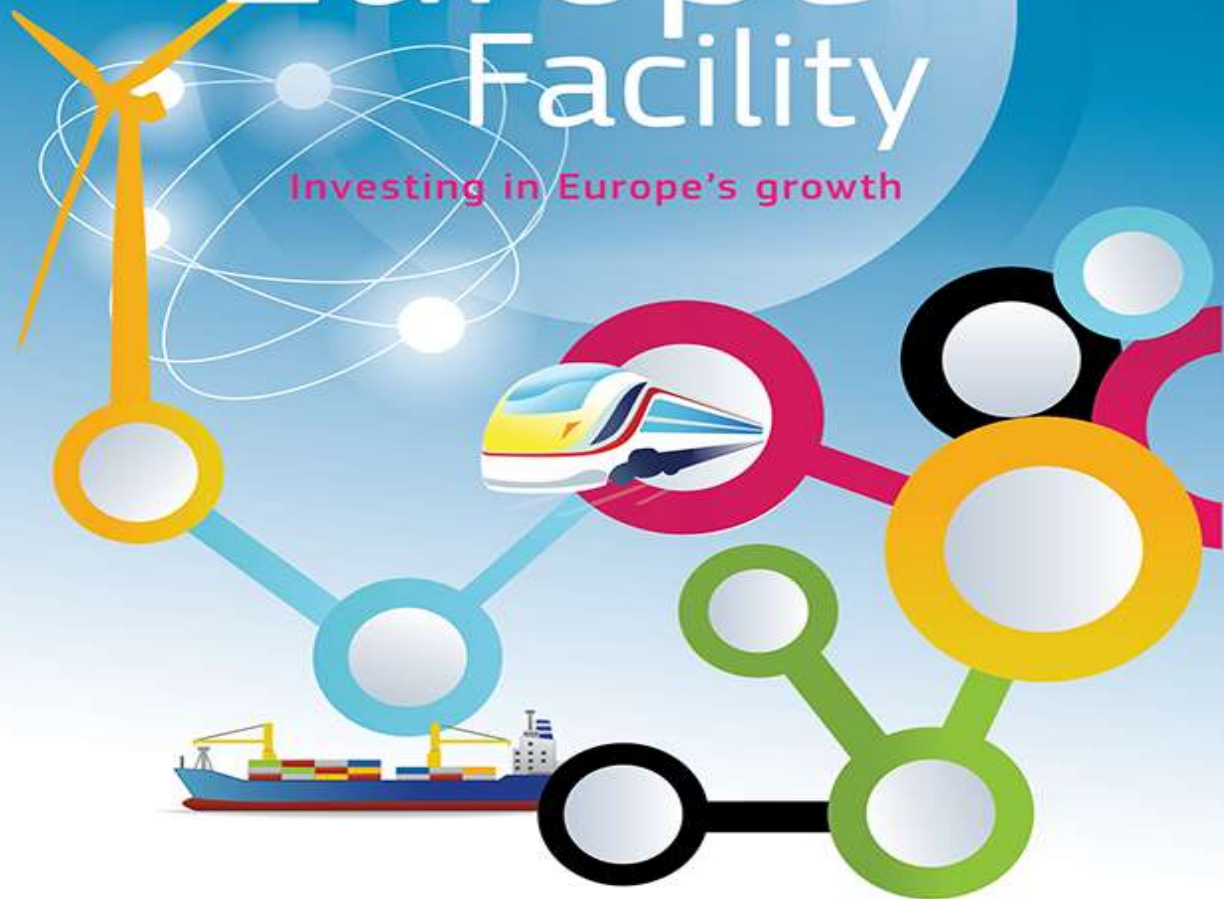


# Connecting Europe Facility

Investing in Europe's growth



Alternative Fuels Infrastructure facility  
(AFIF)

Malta Business Breakfast

7<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Grand Hotel Excelsior

# Final Agenda

- 08.00 – 08.30 Registration
- 08.30 – 08.35 Welcome Speech, Ms. Lucienne Meilak
- 08.35 – 08.40 AFIF: The Policy Context, Ms. Sarah Drexler
- 08.40 – 09.10 AFIF: Financing Opportunities, Mr. Richard Ferrer
- 09.10 – 09.50 Q&A
- 09.50 – 10.00 Break
- 10.00 – 10.10 Malta Development Bank, Mr. Joseph Darmanin
- 10.10 – 10.20 Servizzi Ewropej Maltin, Ms. Lynn Spiteri
- 10.20 – 10.30 Closing Speech, Mr. Godwin Mifsud

Networking and Bilateral meetings



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## What is the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility (AFIF)?

The AFIF is an EU financing instrument under Connecting Europe Facility (CEF), Transport. It funds alternative fuels infrastructure by the combination of CEF grants with financial support from financial institutions to achieve a higher impact of the investment. The European Investment Bank (EIB) and other national promotional banks will be Implementing Partners (IP) of the AFIF and will facilitate these operations. Other public or private financial institutions can also support the financing of the operations (non-Implementing Partner financial institution).

The rolling calls under this Facility are launched in accordance with the multiannual work Programme 2021-2027 for the implementation of the Connecting Europe Facility – Transport sector. The facility is managed by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA).

Upcoming Rolling Call Deadlines:

- 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023
- More Calls are planned in 2024.



The AFIF supports investment in:

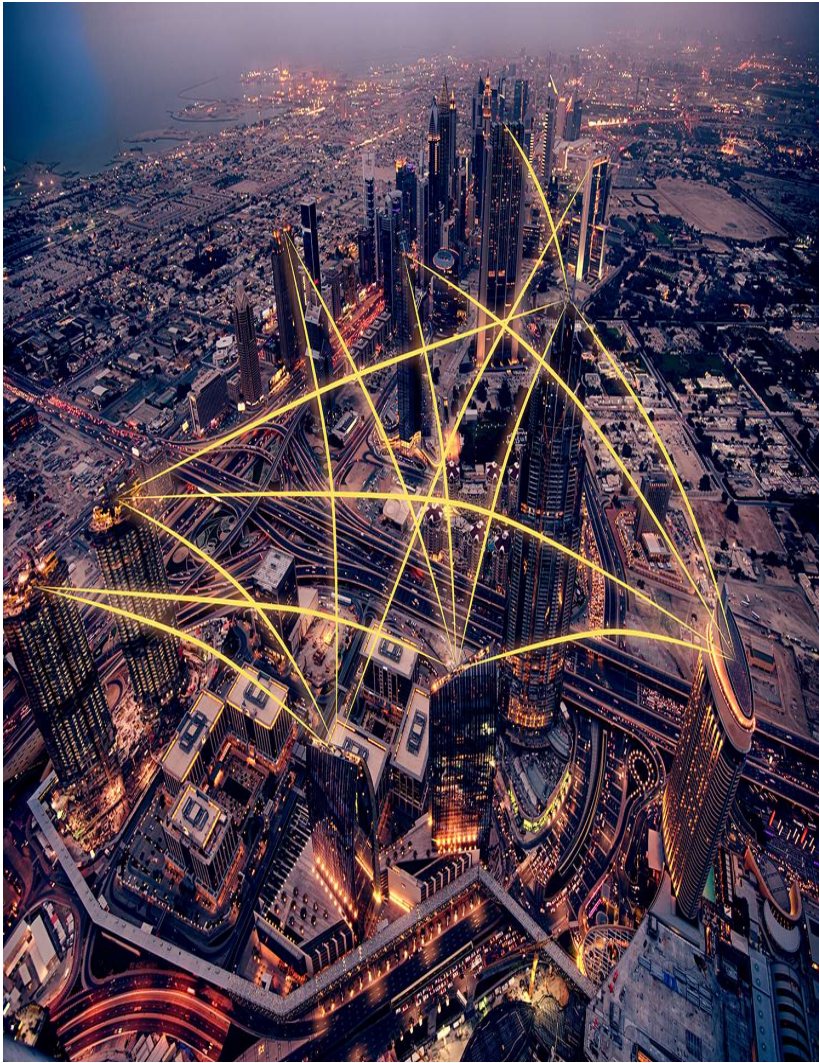
- **Publicly Accessible Electric Vehicles Charging Infrastructure along the TEN-T road network (\* refer to TEN-T map) and in urban nodes**
  - minimum power output of 150 kW. (EUR20,000 - EUR30,000)
  - Publicly accessible recharging stations dedicated to heavy-duty vehicles with a minimum power output of 350 kW. (EUR40,000 – EUR60,000)
  - Grid connection with a minimum power capacity of 600kVA. (EUR20,000 – EUR30,000)
- **Recharging stations supplying public transport in TEN-T Urban Nodes (50%)**
- **Recharging stations supplying inland waterway and maritime vessels including On shore power supply (50%)**
- **Recharging facilities supplying port vehicles and equipment (50%)**
- **Electrification of airport ground operations (50%)**
- **Hydrogen Refuelling Infrastructure (50%)**
- **LNG refuelling infrastructure (30%)**



**Ms. Lucienne Meilak,  
Director Policy Development and Programme  
Implementation, MTIP**

Graduated in Public Administration from the University of Malta in 1988 following which she specialised in Advanced European Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges, obtaining her post graduate diploma in 1989. Upon her return, she joined the EU Affairs Directorate which was being set up within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and was involved in the preparation of Malta's application to the European Union, and later in the screening process prior to accession. Since 2004 when she was appointed Director EU Affairs, she has worked in various fields such as Data Protection, Communications, EU Funded Projects and Transport. She has been visiting lecturer at the University of Malta since 1990 and has lectured for the Faculty of Laws both at undergraduate level and masters programme. She currently holds the post of Director Policy Development and Programme Implementation in the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects.





**Mr. Richard Ferrer**  
Head of Alternative Fuel  
Sector, European  
Commission, CEF  
Transport Unit B3.

Academic background in Urbanism and civil engineering. Worked as engineer in town & country planning and construction at the French Ministry of Ecological Transition. Diplomat in the French Permanent Representation working on the accession of new Member States in 2004 and National Expert in the European Commission to prepare Bulgaria's accession to the EU as regards transport, energy and environment legislation. Joined CINEA in 2008 to monitor large infrastructure projects in the fields of railway, inland waterway and air traffic management. Since 2014 in charge of transport innovation, decarbonisation and alternative fuels.

**Ms. Sarah Drexler**  
DG Move, unit B2 – Transport  
investment.

Academic background in law. Worked for the German Ministry of Transport since 2008 before becoming a diplomat for the German Foreign Office in 2015, representing Germany in the Council of the EU, working on maritime transport and policy as well as TEN-T/CEF. Since 2021 national expert in DG Move, responsible for the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Facility and the Social Climate Fund.

## Ms. Lynn Spiteri Manager, SEM

Ms Spiteri is a Manager within Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta with 9 years of experience in the field of EU funding. She has experience working with direct and indirect funding streams, including provision of support to both public and private entities in the completion and submission of application forms.

She currently coordinates the support provided by SEM to beneficiaries of EU funding in the implementation of EU funded projects.



## Mr Joseph Darmanin Chief Business Officer, MDB

Joseph Darmanin is Chief Business Development Officer at the Malta Development Bank. He is responsible for the overall business strategy and the development of new financial products and business opportunities. He also leads the communications and public relations function of the Bank, as well as research and European affairs. Prior to joining the MDB, Mr Darmanin was a senior economist in the Governor's Office of the Central Bank of Malta. During the latter part of his stint at the Central Bank, he was actively involved in the preparatory work for the establishment of the Malta Development Bank which included a comprehensive study on market failures in Malta's banking system and further research in preparation for the negotiations with the EU Commission for the setting up of a development bank in Malta.



## Mr. Godwin Mifsud Permanent Secretary, MTIP

Mr Godwin Mifsud joined the Malta Public Service in 2001 as an Economics Officer and served at the Economic Policy Department within the Ministry for Finance in different capacities throughout this period. In 2011 he was appointed Director (Structural Economic Research) and subsequently Director General (Economic Policy) in 2015. Under his tenure as Director General, Mr Mifsud saw to the consolidation of the Department in its policy advisory role with a focus on empirical evidence.

Over the years, Mr Mifsud represented Malta in European Union meetings and, in particular, was Malta's Head of Delegation to the Economic Policy Committee, one of the preparatory bodies of the ECOFIN Council. He also served as Chairman of the Ageing Populations and Sustainability Working Group of the same committee. Mr Mifsud has led delegations in meetings with international institutions, including the European Commission, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and credit rating agencies.

Mr Mifsud also sits on a number of Government boards and committees. He has studied in Malta and the United Kingdom and holds post-graduate degrees in Economics and in Public Policy.

