



SENIORS

ESU – APAN Conference

29 March 2017

11:00 - 13:00

Intercontinental Hotel, St Julians, Malta

European Seniors' Union (ESU) and *Assoċjazzjoni Penjonanti Anzjani Nazzjonalisti* (APAN) are jointly holding a conference to contribute to a discussion regarding the overall theme chosen by EPP for the forthcoming EPP Congress in Malta (29-30 March 2017)

“THE FUTURE OF EUROPE”

Agenda

11:00

Welcome Dr. Mario RIZZO NAUDI M.D., President APAN

An HERMANS, President ESU

Greetings Antonio LÓPEZ-ISTÚRIZ, Secretary General EPP, MEP (tbc)

Main Speakers Herman VAN ROMPUY, President emeritus European Council

Roberta METSOLA, Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Louis GALEA, Former Minister and former Member of the European Court of Auditors

Moderation by Prof. Dr. Steven VAN HECKE, Catholic University Leuven, Public Governance Institute

13:00

End of the meeting

Light lunch (Fluid Restaurant – Bay Street Complex – opposite the Intercontinental Hotel)

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Herman VAN ROMPUY
President Emeritus European Council
Minister of State

Elected as the first full-time President of the European Council in November 2009, Herman Van Rompuy took office when the Lisbon Treaty came into force on 1 December 2009. In 2012, he was re-elected for a second term.

At the time of his first election, Herman Van Rompuy was Prime Minister of Belgium. Prior to that he had served in Belgium as Speaker of the House of Representatives (2007-2008) and in several government positions, including as Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Budget (1993-1999), and Secretary of State for Finance and Small Businesses (1988).

A former economist at the National Bank of Belgium, Herman Van Rompuy began his political career in 1973 as national vice-president of his party's youth movement. He has held various responsibilities within his party and in the Belgian Parliament, serving in turn as Senator (1988-1995) and Member of Parliament (1995-2009). Herman Van Rompuy holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, and a Master's degree in Applied Economics from the university K.U. Leuven. He was born in Etterbeek, Belgium, on 31 October 1947, and is married to Geertrui Windels; they have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Louis GALEA
Speaker, Malta Parliament (2008 – 2010); Minister (1987 -1996, 1998 -2008)
Member, European Court of Auditors (2010 – 2016)

In September 2016 Louis Galea completed his mandate as Member of the European Court of Auditors to which he was appointed in May 2010.

Prior to that Dr Galea served in Malta as Speaker of the House of Representatives (2008 -2010) and was responsible for several ministerial portfolios, including as Minister for Social Policy, Health, Housing, Employment and Welfare (1987 -1992), Minister for Social Development (1992 -1996) and Home Affairs (1992 - 1995). He was Minister for Education and Culture (1998 -2003) and for Education and Employment (2003 – 2008). Louis Galea co-chaired the Joint Malta-EU Parliamentary Committee in the years preceding Malta's accession as Member State of the EU.

Louis Galea began his political career in 1970 becoming President of the PN Youth Movement (1973 – 1977) and PN Secretary General (1977 – 1987).

Louis Galea holds a Bachelor's degree and studied laws at the University of Malta. He was born in Malta (Mqabba) on the 2 January 1948, and is married to Vincienne Zammit; they have four children and three grandchildren.

Roberta METSOLA
Member of the European Parliament, MT

Roberta Metsola [PN, EPP] was elected to the European Parliament in 2013, becoming one of Malta's first female Members of the European Parliament. Professionally she is a lawyer who has specialised in European law and politics. She has previously worked at the Permanent Representation of Malta to the European Union and as legal advisor to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. MEP Roberta Metsola is the EPP Coordinator of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), where she is the lead MEP on migration issues. MEP Roberta Metsola was also the co-rapporteur on the situation in the Mediterranean and the need for a holistic EU approach to migration. MEP Roberta Metsola is the Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Petitions (PETI) and a member of the Delegation for relations with the United States (D-US). She is also a substitute member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO) and the Delegation for relations with Australia and New Zealand (DANZ).

Steven VAN HECKE

Professor at the Catholic University of Leuven

Steven Van Hecke was born in 1974 in Ghent (Belgium) and holds a Master degree in philosophy and in political sciences at the University of Leuven. He also holds a Master in European Integration and Co-operation at the University of Hull. In 2005 he earned his doctorate in Social Sciences from the University of Leuven. After several assignments as a researcher, he became in 2012 a professor at the University of Leuven and at the KULAK in Kortrijk. He is affiliated with the Public Governance Institute at the University of Leuven. Professor van Hecke is co-author of the book "*At Europe's Service. The origins and Evolution of the European People's Party*" (2011). He publishes mainly on European issues and is commentator on European current issues in Belgian media. He is chair and disputant in numerous national and international conferences.

An HERMANS

President of the European Seniors' Union (ESU)

An Hermans is born in Heusden-Zolder (Belgium) in 1944 as the eldest daughter in a family of six children. She followed a teacher training and became a teacher in an elementary school. After three years she left her job and went to the University to continue her study of education and in particular adult education. With a PhD in Educational Sciences (History of Education) she became professor at the KULeuven (Catholic University of Leuven). Since 2004 she is Professor Emeritus at the University of Leuven.

She has not only a career in academia but also in the socio-political world. She is a politician of the Christian Democratic and Flemish party (CD&V, Belgium). She has had several political mandates, e.g. Member of the European Parliament, Member of the Belgian Chamber of Representatives, Chair of the Provincial Council of Vlaams-Brabant, Chair of CD&V-seniors, President of the European Seniors' Union.

Mario RIZZO NAUDI M.D. MMCFD.

President of Assoċċjazzjoni Penjonanti Anzjani Nazzjonalisti (APAN)

Born in 1952, married to Doriette nee` Borg, two sons.

Education : U.O.M. Junior College. 1973/1976 and U.O.M. Medical School.1976/1981;

post graduate: Medical School Debrecen Univ. Hungary (Family Planning).1985

Awards: Registered as a Specialist in Family Medicine 2004; elected member of The Malta College of Family Doctors 2006; registered as a Specialist in Occupational Medicine 2006

Working experience : Luke's Hospital 1981/1985; Family Medicine in Government Employment 1985/1995; Family Planning Clinic in Government clinics 1985/1988; Superintendent St Luke's Hospital (May-Oct 1987); Family Medicine in Private Practice since 1984.

Public positions : Member Ghaxaq Local Council for first 2 legislations; contested the last general elections 2013; APAN executive member for the last two years, now President of APAN since January 2016.
