



European Communities Trade Mark Association

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 16th October

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| 15.00 – 20.00 | Registration and information desk at Hilton Hotel Malta, St. Julians |
| 18.30 – 21.00 | Management Committee Meeting |

Thursday 17th October

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| 08.00 – 19.00 | Registration and information desk at Hilton Hotel Malta, St. Julians |
| 08.00 – 10.00 | Advisory Committee Meeting |
| 10.00 – 13.00 | Council Meeting |
| 11.00 – 11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 13.00 – 14.30 | Lunch for Council Members and Committee Chairs |
| 14.30 – 17.00 | Council Meeting |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | Coffee Break |
| 17.30 – 19.00 | Committee Chairs Meeting |
| 19.00 – 23.00 | Welcome Reception, The Vilhena Palace, Mdina |

Friday 18th October

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| 08.00 – 18.00 | Registration and information desk at Hilton Hotel Malta, St. Julians |
| 08.30 – 16.00 | Committee Meetings |
| 08.30 – 12.30 | Anti-Counterfeiting Committee
Design Committee
Internet Committee
Law Committee
Harmonization Committee
Professional Affairs Committee
Geographical Indications Committee |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | Lunch |



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14.00 – 16.00	OHIM Link Committee Publications Committee Membership & Disciplinary Committee
16.00 – 18.00	Round Table Session
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break
19.00 – 23.00	Dinner at Casino Maltese, Valletta

ABOUT MALTA

The Maltese archipelago lies virtually at the centre of the Mediterranean, 93 km south of Sicily and 288 km north of Africa. The archipelago consists of three islands: Malta, Gozo and Comino with a total population of over 400,000 inhabitants occupying an area of 316 square kilometres.

Malta is the largest island and the cultural, commercial and administrative centre. Gozo is the second largest island and is more rural, characterised by fishing, tourism, crafts and agriculture. Comino, the smallest of the trio, has one hotel and is largely uninhabited.

With superbly sunny weather, attractive beaches, a thriving nightlife, there is a great deal to see and do.

In Malta, you'll explore 7000 years of history yet live passionately in the present. You'll span the millennia with an astonishing array of things to discover. And wherever you go, the Islands' scenery and architecture provide a spectacular backdrop. The colours are striking. Honey-coloured stone against the deepest of Mediterranean blues.

The Maltese Islands have been described as one big open-air museum. What makes them unique is that so much of their past is visible today. Delve into the Islands' mysterious prehistory, retrace the footsteps of St Paul or see where the Knights of St John defended Christendom. But Malta is no regular museum. Life here is lived to the full, so make time for some living history and action. Visit locations where Oscar-winning blockbusters were filmed or go off the beaten track into ancient villages. Marvel at the fireworks and revelry of the summertime festivals and enjoy a packed calendar of events all year round.

ABOUT THE VENUE

The meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel Malta, St. Julians 5*****.

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St. Julians
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By Air: Taxi service is available 24 hours a day from Malta International Airport to any destination in Malta. Fixed rates are applicable and pre-paid tickets can be purchased from the ticket booth inside the Arrivals Hall. The cost from the airport to St. Julians is 20 EUR.

Public Transport in Malta is operated by Arriva Malta. There are four airport express services, X1, X2, X3 and X4. The service is provided by fully air-conditioned, articulated (bendy) buses with additional luggage space and room for passengers. For more information, kindly refer to Information booth within the Arrivals Hall or see <http://www.arriva.com.mt>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Currency

All official meeting prices are indicated in Euro (EUR). The official currency in Malta is the Euro. All major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

Language

The meetings will be in English. Simultaneous translation will not be provided.

Maltese is the national language of Malta, and a co-official language of the country alongside English.

Food and drink

Maltese cuisine is the result of a long relationship between the Islanders and the many civilisations who occupied the Maltese Islands over the centuries. This marriage of tastes has given Malta an eclectic mix of Mediterranean cooking. Although the restaurant scene is a mix of speciality restaurants, there are many eateries that offer or specialise in local fare, serving their own versions of specialities.

Traditional Maltese food is rustic and based on the seasons. Look out for *Lampuki Pie* (fish pie), Rabbit Stew, *Braġioli* (beef olives), *Kapunata*, (Maltese version of ratatouille), and widow's soup, which includes a small round of *Ġbejniet* (sheep or goat's cheese). On most food shop counters, you'll see *Bigilla*, a thick pate of broad beans with garlic. The snacks that must be tried are *'ħobż biż-żejt'* (round of bread dipped in olive oil, rubbed with ripe tomatoes and filled with a mix of tuna, onion, garlic, tomatoes and capers) and *pastizzi* (flaky pastry parcel filled with ricotta or mushy peas).

Favourite dessert delicacies are *kannoli* (tube of crispy, fried pastry filled with ricotta), Sicilian-style, semi-freddo desserts (mix of sponge, ice-cream, candied fruits and cream) and *Helwa tat-Tork* (sweet sugary mixture of crushed and whole almonds).



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Shopping in Malta

Malta offers numerous and diverse opportunities and is sure to satisfy the casual buyer as well as the serious shopaholic.

Retail outlets and shopping centres can be found in all the major towns and villages, but the foremost amongst these are at Valletta in Republic Street and Merchants Street; in Sliema and St. Julian's. Shops are normally open from Monday to Saturday, mornings and evenings. Opening times of shops are usually between 09.00 - 13.00 and 16.00 - 19.00hrs. However, in tourist areas, shops are open throughout the day Mondays to Saturdays, from 09.00 till 19.00 hrs and even later.

Time Zone

UTC/GMT +1 hour

Visa

A Schengen Visa is required for non-EU visitors to enter Malta. For further information see the [website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#), Malta.

Weather in Malta

October is autumn in Malta, though the island's sub-tropical climate and location in the Mediterranean, with Sicily and Africa nearby, mean that the weather is still pleasantly warm and sunny at this time of year.

Temperatures average around 18°C. Rainfall increases at this time of the year, but only marginally.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The following hotel rooms have been contracted and negotiated for the delegates of the ECTA Autumn Council Meeting.

Hilton Malta, St. Julians 5*****

Double room with breakfast 206 EUR / per night (including 7% VAT)

Double room for single use with breakfast 166 EUR / per night (including 7% VAT)

To book please click on the link provided on the online registration system (after registering for the conference)



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The George Urban Boutique Hotel, St. Julians 4****

Double room with breakfast 114 EUR / per night (including 7% VAT)

Double room for single use with breakfast 92 EUR / per night (including 7% VAT)

To book please click on the link provided on one of the pages of the online registration system (after registering for the conference).

Hotel Cancellation Policies:

All cancellations must be in writing. Notice of cancellation must be sent to the ECTA Secretariat (ecta@ecta.org).

Hilton Malta

The hotel requires full pre-payment for the accommodation from the individual guests at the time of booking and any cancellations and no shows will be charged in full.

The George

- Up to 7 days prior to arrival - no cancellation fee
- 6 days to 48 hours prior to arrival - 1 night cancellation fee
- 48 hours to No Show - Full Stay cancellation fee