

PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Malta's leading and exemplary role in the Mediterranean praised by Anna Lindh Foundation

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The Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr George W. Vella, earlier today held a meeting with the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Madame Elizabeth Guigou, on the margins of the Mediterranean Forum.

Minister Vella reiterated Malta's commitment and support for the Foundation whilst underlining the need to continue enhancing dialogue and cooperation in the Mediterranean. In noting that her visit was long overdue, Madame Guigou praised Malta's leading and exemplary role in the Mediterranean. In this regard, she strongly welcomed Malta's active engagement in keeping the Mediterranean high on the EU agenda and expressed her support for Malta's upcoming EU Presidency in the first half of 2017.

Both sides agreed on the necessity to promote interfaith and inter-cultural dialogue whilst underlining the importance of youth in the region. Discussions also touched upon the recent developments and challenges in the Mediterranean, including the flow of refugees from Africa and the need to engage further with the African partners.