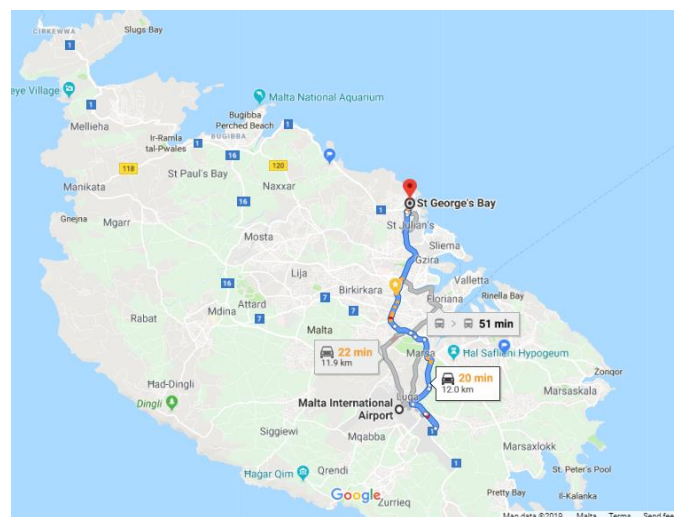
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Specific Accessibility related information accessible via www.itu.int/go/AccessibleEurope2019

1. Venue of Event

The Venue of the Regional Forum is the Corinthia Hotel, St George's Bay, Malta.

Corinthia Hotel St George
St George's Bay
Paceville, St Julian's
STJ 3301
Malta



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Access to the Corinthia Hotel St George

Participants arriving at the Malta International Airport can get to Corinthia Hotel St George **by taxi**. Distance is of around 12KM and it takes approximately 22 minutes by car at off peak hours. Taxi service can either be pre-booked online directly with one of the local service providers, via App (such as e-cabs and Bolt), or through a taxi counter within the Arrivals section of the Malta International Airport (<https://www.maltairport.com/>).



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Public transport buses also leave Malta International Airport direct for St Julian's. You may visit <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/trip-planner> to plan your route and ticket prices. Journey time by bus is approximately 1hr 20 minutes.

There is no metro / train / tram system in Malta.

Parking facilities for conference participants is available in the adjacent private car-park at a reduced rate of €3 per day, upon presentation of parking ticket at hotel reception desk. Some street parking in the vicinities is also available.

2. Registration

Online registration prior to the event is strongly encouraged, and can be accessed via the event website www.itu.int/go/AccessibleEurope2019.

Badge pickup and registration at the event venue starts **Wednesday, 4 December 2019, at 8:30 a.m. and requires a valid national identity card / passport**. Kindly also present the acknowledgement you receive when you complete your online registration.

3. Languages

The Regional Forum will be conducted in English language. Real time captioning is provided, and other accessibility needs can be accommodated, including Maltese and International Sign Language Interpretation.

4. Transportation

Participants are responsible for making their own arrangements for **transportation to and from the airport and the Corinthia Hotel St George**. Kindly refer to information under **Access to the Corinthia Hotel St George** section.

The Malta International Airport is an accessible airport that also caters for passengers with reduced mobility and also for persons on the autism spectrum. Further information about journey facilitation can be accessed from <https://www.maltairport.com/passenger/services/autistic-passengers/> and <https://www.maltairport.com/passenger/services/persons-with-reduced-mobility/>.

A tourist information desk is also available at the Departures Hall of the Airport. The desk is open between 10:00 and 21:00 every day.

More information about accessibility at the Malta International Airport is available at <https://spot.org.mt/spot/location/916/view>



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5. Accommodation

Each participant is responsible for making his or her own accommodation arrangements. **A List and Rates of Recommended Hotels can be found in ANNEX 1**

Pre-booking of accommodation prior to arrival in Malta is highly recommended.

More information about accessibility at the Corinthia Hotel St. George is available at <https://spot.org.mt/spot/location/679/view>

6. Visas

Participants who require a Schengen visa must contact the competent diplomatic or consular authorities of Malta and apply for a Schengen short-stay visa at least seven (7) weeks prior to their intended date of arrival in Malta. In countries where Malta does not have diplomatic or consular representation, visa applications can be submitted to the consular authority of a State party to the Schengen Agreement acting on behalf of Malta in the country concerned. More information about list of countries requiring an entry visa can be obtained from the website of the Maltese Central Visa Unit <https://identitymalta.com/central-visa-unit/>. Representatives from the host country may also be contacted for further assistance in applying for the entry visa. It will not be possible to process late requests for visa documents.

7. Currency

National currency in the Maltese Islands is the Euro (EUR), with 1 EUR = 100 cents. Credit cards are widely accepted across the islands, including restaurants, hotels bars and shops. If and which credit cards are accepted is indicated by the logos displayed on the exterior facade of the respective business (usually on the entrance door). Current Exchange rate is:

1 USD = 0.891664 EUR	1 EUR = 1.12150 USD	
1 GBP = 1.12625 EUR	1 EUR = 0.887899 GBP	(as at 19 June 2019)

At Malta International Airport, one can find Bank of Valletta and HSBC ATMs for cash withdrawal. Other banking services are available from Bank of Valletta at the nearby SkyParks Business Centre during normal business operating hours. Exchange bureaux at Malta International Airport are open 24 hours a day. Banks, Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) and exchange bureaux can be found all over the Islands.

8. Communication

The event participants will be provided with Wi-Fi internet access at the event venue. There is WiFi coverage in the entire Corinthia Hotel St George, including inside the meeting rooms and at the Delegates Lounge/coffee area.

The telephone code for Malta is +356. For international calls from Malta, one should dial +, then code of the country, (then code of the city,) then phone number or follow the instructions provided by service provider.



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A post office outlet is located at the Malta International Airport providing regular postal services, from Monday through Friday, from 07:30 to 13:00.

9. Climate

Malta has a Mediterranean climate, with hot summers and mild winters, with the occasional cold spells brought about by the north and north-easterly winds from central Europe. On average, December is the wettest month of the year in Malta. Humidity is relatively high, averaging 80% in December, with an average temperature at 15.5°C.

10. Time

Malta time is in the Central European Time (CET) zone, which is 1 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1).

11. Electricity

The standard electrical supply is 230 V /-10%, 50 Hz. A standard voltage converter and an adapter should be sufficient for conversion. The three-pin rectangular plug system is used.

12. Cafeteria and Coffee areas

The Corinthia Hotel St George has various catering facilities, restaurants and lounge area. It is also situated near various other hotels, restaurants, bars and clubs just within walking distance in the centre of St Julian's.

Coffee breaks and lunch will be served to all conference participants at no extra charge.

13. First aid medical service

Various members of staff at Corinthia Hotel St George are certified first aiders and a medical doctor is on call. For emergencies, please contact Security Office on ext.2761 within the hotel.

Pharmacies are available across the Maltese islands and most are open between 08:30-12:00 and 16:00-19:00, with a different opening hours schedule for weekends and public holidays. A list of pharmacies and private clinics can be accessed from <https://www.pharmacy.com.mt/>.

For medical emergencies whilst in Malta, one may call 112.





14. Contacts

Parliamentary Secretariat for Persons with Disability & Active Ageing

The Parliamentary Secretariat for Persons with Disability & Active Ageing (PSDAA) is hosting this conference in collaboration with Aġenzija Sapport, the Office of Disability Issues, the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD), the Malta Communications Authority and the Foundation for Information Technology Accessibility (FITA).

Representatives of all entities will be available on site during the event.

For enquiries kindly contact PSDAA at:

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ANNEX 1

List and Rates of Recommended Hotels

Please make hotel reservations directly with your preferred Hotel.

HOTEL	STARS	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
CORINTHIA HOTEL ST GEORGE St George’s Bay Paceville, St Julian’s STJ 3301 Tel: +356 2137 4114 www.corinthia.com	*****	EUR 110 Deluxe (sea view) room per room per night incl. daily breakfast Kindly quote Group Code 191203MFCSPA when booking	EUR 125 Deluxe (sea view) room per room per night incl. daily breakfast Kindly quote Group Code 191203MFCSPA when booking
CORINTHIA BEACH RESORT MARINA HOTEL St George’s Bay Paceville, St Julian’s Tel: +356 2370 2000 www.marinahotel.com.mt 3 mins walk to Corinthia Hotel St George	****	EUR 90 Superior sea-view room per room per night incl. daily breakfast Kindly quote Group Code 191203ACCESS_001 when booking	EUR 110 Superior sea-view room per room per night incl. daily breakfast Kindly quote Group Code 191203ACCESS_001 when booking
RADISSON BLU RESORT St George’s Bay, St Julian’s Tel: +356 2137 4894 www.radissonblu.com 4 mins walk to Corinthia Hotel St George	*****	EUR 110 per room per night incl. daily breakfast	EUR 125 per room per night incl. daily breakfast
WESTIN DRAGONARA HOTEL Dragonara Road, St Julian’s www.westinmalta.com Tel: +356 2374.5058 13 mins walk to Corinthia Hotel St George	*****	15% off best online rate per room per night incl. daily breakfast Kindly select Special Rates/ Corporate/Promo/Set# and quote Code KF7 when booking	15% off best online rate per room per night incl. daily breakfast Kindly select Special Rates/ Corporate/Promo/Set# and quote Code KF7 when booking
INTERCONTINENTAL	*****	EUR 110	EUR 130





St George's Bay, St Julian's Tel: +356 2137 7600 www.intercontinental.com 10 mins walk to Corinthia Hotel St George		per room per night incl. daily breakfast	per room per night incl. daily breakfast
HILTON MALTA	*****	EUR 125	EUR 150
Portomaso, St Julian's Tel: +356 2138 3383 www.malta.hilton.com 18 mins walk to Corinthia Hotel St George		per room per night incl. daily breakfast	per room per night incl. daily breakfast

Various other 3, 4, and 5 star hotels, together with a number of boutique hotels, are available nearby and in other locations in the vicinity of conference venue. Early booking of accommodation is recommended.





ANNEX 2

Participants attending Accessible Europe are also being invited to attend for the following events:

Event 1: CRPD Malta National Debate

Date: 3rd December 2019

Venue: Corinthia Hotel, St George’s Bay, St Julian’s Malta

Time: 09:00 – 13:00 (to be confirmed)

Participation fee: Nil



Event details: The Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD) will be organising its annual debate on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on 3 December 2019. This year, the event will take on a different format with a number of panels discussing various provocative topics which will also challenge some of the perceptions surrounding disabled persons. Familiar topics of accessibility, sexuality, education, employment, perceptions and rights will be debated from refreshing perspectives, enabling an exchange of different viewpoints and the creation of a real debate.

Participants interested in attending for this debate will be contacted directly by CRPD.

Event 2: Premju Soċjetà Ġusta (Fair Society Award)

Date: 6th December 2019

Venue: Corinthia Hotel, St George’s Bay, St Julian’s Malta

Time: 18:00

Participation fee: Nil



PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIAT
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND ACTIVE AGEING

Event details: Premju Soċjetà Ġusta is a celebration of the great deal of work, commitment and dedication being undertaken by the people involved in the disability sector. This has become an annual event and it is being held as part of the celebrations that take place during the week dedicated to disability in December of each year.

The purpose of the awards is to celebrate the achievements of individuals and organisations who are supporting a disability rights-based culture. The Government is duty bound to express its appreciation to all those working towards the creation of a more inclusive Maltese society whereby people with disability and their close network, such as family members, carers and supporters, can experience accessibility and conditions that encourage independent community living. The core principle that will guide these Awards is to have a society whereby persons with a disability participate actively in the community.

The programme of the event will be announced closer to date of event. Details will be communicated directly to interested participants. This evening event concludes with a reception.

