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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TWENTY-FIFTH EURO-MEDITERRANEAN**

### **INFORMATION AND TRAINING SEMINAR IN MALTA**

The Twenty-fifth Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training Seminar is taking place in Malta between November 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. The four days of proceedings are focusing on recent developments in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, now referred to as the union for the Mediterranean. Particular attention will be dedicated to identifying the progress registered in implementation of the current Euro-Mediterranean Five Year work programme and developments that have taken place during the French Presidency of the European Union during the second half of 2008.

This Euro-Mediterranean Seminar is bringing together diplomats from the majority of the twenty-seven European Union member states and the Mediterranean Partner countries. The seminar is organized by the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies of the University of Malta under the auspices of the European Commission who assist in coordinating this official Euro-Mediterranean confidence building initiative.

Throughout the four-day seminar academic specialists and other professionals from Europe and the Mediterranean will present a series of lectures on developments within each of the three chapters of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, namely the political and security, economic and financial, and the cultural and human resources chapters.

Specific attention will be dedicated to topics that include: The Euro-Med Partnership and the French EU Presidency, Economic Relations in the Euro-Med Partnership, Security Challenges in the Euro-Mediterranean Area, the Role of the Anna Lindh Foundation, and the EMP and Political Reform. The topic of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean initiative will also be discussed.

The twenty-fifth Euro-Mediterranean Information and Training meeting, or Malta Seminar as the meetings have become more commonly known, will be addressed on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 2008 by the Hon. Dr. Tonio Borg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta, who will deliver the keynote opening address.

Further information on the Euro-Mediterranean Seminars can be found at:

[www.euromed-seminars.org.mt](http://www.euromed-seminars.org.mt)