A SEMINAR HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CENTRE FOR SMALL STATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND
SEMINAR PROGRAMME
MONDAY 11 MAY 2015
European Commission Representation in Malta
Dar l-Ewropa, 254 St Paul Street, Valletta

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:10 Welcoming Address
Professor Roderick Pace, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta

9:10-9:20 Small States in Europe: Opportunities and Challenges
A Brief introduction of the Erasmus+ Strategic Partnership Project
Pia Hansson, Director, Centre for Small State Studies

9:20-9:40 Small States beyond the EU: Deploying a ‘Small State-Large State’ Perspective onto the Japan-China Dispute in the East China Sea
Professor Godfrey Baldacchino, Department of Sociology, University of Malta

9:40-10:00 Maximizing Influence in the European Union: Small State Strategies in the European Institutional Landscape
Professor Anders Wivel, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

10:00-10:20 Do Small States need Shelter? The Baltic States, the Nordic Nations and Scotland
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson, Jean Monnet Chair and Professor of Political Science, University of Iceland

10:20-10:35 Coffee break

10:35-10:55 Small States in the EU: Cyprus and Malta
Professor Roderick Pace, Professor Charalombous Tsardinidis and Professor Stelios Stavridis

10:55-11:15 The EU Council Presidency: Challenges for a Small State Public Administration
Dr. Külli Sarapuu, Ragnar Nurkse School of Innovation and Governance, Tallinn University of Technology

11:15-11:35 Luxembourg and the Rotating Council Presidency of the EU: Experiences and Challenges
Guido Lessing, Professor of History, Centre d’études et de recherches européennes Robert Schuman

11:35-11:55 The Manufacturing Sectors in the EU Small States
Professor Lino Briguglio, Institute for Islands and Small States, University of Malta

11:55-12:15 When Size Counts: How Smallness can Enable a Member State to Better Manage the Obligations of Membership
Dr. Mark Harwood, Institute for European Studies, University of Malta

12.15-12.35 Shaping Union Decisions with 0.08% of its Voting Powers in the Council
Dr. Peter Agius, Head of European Parliament Information Office in Malta

12:35-13:35 Panel Discussion: Coping with Smallness
Chaired by Professor Roderick Pace.
Participants:
Ambassador Victor Camilleri
Professor Lino Briguglio
Professor Anders Wivel
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson
Professor Stelios Stavridis
Dr. Külli Sarapuu

13.35-13:45 Closing remarks
Professor Baldur Thorhallsson