

23rd Annual Volonteuropa Conference:
“Enlargement, Migration & Social Cohesion in the EU”
Valletta, Malta, 12-14 November 2014

DRAFT PROGRAMME

10:00 – 16:00	<p align="center">REGISTRATION DESK OPENS AT GRAND HOTEL EXCELSIOR, Great Siege Road, Floriana FRN1810, Malta <i>PLEASE NOTE: It will also be possible to register on Thursday 13 November 2014</i></p>					
10:00 – 12:30	<p align="center">VOLONTEUROPE BOARD MEETING</p>					
12:30 – 13:30	<p align="center">NETWORKING LUNCH: VOLONTEUROPE BOARD, MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES</p>					
13:30 – 15:00	<p align="center">VOLONTEUROPE AGM: BOARD, MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES</p>					
16:30	<p align="center">Transfer to the OPENING VENUE – VERDALA PALACE OF HE THE PRESIDENT OF MALTA (VENUE TBC)</p>					
17:00 – 19:30	<p align="center">RECEPTION AND OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Lucy de Groot President of Volonteurope & Chief Executive of CSV <i>United Kingdom</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Anthony Guillaumier Chairman of Malta Health Network <i>Malta</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Speakers: Government Minister <i>Malta</i></p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Representative from Citizens’ Policy Unit (TBC) DG COMM European Commission</p> </td> <td style="width: 20%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Conny Reuter Secretary General, SOLIDAR <i>Belgium</i></p> </td> </tr> </table> <p align="center">Opening Address Her Excellency Marie Louise Coleiro Preca The President of Malta (TBC)</p> <p align="center">TAKING OF THE OFFICIAL CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH</p>	<p>Lucy de Groot President of Volonteurope & Chief Executive of CSV <i>United Kingdom</i></p>	<p>Anthony Guillaumier Chairman of Malta Health Network <i>Malta</i></p>	<p>Speakers: Government Minister <i>Malta</i></p>	<p>Representative from Citizens’ Policy Unit (TBC) DG COMM European Commission</p>	<p>Conny Reuter Secretary General, SOLIDAR <i>Belgium</i></p>
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20:00	<p align="center">Opening Dinner – VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED</p>					

BREAKFAST					
08:00	REGISTRATION DESK OPENS				
09:30 – 10:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening Address</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POLITICIANS, SPECIALISTS AND PRACTITIONERS ON ENLARGEMENT, MIGRATION AND SOCIAL COHESION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION</p>				
10:15 – 10:45	COFFEE BREAK				
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14:30 – 17:30	THEMED VISITS TO NGOs AND FOUNDATIONS IN MALTA				
19:00	Transfer to the ACE Awards Venue				
20:00 – 23:00	<p style="text-align: center;">8th ACTIVE CITIZENS OF EUROPE (ACE) AWARDS GALA AND RECEPTION – VENUE TBC</p>				

BREAKFAST	
09:30 – 10:15	FINAL SESSION OF THEMED ROUNDTABLES
10:15 – 10:30	COMFORT BREAK
10:30 – 11:30	FACILITATED PLENARY ON CONCLUSIONS FROM THE ROUNDTABLES – MESSAGES FROM THE CONFERENCE
11:30 – 12:00	COFFEE BREAK
12:00 – 13:30	LAUNCH OF THE 2014 VOLONTEUROPE REPORT ON ‘THE IMPACT OF ENLARGEMENT AND MIGRATION ON SOCIAL COHESION AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN THE EU’ DEBATE ON THE FINDINGS OF THE REPORT AND CONCLUDING REMARKS FROM MALTESE MIGRATION, SOCIAL COHESION AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS SPECIALISTS FORMAL CLOSE OF THE CONFERENCE BY THE VOLONTEUROPE AND MALTA HEALTH NETWORK PRESIDENTS
13:30 – 14:45	NETWORKING LUNCH
14:45	Guided Tour of Malta