



Club of Venice (CoV)

Seminar "The Refugees and Migration Crisis: a crucial test for public communicators"

Friday 19 May 2017, 14:30-18:45

The Palace Hotel, High Street, Sliema, Malta ⁽¹⁾

PROGRAMME



14:30 – 14:45

Opening Session

➤ Welcome statements

- Paul AZZOPARDI, Malta, PM Office, Director of the Press and Information Department
- Fiorenza BARAZZONI, Director, General Affairs, Communication and Internal Market Office, Department for European Policies, Italy's PM Office

14:45 – 18:00

The dual connotation of the migration crisis:

- rescue, resettlement and relocation: time management, lives saving, sustainability
- prevention, planning, cooperation

Guest Speaker:

Marie GILLESPIE, Professor of Sociology, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, The Open University, UK

Moderator:

- one member of the Steering Group of the Club of Venice

Panel will reply on a short set of questions, focusing on :

- communicating the humanitarian crisis (Lampedusa testimonial, Greece developments, FRONTEX mobilisation)
- communicating the public authorities' efforts on organisation, planning and cooperation (EU, MS)
- civil society's and media's role and added value

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Panellists:

- **Doctor Pietro BARTOLO**, Medical Centre on the front line in Lampedusa island, Italy
- **George FLORENTIS**, Secretary for Migration and Refugee Policy's Communication, **Hellenic Government**
- **Ewa MONCURE**, FRONTEX Spokesperson
- **Cristina VLADUT**, Communications and Stakeholders Unit, European Asylum Support Office (**EASO**)
- **Susanne NIELSEN**, **Council of the EU**, General Secretariat, DG Justice and Home Affairs
- **Edward DEMICOLI**, **European Commission**, DG HOME
- **Member States**: FIN, SE, AT, MT, IT, BE, DE, NL, ...
- **Regina CATRAMBONE**, Director of the **Migrant Offshore Aid Station (MOAS)**
- **Flavio DI GIACOMO**, **International Organisation for Migration (IOM)**, Spokesperson and Press Officer for the Coordinating Office for the Mediterranean in Rome

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 18:15 Discussion

18:15 – 18:45 Concluding session
- lessons learned and perspectives for co-operation
- future activities of the Club in this domain

Optional social programme

Saturday 20 May 2017, 9:00-12:00
*Guided visit to M'dina,
"Old Capital and Silent City of Malta",
and to the St John's Cathedral,
Valletta*



Meeting languages: French, English and Italian (interpretation provided)