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South Region Meeting

The Local Councils' Association has organised the South Region Annual Meeting for all Councillors of the Region. The topics discussed were "Youth Empowerment: the role of Local Councils", and Bio-Diversity and Climate Change.

The speakers at the meeting agreed to present a brief report of the outcome of the discussions that will be discussed and evaluated by the Executive Committee of the LCA.

LCA NEWS

The LCA's Executive Committee held a meeting with **H.E. the President of Malta Dr. George Abela**. The meeting was held on the 16th July 2009 at the San Anton Palace. H.E. Dr. George Abela also extended an invitation to all Mayors of Malta and Gozo for an informal reception at the Verdala Palace on the 9th September 2009.

<http://www.lca.org.mt/pages/iseFullArticle.asp?id=267>

In conformity the LCA's strategic plan, the LCA has set up an **LCA TV** on its website that will feature video images from events organised by the LCA. Furthermore, the LCA has also set up a channel on youtube.com. Through these initiatives that focus on the use of new media, the visibility of the LCA will be enhanced.

<http://www.lca.org.mt/pages/iseSinglePages.asp?m=136>

Philoxenia Project

The Second Steering Committee Meeting was held in Oristano, Sardinia on the 28 and 29th September 2009. During the meeting the partners discussed the progress achieved so far and the next steps foreseen in the project plan. The partners also discussed the budget of the project.

An important element of this meeting was the operation of the PRESAGE which is the online system set up by the MED programme for reporting the financial expenditures and the activities of all partners. This is the first time the system will be used. The partners were also address by the External Evaluator of the project Mr. Eric Gazon.

The LCA was represented by Mr. Jimmy Magro, Project Leader (LCA) and Mr. Saviour Baldacchino, the external consultant of the LCA.

ALL.4.EU OPEN DAYS

The Local Councils' Association as partner in the EU funded project entitled ALL.4.EU organised an open day on the 5th September 2009. During the event, around 200 persons discussed the relationship between citizens and the EU institutions. The discussion focused on the role of Citizens' Panels that would enhance the active participation of the common citizens. The debate also raised several issues on the ways the Local Councils' Association can continue to disseminate information about EU institutions and opportunities. The leadership of the LCA thanked ALDA for the opportunity given to the LCA to participate in this project that is being led by the City of Istria (Croatia). The President of the Association Mr. Michael Cohen encouraged the gathering to be active on European affairs and to take part in EU funded projects. In this matter the LCA is setting the example through its participation in EU funded projects.

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