

Commission for Europe
Seventy-second meeting
St. Julian's, Malta, 12-14 May 2026

CEU/72/ProvProg
Madrid, 10 May 2026
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Annex I: Provisional Programme

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

10:30 – 11:30 **Fifteenth meeting of the Working Group for the Agenda for Europe** (in attendance: Working Group members)
Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Verdala (7th floor)

11:30 – 14:00 **Technical meeting for Members:**

- Best Tourism Villages
- Agenda for Europe
- International Year of Sustainable and Resilient Tourism 2027
- Riyadh Declaration

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Pinto (7th floor)

14:00 – 15:00 **Lunch**
Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Foyer (7th floor)

15:00 – 16:00 **Preparatory meeting with the Officers of the 72nd Meeting of the Commission for Europe** (in attendance: CEU Chair and Vice-Chairs)
Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Verdala (7th floor)

16:00 – 17:30 **Tourism Tech Adventure: final event of the innovation challenge on Urban Heat Resilience**
Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Pinto (7th floor)

18:00 – 18:30 **Transfer to Valletta**

18:30 – 19:45 **Visit to the St John's Co-Cathedral**

20:00 – 22:00 **Welcome Cocktail and announcement of the winner of the innovation challenge on Urban Heat Resilience**
Location: Casino Maltese

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

09:30 – 10:00 Opening of the 72nd Meeting of the Commission for Europe

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Grandmaster Suite (6th floor)

10:00 – 12:45 72nd Meeting of the Commission for Europe

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Grandmaster Suite (6th floor)

12:45 – 13:00 Acceptance ceremony for the new INSTO observatories in the region

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Grandmaster Suite (6th floor)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Main Lobby (5th floor)

14:30 – 17:00 72nd Meeting of the Commission for Europe

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Grandmaster Suite (6th floor)

17:00 – 17:30 Closing of the 72nd Meeting of the Commission for Europe

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Grandmaster Suite (6th floor)

20:30 – 23:00 Gala Dinner

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Spinola Suite (5th floor)

Thursday, 14 May 2026

09:00 – 13:00 Conference “Driving tourism towards the future we want: a Dialogue on Policies to balance growth, people and planet”

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Grandmaster Suite (6th floor)

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

Location: Hilton Conference Centre, Main Lobby (5th floor)

15:00 – 19:00 Visit to Mdina

Annex II: Social programme

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

18:30 – 20:00 Private guided visit to the St John's Co-Cathedral

Dress code: cocktail, no stiletto heels allowed inside the cathedral to preserve the floor in the cathedral

20:00 – 22:00 Welcome Cocktail

Location: Casino Maltese, 47 Republic St, Valletta

Dress code: cocktail

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

10:30 – 13:30 Accompanying persons' programme

Tour of the Three Cities (Vittoriosa, Senglea and Cospicua), the historic fortified towns located across the Grand Harbour from Valletta, acting as the cradle of Maltese history. They offer a quieter, authentic glimpse into Malta's maritime past, featuring narrow streets, Baroque architecture, and impressive 16th-century fortifications from the Knights of St. John.

Registration by 5 May at shirley.b.cassar@visitmalta.com.

Dress code: casual

20:30 – 23:00 Gala Dinner

Location: Hilton Malta Hotel (Spinola), Vjal Portomaso, San Ġiljan

Dress code: cocktail

Thursday, 14 May 2026

15:00 – 19:00 Visit to Mdina

Malta's "Silent City" and former capital is a fortified medieval hilltop town in central Malta. Renowned for its 4,000-year history, it features narrow, winding streets, a mix of medieval and Baroque architecture, and stunning views from high bastions. It offers a serene, timeless atmosphere, with private vehicles restricted, allowing visitors to explore palaces, churches, and quaint alleys in peace.

Dress code: casual