



GOVERNMENT OF MALTA  
MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL POLICY  
AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS



Presidency of Malta of the Committee of Ministers of the  
Council of Europe  
May 2025 – November 2025

**Informal Conference of Ministers  
Preliminary Programme  
15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lanzarote Convention  
Achievements, Challenges and a Way Forward to Protect Children from Sexual  
Exploitation and Abuse**

**Valletta, 30 June – 1 July 2025**

	<b>Monday, 30 June</b>
<b>18:30 – 19:30</b>	<b>Arrival of Delegations</b>
<b>19:30 – 22:00</b>	<b>Official Welcome Dinner</b> <i>Hosted by Hon. Michael Falzon, Minister for Social Policy and Children's Rights of Malta</i>
	<b>Tuesday, 1 July</b>
<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<b>Arrival of Delegations</b>
<b>9:30 – 09:45</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
<b>9:45 – 10:15</b>	<b>Taking Stock: 15 years of the Lanzarote Convention</b> <i>Will explore the historical concerns that prompted the development of the Lanzarote Convention and highlight the key achievements in state parties since its entry into force.</i>
<b>10:15 – 13:00</b>	<b>Keeping harm away from children</b> <i>Aims to generate a discussion on pro-active strategies and measures to prevent sexual abuse from occurring.</i>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Empowering children to flourish free from sexual violence</b> <i>Will examine the role of legislation, policies and programmes in breaking the cycle of harm and empowering children to thrive in a safe environment.</i>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Way forward: Preventing and protecting children from sexual exploitation and abuse</b> <i>Aims to link the Lanzarote Convention with the wider international context.</i>
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Closing session</b>