



ENQA General Assembly 2024

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

23 - 25th October 2024

Location: Malta Marriott Resort & Spa, 39 Main Street, Balluta Bay, St. Julian's, Malta



Visit: [ENQA General Assembly 2024 - St Julian's, Malta](https://www.enqa.eu/)

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1. INTRODUCTION

The ENQA General Assembly is taking place on 24th and 25th October 2024 in Malta, at the Marriott Resort and Spa, 39 Main Street, Balluta Bay, St. Julian's, Malta <https://www.marriott.com/>

2. MEETING DATES AND SOCIAL EVENTS VENUE

The Schedule of the meetings is as follows:

23.10.2024 15:30 -16:30	Presentation of the Maltese QA System – Marriott Resort and Spa
23.10.2024 16:30	Transport to Valletta – Pickup from Marriott Resort & Spa - (transport provided by organiser)
23.10.2024 17:00 – 19:00	Tour of the Capital City -Valletta
23.10.2024 19:00 – 21:30	Welcome Reception -MUZA Valletta
23.10.2024 21:30	Transport to St. Julian's – Drop off at the Marriott Resort & Spa (transport provided by organiser)
24.10.2024 08:30 – 17:00	General Assembly - Day 1
24.10.2024 19:00 – 22:00	Iż-Żifna Folklore Dinner – Cala Lido - Marriott Resort & Spa
25.10.2024 8:45 – 13:00	General Assembly Day 2

3. SOCIAL EVENTS

23.10.2024 afternoon and evening- Valletta UNESCO Capital City

15:30 to 16:30 - The social event shall kick off with the Presentation by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority on the Maltese higher Education system. The presentation will be held at the Ballroom, at the Marriott Resort and Spa.

16:30 - Following the presentation delegates will proceed to the Hotel's Foyer where they will board specifically assigned buses which will take them to Valletta for the second part of the social event.

17:00 to 18:45 – Delegates will be greeted in Valletta by professional tour guides who will take them on a walking tour around the Capital City. Valletta is a fortified city located on a hilly peninsula between two of the finest natural harbours in the Mediterranean. Built by the Order of the Knights of St. John, Valletta was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Centre in 1980. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended.

19:00 – 21:30 – The evening will end with a welcome reception at MUŻA. MUŻA stands for Mużew Nazzjonali ta' l-Arti which translates to English as National Museum of Art . Set within Auberge D'Italie, which was built in 1580, the museum acts as a showcase to local talent where traditional contemporary and modern art blend harmoniously with the museum's permanent displays which were carefully located to capture the narrative of the building. MUŻA seeks to push the boundaries of a traditional museum and holds the ideal setting for just such an event. Transport back to the Marriot will be provided by organiser.

24.10.2024 evening

19:00 – 22:00 Iż-Żifna Folklore Dinner - Cala Lido – Marriott Resort & Spa

The evening will open with Iż-Żifna which translates to English as the Dance. The Paul Curmi Folklore Dancers will offer you a glimpse into Maltese life back in the nineteenth century. The show will be followed by a lavish buffet dinner served by the poolside.

4. CONTACT INFORMATION

Malta Further and Higher Education Authority (MFHEA)

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Website: www.mfhea.mt

5. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

5.1 Visa support

Any questions related to visa kindly contact visa.identita@gov.mt or enquiries.identita@gov.mt

For more information kindly visit <https://identita.gov.mt/central-visa-unit-main-page/>

For information regarding VISA support you may visit <https://identita.gov.mt/>

5.2 Baggage and items prohibited for carriage

For security reasons, some items and substances are forbidden for transport aboard passenger aircraft. Participants are advised to get information regarding the rules of air travel on the airline's website in this regard.

5.3 Airport

ENQA participants will arrive at the Malta International Airport. The website is <https://www.maltairport.com/>

6. TRANSPORTATION

The participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from the airport. The modes of transport available in Malta are reasonably priced and extremely efficient. We recommend the following arrangements:

a. **By taxi:**

Taxi services between Malta Airport and any destination in Malta are available 24 hours a day. Pre-paid service can be purchased at fixed rates from the booth available at the airport Arrivals' Hall. Alternatively, you may book your rides directly through the Malta Taxi app, or alternatively Bolt, Uber or eCABS apps which are available on both Google Play and the App Store.

b. **By local public transportation:**

There are various busses that depart from Malta International Airport to St. Julian's. The trip takes approximately 45 mins. Please visit these websites for detailed information about these services and other bus routes:

<https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/our-sales-and-information-points-and-terminals>

<https://www.maltairport.com/passenger/getting-here/bus-service/>

c. **By car rental:**

Driving in Malta and Gozo is on the left. If you intend to rent a car or drive in Malta, it is advisable to take out a comprehensive insurance. International driving licenses are accepted.

7. ACCOMODATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH PREFERENTIAL RATES

Marriott Resort & Spa *****

Apart from being the venue of the ENQA 2024 General Assembly, The Malta Marriott Resort & Spa, is pleased to offer discounted rates (Applicable for 21-28th October 2024) for delegates attending the assembly. Reservations are on a first come first served basis and are to be done by booking directly on the hotel's website, exclusively through the following [link](#) which is already preset with the preferential rate bearing code number **MFHMFHR**. This code will become visible after you amend dates in accordance to your preference, click on "check availability" and then click "edit stay". You can then proceed to choose the type of room and continue with your booking. Rooms start from €250 per night. Cut-off date to benefit from these rates is 10th October 2024.

St. Julian's Bay Hotel ***

This hotel is situated only within 200m walking distance from the venue. The hotel is offering 5% discount on their standard rates on first come first served basis. Kindly proceed to their website select the preferred dates and room and enter the promo code **ENQA2024** to benefit from the above discount.

<https://stjuliansbayhotelmalta.com/>

Melia Group Hotels ***

The below three hotels form part of the Meliá Hotels International. They are all within 1km walking distance from the Conference Venue. You can enjoy an easy stroll from one of these hotels to the Conference Venue along the picturesque Spinola Bay. The below hotels are offering their rooms at €135.00 per night on B&B sole use basis. In case you are being accompanied by a family member a supplement of €10.00 shall apply. To benefit from these discounted rates please send an email directly to Ms Valentina Mizzi on malta.sales@melia.com indicating the code **ENQA General Assembly 2024** in your e-mail. Reservations are on a first come first served basis.

Hotel Scirocco St. Julian's - <https://www.melia.com/en/>

Hotel Mistral St. Julian's - <https://www.melia.com/en/hotel-mistral>

Hotel Levante St. Julian's - <https://www.melia.com/en/hotel-levante>

Holm Boutique & Spa - <https://www.ikcollection.com/holmboutique/>

This small Boutique hotel is situated only 500m away from the Venue. The hotel is offering 25% discount on a first come first served basis. To benefit from such a discount after selecting dates and room, click add, then press x on the pop-up window and enter the promo code **ENQA2024** in the space provided on the right side of the screen.

8. Other Accommodation options nearby

★★★★ Hotels

Hotel Argento - <https://www.hotelargentomalta.com/>

Mercure St Julians - <https://mercurestjulians.com-malta.com/en/>

Diplomat Hotel - <https://www.diplomat.com.mt/>

Quadro Hotel - <https://quadrohotel.com/>

The Exiles Hotel - <https://www.exilessuites.com/>

★★★ Hotels

Plaza Regency Hotel - <https://www.plazahotelsmalta.com/>

Carlton Hotel - <https://www.carltonhotelmalta.com/>

The Howard Hotel - <https://howardhotel.com.mt/>

Boutique Hotels

Hotel Juliani - www.hoteljuliani.com

123 Street Boutique Hotel – <https://123mainstreethotel.com/>

B & B

The Stone House – <https://thestonehousemalta.com/rooms/>

Guest House

Ta' Tereza in Manuel Dimech Street – <https://tatereza.com/>

The Maltese Sun – <https://themaltesesun.com/>

9. GENERAL INFORMATION

Malta

Malta is an island country consisting of an archipelago and is situated in the Mediterranean Sea. The official languages are Maltese and English. The country joined the European Union in 2004; it became part of the eurozone monetary union in 2008. Malta is a tourist destination with its warm climate, numerous recreational areas, and architectural and historical monuments, including three UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

9.1 St Julian's

The ENQA General Assembly is going to be held in St Julian's. St Julian's is located on the NE of the island of Malta and it is mostly famous for its mostly buzzing laid back social life. Originally a fishing village the village evolved into a touristic destination and a hub for new and luxurious hotels, and many different kinds of bars, pubs and restaurants. It also boasts 3 beaches; Balluta, Spinola and St George's Bay. It is also just 10 minutes on foot away from Sliema.

9.2 Official Language

The official languages of Malta are Maltese and English. Italian is also widely spoken.

9.3 Weather

The Maltese weather is greatly influenced by the Mediterranean climate. In October temperatures vary between 18° and 25° Celsius. There may be a slight drop in temperature, particularly in the evenings.

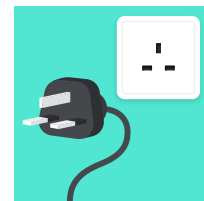
9.4 Time

In October, Malta's time zone is Central European Time (CET, GMT+1)

9.5 Electricity

The electrical supply is 230 Volts/-10%. The frequency of the supply is 50 Hertz.

The three-pin rectangular plug system is used, as in Britain. Adapters may be bought at the convenience store located just outside Arrivals at the airport or from any ironmongery store.



9.6 Water

Tap water is safe to drink throughout the Maltese Islands. Alternatively, one can buy local or imported bottled water from shops or restaurants.

9.7 Smoking

Indoor smoking is prohibited in public places in Malta. Some bars, restaurants, theatres, museums, and other public places have designated areas for smoking.

9.8 Credit cards and currency or ATMs

The currency used in Malta is the Euro. Most credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants, stores, etc. Visa and MasterCard are accepted almost everywhere. However, some restaurants and small shops accept only cash.

Currency exchange offices are located at the airports, and as well in the hotels.

<https://www.wjcoppini.com/>

Please note that the money exchanger or the bank may charge a fee for the transaction. When exchanging currency, you must have a passport.

9.9 Pharmacy - Closest pharmacies in the hotel area.

Balluta Pharmacy, 7 Balluta Square, St Julian's – open till 19:00pm

St. Julian's Pharmacy – 24, 25 George Borg Olivier St. Julian's – various doctors also in attendance within the clinics of this pharmacy. Open till 19:00pm

9.10 Restaurants - Closest Restaurant in the hotel area.

The Marriott Resort & Spa has a number of exceptional restaurants offering a vast selection of Mediterranean cuisine.

Should you wish to explore other restaurants within the surroundings, the Balluta seafront is littered with restaurants offering an abundant selection of diverse gastronomic experiences ranging from Maltese, Mexican, Italian, Mediterranean, British, Seaside grills and fine dining.

9.11 Site seeing and Historical Visits

Malta is an island rich in history and culture. Needless to say there are a large number of UNESCO sites, historical sites, museums and attractions the one shouldn't miss out on. Listed below are some of the most important sites to visit

[Hagar Qim & Mnajdra temples](#)

[Mdina, The old Capital City](#)

[Grand Master's Palace](#)

[St. John's Co-cathedral](#)

Should you wish to explore more please click on the below link for additional inspiration.

[Visit Malta](#)

Should you wish to opt for a more relaxed experience but still want to see more of Malta, then we recommend you take one of the below trips.

[Harbour Cruises](#)

[Hop On Hop Off Buses](#)

9.12 Transport for historical site visits

By bus - <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/>

By Ferry - <https://www.publictransport.com.mt/en/vallettaferry>

or by using any of the taxi service available via Malta taxi, Uber, Bolt or eCabs.

To visit the sister island of Gozo

High speed ferry - <https://www.gozohighspeed.com/>

Traditional Ferry service <https://www.gozochannel.com/>

9.13 Shopping

The hotel is situated within a short walking distance from 3 main shopping complexes.

Mercury Towers St. Julian's - <https://mercury.com.mt/>

The Plaza Shopping Complex Sliema - <https://plaza-shopping.com/>

Tigne Point Piazza and Shopping Mall - <https://tignepoint.com/>