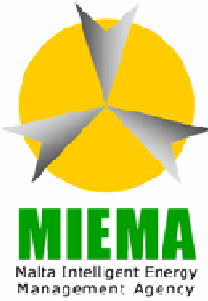




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### *Joint Information Session*

## **Intelligent Energy Funding Opportunities for Local Councils**

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**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
**Time:** 8.30 - 12.00 hrs  
**Venue:** Floriana Local Council,  
Pjazza Emanuel S. Tonna, Floriana

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The European Union faces energy challenges relating to energy security, sustainability and greenhouse gas emissions. The EU has committed itself to the "20-20-20" initiative: reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 20%, increasing the share of renewables in energy consumption to 20% and improving energy efficiency by 20%, all by 2020. Local councils have indeed a very important role to play in this, and it is important to note that there are various EU initiatives to assist local councils to achieve these objectives.

End of March/beginning of April 2009 the next call for proposals of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme (IEE) is expected to be launched. The aim of this programme is to contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe, by providing for action:

- to foster energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources;
- to promote new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification; and
- to promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energy sources in transport.

In this light, the Malta National Contact Point for the Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP Malta NCP), the Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency (MIEMA), the Malta-EU Steering & Action Committee (MEUSAC) and Assocjazzjoni Segretarji Ezekuttivi Kunsilli Lokali Malta (ASKLM) cordially invite you to a joint information session to create awareness of the various energy related funding opportunities that exist for local councils, within and beyond the IEE programme. This event also aims to disseminate information about another recent EU supported initiative - the 'Covenant of Mayors'. The Covenant of Mayors seeks to bring together European towns and cities in a permanent network to exchange and apply good practices to improve energy efficiency in the urban environment. The Covenant consists of the formal commitment of the adhering cities and municipalities to go beyond EU objectives in

terms of reducing their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through energy efficiency and renewable energy actions.

The aim of this joint information session is to provide a forum for debate and experience sharing and to outline various avenues that could be considered to pursue by local councils regarding energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. It will also serve as a meeting platform to establish direct communication channels and set the base for further collaborations and joint projects between local councils.

The information session will be addressed by the Hon. Dr Chris Said, Parliamentary Secretary for Public Dialogue and Information.

The Programme below outlines the speakers and perspectives that will be addressed:

08.30 – 09.00	Registration and welcome coffee
09.00 – 09.05	Introduction speech by Adrian Mifsud, President ASKLM
09.05 – 09.15	Keynote address by Hon. Dr Chris Said, Parliamentary Secretary for Public Dialogue and Information
09.15 – 09.45	2009 IEE funding opportunities for local administrations and the Covenant of Mayors initiative, by Anamaria Pantea & Pedro Fernandez Alvarez, CIP Malta NCP
09.45 – 10.15	Other energy related funding opportunities for Local Councils, by Lawrence Attard, MIEMA
10.15 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.15	Co-financing scheme for Local Councils by Natalino Attard, Director Department for Local Government
11.15 – 11.30	Project application support, by Maria Schembri, Head Funding, MEUSAC
11.30 – 12.00	QA and open discussion

To confirm your attendance please send an email with your name and contact details to Mr Brian Pace (MEUSAC) on [brian.a.pace@gov.mt](mailto:brian.a.pace@gov.mt). To obtain further information please contact Pedro Fernandez Alvarez (CIP Malta NCP) on 21497970 or [info@cipmalta.com](mailto:info@cipmalta.com).

With kind regards,

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