

Main Meeting

Building: [The Valletta Campus, the Old University Building – St Paul Street Entrance](#)

(Level 1, the Old University Building - room numbers to follow)

VALLETTA, MALTA

FOR ONLINE ATTENDANCE:

- * Please use the following ZOOM link for 26/06/2023: press ctrl and click [here](#)
- * Please use the following ZOOM link for 27/06/2023: press ctrl and click [here](#)
- * Please use the following ZOOM link for 28/06/2023: press ctrl and click [here](#)
- * When the Keynote is ongoing, please turn off your microphone and video. The lectures will be recorded, so if you do not want your photo/video to be taken, please turn off your camera/remove your name. Screenshots and photos can be taken during the meetings for the social media.
- * If you encounter difficulty please email: clive.ferrante@um.edu.mt or sarah.sammut@um.edu.mt

FOR ONSITE ATTENDANCE:

- * Free wi-fi will be available in the Room. Passcodes will be provided at the site.
- * Note: Air conditioning will be on in the meeting rooms so please remember to bring something to keep you warm inside (even though it will be warm and sunny outside).
- * For directions to the location from the airport, please see the pages 5 & 6.
- * **For directions from city centre:** the 133 bus drops you to the Nawfragju stop on St Paul Street (1 min walk to campus). For more information click [here](#). It is about a 10-15 min walk from most locations in the city centre. Note: The Valletta Campus has two entrances, one on St Paul Street and another on Merchants Street.
- * For logistical questions, please contact: lucienne.m.bugeja@um.edu.mt
- * For academic questions, please contact: jean.calleja-agius@um.edu.mt

Agenda for 26-28th of May 2023

Monday 26th May 2023

Time in CET	Activity	Room
8.30-8.50	Registration	
9.00-10.00	Keynote lecture by prof Soo Downe on <i>"Positive birth experiences for long-term benefit: right care, right time, right relationships"</i> University of Central Lancaster, UK	Room 103 ZOOM link available here
10.00-10.30	H.E. President Emeritus of Malta Talk + Q&A	Room 103
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00-13.00	Presentations from Working Group 1 (Including Posters)	
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.30	Presentations from Working Group 2 (Including Posters)	
16.30-17.30	Horizon Grant Application Meeting (*invite only)	

****Social programme STARTS at 5:45pm** (This is a **STRICT MEETING TIME** as we must make it to the Ferry before 6:15pm) – meet in the Lobby of the Valletta Campus, Old building (same building as the meeting).

This will include: a Walking Tour followed by dinner in Birgu and includes a Ferry ride and transportation back to Valletta.

Click [here](#) for more details.

Note: This includes a 1-hour walking tour and short Ferry ride so please dress appropriately (i.e., walking shoes and a light jacket).

****You MUST pre-register for all social events by Monday, 19 June 2023:** [Registration - L-Università ta' Malta \(um.edu.mt\)](https://um.edu.mt)

Tuesday 27th May 2023

Time in CET	Activity	Room
8.30-8.50	Registration	
9.00-10.00	Keynote lecture by Prof Kim Thomas on <i>"How maternity care in the UK harms women - and how research helps us fight to improve it"</i> Birth Trauma Association (CEO)	Room 103 ZOOM link available here
10.00-10.30	Presentations of Working Groups 6 & 7	
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00-13.00	Presentations from Working Group 3 (Including Posters)	
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-16.30	Presentations from Working Group 4 (Including Posters)	
16.30-17.30	Core Group Meeting (*invite only)	

****Social programme starts at 7:30pm** – meet at the restaurant - **Nenu the Artisan Baker** in Valletta, St Dominic Street.

It is a 2 min walk from the Campus (address: 143, St Dominic Street, Valletta, Central Region Vlt 1605).

Click [here](#) for more details.

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Wednesday 28th May 2023

Time in CET	Activity	Room
8.30-8.50	Registration	
9.00-9.30	<p>Keynote lecture by Prof Kerstin Uvnäs Moberg on <i>"Social support in connection with birth may improve the progress and experience of birth and decrease the risk of postpartum traumatic experiences by modification of oxytocin release and the function of the oxytocin receptor"</i> Swedish University of Agriculture, Sweden</p>	Room 103 ZOOM link available here
9.30-10.00	Overview of VMs & STSMs	Room 103
10.00-10.30	Break	
10.30-12.45	Presentations by Early Career Researchers:	
10.40-11.00	Annaleena Holopainen, <i>"The role of childhood trauma and attachment state of mind in mothers' birth experiences"</i>	
11.00-11.20	Déborah Fort, <i>"My experience of the Training School in Leuven"</i>	
11.20-11.40	Gabija Jarašiūnaitė-Fedosejeva, <i>"Giving birth at an advanced age: risks and benefits"</i>	
11.40-12.00	Katharina Hartmann, <i>"From COST to course - how the CA18211 informed German parents2parents online e-learning courses"</i>	
12.00-12.20	Alessia Melacca, <i>"Is care during childbirth associated with offspring DNA methylation? Investigating the potential effect of a negative birth experience due to inappropriate practice"</i>	
12.20-12.40	Sylvia Murphy, <i>"Midwives, Music and Making Mothers"</i>	
12.45-13.00	<p>Closing of Final Meeting (Prof Susan Ayres & Prof Rita Borg Xuereb)</p>	Room 103
	End of meeting	

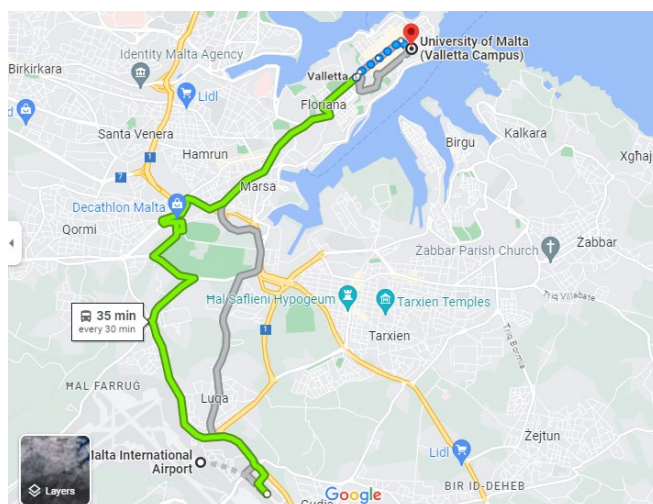
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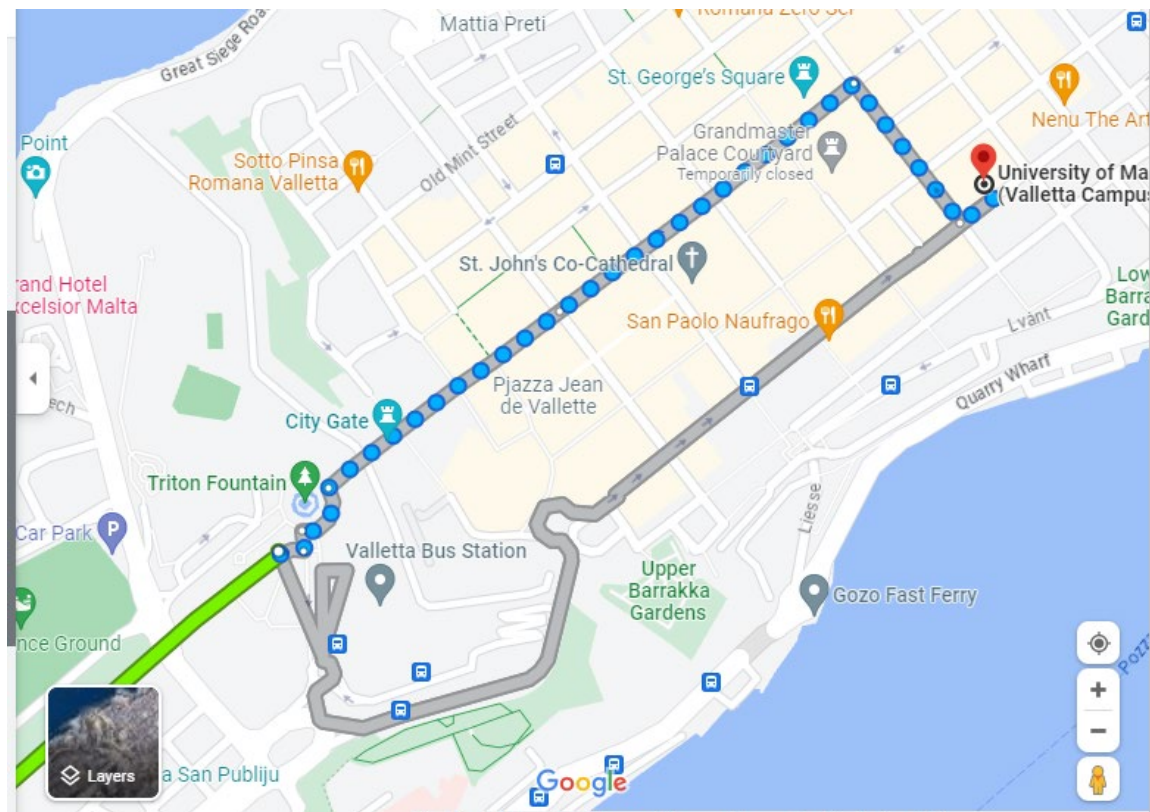
From Airport –

BUS – the x4 bus goes every 30 min from Airport 1. It takes about 35 min, including a 10-15 min walk to the venue.

Get off at the Publiju bus stop (15 stops, about 20-25 min). Head east on Vjal Ir-Re Dwardu VII. Turn left at Triton Fountain Bust Stop. Turn right and follow the road around the fountain. Continue straight onto Republic Street. Turn right (at the playground) onto Archbishop Street. Turn left (at S. Luigi) onto St Paul Street – the University of Malta, Valetta Campus will be on your Left.

For detailed directions click [here](#)





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TAXI – It should take about 20 min from the airport. For more information about how/where to take a taxi and prices click [here](#)

