



INVITATION



MALTA as a Financial Services Centre – Developments and Opportunities

The Honorary Consulate of the Czech Republic, Malta cordially invites you to an afternoon presentation on business and investment opportunities in the financial services sector which will be held at The Corinthia Towers Hotel, Prague on Thursday 13th September 2007 at 1400 hours.

The expansion of the single market in financial services, both as a result of EU enlargement as well as increased market integration, has presented the Czech Republic and Malta with numerous opportunities for growth. Czech companies have moved quickly to position themselves in the cross-border market while Malta has on its part successfully transformed itself into an outstanding financial services centre on the southern flank of the EU. Both countries serve as international gateways as well as important business hubs in their respective regions.

These shared characteristics potentially lie at the heart a wide range of synergies that can be exploited to the benefit of operators in both countries. This initiative should therefore serve as an opportunity for Maltese and Czech operators to discuss issues of common interest and areas of co-operation that can further enhance their business in the area of financial services.

Programme

- 14.00 - 14.30 : Registration and Coffee.
- 14.30 - 14.35 : Welcome introduction.
- 14.35 - 15.00 : Overview of the financial sector's role in the Maltese economy by Mr Michael Bonello, Governor of the Central Bank of Malta.
- 15.00 - 15.30 : Overview of the financial services regulatory framework: Banking, Insurance and Investment Services, by Prof Joe Bannister, Chairman of the Malta Financial Services Authority.
- 15.30 - 16.15 : Presentation on Banking and Panel Discussion with the participation of representatives from the banking industry, including Volksbank, Raiffeisen and Bawag.
- 16.15 - 17.00 : Presentation on Funds and Panel Discussion with the participation of representatives from the funds industry.

Reception

This event is being made possible with the support of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Rome, Italy and the Malta Financial Services Authority.

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