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ECACC Malta Meeting comes to a successful conclusion

The European Council of American Chambers of Commerce (ECACC) held its Fall meeting in Malta between the 14th and the 16th of October 2009, after AmCham Malta won an international bid amongst ECACC members to host the conference here.

The conference, entitled “Crises Management: Strategies for Survival”, was held at the Hotel Westin Dragonara in St Julian’s.

On Wednesday 14th October, a reception was held at the private residence of The Ambassador of the United States to Malta, H.E. Douglas W. Kmiec in Attard. The reception was attended by Mr Thomas Yeager, Commercial Officer at the U.S. Embassy, the board members of AmCham Malta, Anton Tabone, James Satariano, Pierre Attard, Alfred Cuschieri, Denis Gatt, Marco Frazier and Simon Lee Barberi, Executive Secretary, The Hon. Tonio Fenech, Minister of Finance, the Economy and Investments, the Hon Leo Brincat and the Hon Charles Mangion and members from the Maltese business community including Dr Arthur Galea Salomone, Chairman of the Malta Stock Exchange, Mr Kenneth Farrugia, Chairman of Finance Malta and Dr. Tonio Depasquale, CEO of Bank of Valletta.

Thursday 15th October saw the official opening of the conference with introductory speeches by Stephen Brugger, Chairman of ECACC and Anton Tabone, President of AmCham Malta.

The speeches were followed by a Lateral Thinking session by Professor Edward Debono. Attending this special event was a number of AmCham Malta members, The Ambassador of the United States to Malta, H.E. Douglas Kmiec, Mr Thomas Yeager and Dr John Vassallo, President of AmCham EU and Vice President of Microsoft Europe.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Hon Tonio Borg, hosted the delegation to a lunch reception at Palazzo Parisio in Valletta. ECACC members had the chance to personally exchange views with the Hon Minister Borg who welcomed the delegates to Malta.

An afternoon session was organised with the participation of Peter Meli of Malta Enterprise who presented the ECACC members with an overview of opportunities and incentives for doing business in Malta.

The Minister of Finance, the Economy and Investments, the Hon Tonio Fenech, hosted the delegates, AmCham Malta board members and high ranking

representatives from Malta Enterprise and Finance Malta to a networking dinner at the spectacular Notre Dame Gate in Vittoriosa.

The conference came to a close on the 16th October with a Best Practices session amongst ECACC members and a showcase of the Business Balance Scoreboard by ENERGS managing director Gerald Strickland.

A sightseeing tour of the Grand Harbour by dghajsa, the War Museum in Birgu and Fort Rinella rounded up the program.

Malta Enterprise co-sponsored the Conference.