



The Maltese Presidency of the Council and beyond



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Main Priorities

1st January 2017 – 30th June 2017

- Migration
- The Single Market
- Security
- Social Inclusion
- Europe's Neighbourhood
- Maritime



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Priorities on Cohesion Policy

- Negotiations on modifications in the Common Provisions Regulation - *part of the Omnibus legislative package*
- Debate on how Cohesion Policy can bridge the gap between the Union and its citizens



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- Sustain efforts to simplify the Policy
- Explore how Cohesion Policy can act as a forward looking Policy



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Cohesion Policy Events

- General Affairs Council dedicated to Cohesion - *25th April 2017*
- Informal Ministerial meeting - *8th-9th June 2017*
- Director-Generals' meeting: Cohesion Policy - *7th April 2017*



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Priorities for Territorial Cohesion

- Exploring main difficulties faced by territories with geographic specificities
- Round up of discussions from the trio Presidencies as input to the upcoming review of the Territorial Agenda 2020



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Territorial Cohesion Events

- Network of Territorial Cohesion Contact Points - *2nd March 2017*
- Director-Generals' meeting: Territorial Cohesion - *3rd April 2017*
- ESPON week - *22th-26th May 2017*



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Priorities for Urban issues

- Focus on certain urban specificities and the approach to address the associated challenges
- Enable exchange of knowledge on the Partnerships set up during the trio Presidencies



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Urban issues Events

- Urban Development Group meeting - *3rd March 2017*
- Director-Generals' meeting: Urban matters - *4th April 2017*



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Presidency Preparations

- Setting national priorities
- Meetings with Institutions and Member States
- The Presidency's calendar of events
- Adequate and experienced workforce
- Communication with the capital



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Presidency Achievements

- Council Conclusions on *'Making Cohesion Policy more effective, relevant and visible to our citizens'*
- Provisional agreement on the proposals on simplification of the European Structural and Investment Funds



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Presidency Achievements

- Political agreement on the Commission proposal *as regards specific measures to provide additional assistance to Member States affected by natural disasters*
- Council Conclusions on *'Implementation of Macro-regional Strategies'*



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..and beyond

- Continuous debate on Cohesion Policy post-2020
- Adequate budget
- Simplification
- Flexibility
- Link with structural reforms
- Synergies between EU funding instruments



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Thank you

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