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EU Conference: Bringing Europe closer to the local communities

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Between Thursday 7th August 2014 and Monday 11th August 2014, the Mellieħa Local Council will be organising a conference with the theme 'Bringing Europe closer to the local communities'. This conference is benefitting from EU funds, specifically obtained under Measure 1.1 Town Twinning Citizens Meeting. For this conference, the Mellieħa Local Council with the help of MEUSAC, classified in one of the top places in Europe and the sum of €17,000 was awarded. This conference is being held at the Paradise Bay Hotel.

There will be around 100 delegates attending for this conference, hailing from eight localities all around Europe. These delegates are coming from Adenau in Germany; Cavriglia, Aquaviva Delle Fonte and Casalborgone in Italy; Agia Napa in Cyprus; Amata and Vecpiebalga in Latvia; and Cugir in Romania. These localities have collaborated with the Mellieħa Local Council on a number of initiatives and a budding relationship is being fostered for future initiatives.

This conference will bring the delegates together in a relaxed atmosphere to discuss the various ways and means that Europe can be closer to the local communities. In fact, during one of the sessions, the delegates will visit the local NGO's in order to enhance the already good relationship that exists in Mellieħa. In another session, bilateral meetings will be held with the aim of increasing the work and improving the current relationships which Mellieħa enjoys with these localities. Thanks to this initiative, a number of these localities will be meeting for the very first time in what could be the starts of a number of projects.

The Mellieħa Local Council is seriously committed to search for and exploit the best opportunities for the residents of Mellieħa and Manikata with the best possible use of EU Funds and through bilateral relationships with localities around Europe.

In September 2014, around 15 young people will benefit from the Erasmus+ programme when visiting Clusone in Italy, while another 15 artists will visit Cugir in Romania to take part in a traditional festival being organised during the third weekend of September. These will surely prove to be another good experience for the young people and artists taking part in such visits in order to enhance their knowledge and exploit the best opportunities being offered by the Mellieħa Local Council.

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