**European Consumers Day Malta 2017**

**21 March 2017**

**Le Meridien St Julians Hotel**

**9.30 a.m. - 10 a.m. | *Registration and coffee***

**10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m. | *Opening session: The Digital Single Market: How does it benefit consumers?***

* Gonçalo Lobo Xavier, Vice-President of the European Economic and Social Committee in charge of Communication (EESC)
* Helena Dalli, Maltese Minister for Consumer Affairs
* Vĕra Jourová, European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality (tbc)
* Markku Markkula, President, Committee of the Regions (tbc)

**10.30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | *Panel 1: A genuine single market for the digital economy***

**Moderator:** Catelijne Muller, Member of the Employees' Group, EESC

* Data sharing on social media: consumer safety on the line? Saviour Cachia, [Information and Data Protection Commissioner](http://idpc.gov.mt/en/Pages/Home.aspx) (Malta)
* Artificial Intelligence, the Digital Single Market and what it means to consumers
* Digital inclusion for ALL consumers: [MCCAA](http://mccaa.org.mt/) (Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority)
* The Consumer's view of the Digital Single Market: Ursula Pachl, BEUC

**= Discussion**

**12 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. |*Lunch***

**1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. | *Debate: Online Sharing = Offline Rules?***

**(Digital Single Market: fertile ground for a sustainable collaborative economy?)**

* Business point of view
* Consumer point of view
* Trade Union point of view

**2.45 p.m. - 4 p.m. | *Panel 2: Nurturing green shots and addressing teething troubles***

**Moderator:** Stefano Mallia, Member of the Employers' Group, EESC

* Geo-blocking: Georgious Petropoulos, Research fellow, Bruegel
* Roaming costs: Marlene Mizzi, Member of the European Parliament
* Fintech – Disrupting finance: tangible benefits for the consumer?

**= Discussion**

**4 p.m. -  4.15 p.m. | *Coffee break***

**4.15 p.m. -  4.45 p.m. | *The Digital Single Market and the European Parliament: what has the EP done for consumers?***

* European Parliament (tbc)

**4.45 p.m. -  5 p.m. | *Closing remarks: A consumer's digital market: what would it look like?***

* Martin Siecker, President of the Section for the Single Market, Production and Consumption, EESC