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# Press Release

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## **PRESS RELEASE BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### *Researchers meet politicians at 'Science in the House'*

#### **European Researchers' Night: Science in the City Festival**

Speaker Anglu Farrugia will greet research scientists and members of Parliament on Friday, 29 September for the 6<sup>th</sup> 'Science in the House' exhibition at the Parliament of Malta. The meeting launches the 'European Researchers' Night - Science in the City' Festival commencing the same evening at 6:00 pm. The theme for this year is: 'Future: Today's Research; Tomorrow's Society'.

The format of the exhibition is a media forum showing scientific research at the University of Malta and other academic institutions in Malta for discussion with members of Parliament for the benefit of Maltese and European citizens. There will be poster boards and audio-visual screens highlighting research at the University of Malta, and other institutions. General science topics include photovoltaics, cystic fibrosis, Maltese human genome, treatment of stroke, electromagnetic fields, the archaeology of Maltese sites, the geology of rock formations, searching for freshwater under the sea, quantum physics, molecular biochemistry, and much more.

The exhibition will be open to the public till Notte Bianca on the 7<sup>th</sup> October. It is organised by the Malta Chamber of Scientists, the University Research Trust (RIDT), and the 'European Researchers' Night - Science in the City' consortium.

The 'Science in the City - European Researchers' Night' is supported by the European Commission's Research and Innovation Framework Programme Horizon 2020 (H2020, 2014-2020) by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. The event is organised by the University of Malta, the Malta Chamber of Scientists, and the Research Trust of the University of Malta in partnership with the Ministry for Education and Employment, the Parliamentary Secretariat for Financial Services, Digital Economy and Innovation, Jugs Malta, Studio 7, MEUSAC, MCST, Esplora, Valletta Local Council, Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology, PBS, BPC International, Notte Bianca, Spazju Kreativ, Pjazza Teatru Rjal, the AquaBioTech Group, the Central Bank of Malta, Wasteserv, and other partners. The festival has been recognised by EFFE International Jury to receive the EFFE Label 2017-2018.

The programme can be viewed on [www.scienceinthecity.org.mt](http://www.scienceinthecity.org.mt) or follow the festival on Facebook for regular updates: [www.facebook.com/ScienceInTheCityMalta](https://www.facebook.com/ScienceInTheCityMalta).