



RALF DAHRENDORF **ROUNDTABLES**

UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING MIGRATION & THE IMPACT ON SOCIETIES

Malta is a populated country that experiences fast economic development. According to the European Commission the Maltese economy grew by 6.7% in 2017, with an unemployment rate of 4.6%. Its economic dynamism has attracted a considerable number of foreigners looking for work opportunities. As a small island with limited resources and space, this has direct consequences on the economy and local people's lives. As the arrival of newcomers keeps pace with the economic growth, questions are raised about how to manage this demographic pressure and its impacts on society. What are the political dynamics of this issue? What lessons can be learned from other European countries? Can we formulate a liberal answer to this issue? And how can we ensure sustainable economic development that benefits all?

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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Welcome by

Dr. Csaba Tóth | Board Member of the European Liberal Forum

Godfrey Farrugia MP | Party Leader, Partit Demokratiku

Part I: The State of Play in Malta

Discussion with:

Cami Appelgren, Swedish national living in Malta.

Innocent Lokri, Nigerian asylum seeker living in Malta.

Malcolm Seychell, Maltese national.

Moderated by **Martin Cauchi Inglott** | Secretary General, Partit Demokratiku

Part II: Migration: Policy and Politics from a European Perspective

Discussion with:

Dr. Csaba Tóth | Strategy Director, Republikon (Hungary) and Board Member of the European Liberal Forum

Noelia Souque Caldato | Liberal d'Andorra

Moderated by **Martin Cauchi Inglott** | Secretary General, Partit Demokratiku

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Participants are invited to have lunch.



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ABOUT THE RALF DAHRENDORF ROUNDTABLES

By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.