



## “The EC’s Joint Research Centre: Promoting synergies in science and technology research and policy-making”

### JRC MALTA INFORMATIONdays 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003

The Malta Council for Science & Technology (MCST) in collaboration with the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre (JRC) is organizing two INFORMATIONdays, between the 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2003, with the aim of briefing the local scientific and technical communities on the activities of the JRC (<http://www.jrc.cec.eu.int>) and the JRC’s Enlargement Action for Acceding Countries.

The event aims to provide a venue for local experts to discuss areas of collaboration through participation in joint projects, training, participation in specialized technical workshops and exchange of expertise and information with JRC officials.

#### **Specific Objectives:**

- To provide information on the core competence of the JRC in offering scientific and technical support for the formulation and implementation of Community Policy. The JRC’s Enlargement Action specifically addresses the process of implementation of the *acquis communautaire* by Acceding and Candidate Countries.
- To encourage involvement of local Institutions in JRC research projects, both Institutional and Joint FP6 Projects. The research priorities of the JRC fall in the core areas of **Food Safety, Biotechnology, Safety of Chemicals, Contribution to Health, Protection of the European Environment, Global Environmental Change, Energy & Transport and Nuclear Safety; Technology Foresight, Reference Materials & Measurements and Public Security and Antifraud**. Research is carried out at the 7 Institutes of the JRC located in Belgium, Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and Germany.
- To discuss opportunities for training and mobility of technical experts, researchers and University students from Acceding Countries under the Mobility Schemes offered by the JRC. These include schemes for detached national experts, Visiting Scientists, PhD and post-doctoral fellowships at the JRC Institutes. Possibilities of participation in Marie Curie FP6 Actions.



## Target Audience:

- Scientific and technical experts from the Public Sector.
- Directors Office of Review within the Ministries.
- Officials from public Institutions and Authorities (including MSA, MMA, MEPA, MRA).
- Academia.
- University students.
- Industry.
- NGOs.

The first **INFORMATIONday**, which is being organized in collaboration with the University of Malta's European Unit, will be dedicated to illustrating the opportunities for scientific research, networking and training, offered by the JRC, to academia, research assistants, post-graduate and final-year students of the University and will be held on the University Campus.

The second day is open to a public with an interest in policy-making and participation in relevant JRC networks and projects and will take place at the MCST Offices, Villa Bighi, Kalkara.

**We would like to invite you to participate and register for any one of the Information days. Registration and participation are free of charge.**

*The JRC is a Directorate General with a mission of providing “customer-driven scientific and technical support for the development, implementation and monitoring of EU policies”. It has committed its efforts to contributing significantly towards the consolidation of the European Research Area (ERA), with a vision aimed at building a competitive science and technology economy for Europe on the global scene.*

*To achieve this goal, it co-ordinates and contributes to numerous EU-wide networks linking industry, universities and Institutes in Member States and Acceding Countries this with the aim of promoting the development of common scientific reference systems; as well as carry out studies and experiments in its own laboratories on behalf of customer institutions.*

*The JRC is dynamically involved in the Enlargement process, supporting all Accession Countries and Candidate Countries in the understanding and technical implementation of the *acquis communautaire*. It promotes the exchange of information and best practice and training of scientific and technical staff as well as opportunities for research for scientists at the early stages of their careers.*

## Draft Agenda

### “Opportunities for Research & Training with the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre”

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2003  
University of Malta, Tal-Qroqq Msida

- 8:30 Pick-up of JRC Officials at hotel and transfer to the University
- 9:00 – 10:30 **Meeting with Dr. Mifsud on campus.**
- Tour of the University Campus (to include a visit to the Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Dept of Biomedical Sciences, Department of Pharmacy, Department of Computer Science).**  
*Meetings with the respective Deans/Heads of Department.*
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 13:00 **The JRC on Campus**  
*Meeting with research assistants, post-graduate and final-year students and academia on Campus.*
- Overview of JRC activities.
  - Mobility Schemes (Visiting Scientist, PhD, post-doctoral schemes) and Marie Curie Actions.
  - The Researcher’s Mobility Portal.
  - eLEARNING Project.
- Refreshments**
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Meeting with the University Rector/Pro-Rector**, Member of the board of Governors of the JRC.
- 15:00 – 16:00 **Round-table with Deans of Faculties of Science, Engineering, Medicine and Surgery.**





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*Dr. Jennifer Cassingena Harper, Director Policy Unit, MCST*

- 14:30 – 15:30 **Possibilities of collaboration and networking with the JRC: Questions & Discussion Session.**  
*Chaired by Mr. Wilfred Kenely, CEO MCST*
- 15:30 – 15:45 **Closure**