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**EST 2170 MALTA IN THE EUROPEAN UNION (4 ECTS)**

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The aim of this study-unit is to analyse the most important issues arising from Malta's participation in the process of European integration as a member of the European Union. The course begins with a discussion of the background – namely the history of EU-Malta relations culminating in membership in 2004, the negotiations with the EU and the main aspects of the membership 'package' by reference to the Accession Treaty. In the second part of the course the analysis shifts to Malta in the EU: actual performance, a critical analysis, expectations and results.

There is no fixed reading material, however students will be advised on research sources available on the various topics during the course and they are expected to conduct their own research. It is recommended that students familiarise themselves with the material listed in this bibliography or as recommended during the lecture and not to rely too heavily on the lecture notes.

The assessment for this study unit shall consist of a test of two hours duration carried out during test week. The main topics that will be covered are the following:

1. Regionalism: what are the potential advantages and disadvantages for a small state joining a regional integration process?
2. Forms of economic integration.
3. EU-Malta relations:
  - The effect of the UK's application
  - Europe or North Africa?
  - Prospects of relations with Italy
  - The EEC or EFTA?
  - The 1967 Approach
  - The 1970 Association Agreement
  - The Development and expansion of the agreements
  - The EC in the Maltese Governments' Development Plans
  - Textiles and Clothing
  - The Political Dimension
  - A 'Special Relationship'
4. Onwards towards membership
  - EU Membership: The 1993 Commission Opinion on Malta's Membership Application
  - The Free Trade Area Option
  - The 1999 Commission Opinion on the reactivation of the membership application
  - The 'screening process' and the negotiating process
  - The Annual Commission reports on progress towards membership
  - The main results of the negotiations
  - The EU membership Act in the Maltese House of Representatives

5. Malta an EU Member State
- The elections to the European Parliament: the vote, the issues
  - The national debate on the Draft EU Constitution
  - Contribution to the EU budget and Net Benefits from the Structural Funds - Issues connected with the Financial Perspective 2007-2013
  - Implementation of EU Law in Malta
  - National Organisations, structures and Institutions: How are they coping?
  - Participation in the Committee of the Regions and the Economic and Social Committee
  - Malta and EMU

### Select Bibliography

Pace Roderick, *Micostate Security in the Global System: EU-Malta Relations*, Midsea books Ltd., 2001, 580 pages, ISBN 99909-93-87-4

Participants are also encouraged to make use of the various publications of the **European Documentation and Research Centre**, as well as the many reports that have been compiled during the negotiations. See also [www.europa.eu.int](http://www.europa.eu.int) particularly the Commission web-page and “Enlargement”.

For basic documentary information you may also use following web pages at [www.mic.org.mt](http://www.mic.org.mt) [www.eic.maltaenterprise.com](http://www.eic.maltaenterprise.com) and Europe Direct at [www.europa.eu.int/voureau](http://www.europa.eu.int/voureau)

Statistical and economic information on the Maltese economy and monetary policy may be obtained from [www.centralbankmalta.com](http://www.centralbankmalta.com) and [www.nso.gov.mt](http://www.nso.gov.mt)

Various interesting links on [www.gov.mt](http://www.gov.mt) including links to the web-site of the House of Representatives

### In addition:

- The agreements concluded between the EC and Malta can be consulted in the *EC Treaty Series* at the EDC. It can also be consulted also on Celex.
- The following documents can also be consulted:
  1. White Paper: Proposed Association of Malta with the European Economic Community, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 1970;
  2. Commission’s Opinion on Malta’s Application for Membership, Com (93) 312 final, Brussels, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 1993;
  3. Aide Memoire, DOI Press Release, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 1996;
  4. Communication from the Commission to the Council on future relations between the European Union and Malta, SEC (1998) 154 final, 05.02.1998;
  5. EC-Malta Association Council of 28<sup>th</sup> April, 1998 final communiqué;
  6. Commission Report Updating the Commission’s Opinion on Malta’s Application for Membership, Com (1999) 69 final, Brussels February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1999;
  7. Euro-Parliament Report PE 230.174/fin. [A4-0165/99] of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1999;
  8. Commission reports on progress towards membership available on the Commission's web-site (Europa), DG Enlargement.
  9. Current issue of the National Plan for the Adoption of the Acquis
  10. Many documents of relevance to Malta, particularly the studies covering various sectors that have been prepared over the past four years some of which are also available on the MIC web-site.