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**Competitiveness strategies
for the small EU states:**
economic and social perspectives

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Thursday 19 April

12.30 - 13.30 **Light lunch and registration**

First plenary session

13.30 - 13.45 **Opening remarks by Serge Allegrezza and Lino Briguglio**

13.45 - 14.15 **Keynote speech “Are small states doomed to be tax havens?” by Patrice Pierretti**

14.15 - 14.45 **Keynote speech “Small states and the future of globalization” by Enrico Spolaore**

Room 1

First parallel session: Strategies

Chairman: Giulia Spalletti

14.45 - 15.15 **Catherine Wong**
Punching above their weight:
a comparative study of global city
formation in Luxembourg and Singapore

15.15 - 15.45 **Milorad Katnic**
Competitiveness of Montenegro

15.45 - 16.15 **Marjan Petreski & Igor Velickovski**
Macedonian competitiveness portrait:
strengths and weaknesses

16.15 - 16.35 **Coffee break**

16.35 - 17.05 **Winston Dookeran**
Small states diplomacy in
global competitiveness

17.05 - 17.35 **Mario Hirsch**
“Niche politics” A mode of instruction. Lessons
to be learned from
Luxembourg

17.35 - 17.45 **Discussion**

Room 2

Second parallel session: Entrepreneurship

Chairman: Martine Hildgen

14.45 - 15.15 **Godfrey Baldacchino**
The competitiveness of small states: insights
on flexible specialisation

15.15 - 15.45 **Cesare Rillo**
Entrepreneurship, population and growth:
a structural equation model

15.45 - 16.15 **Jan Gallagher & Mike Devaney**
Building company competitiveness in Ireland

16.35 - 17.05 **Vasja Sivec**
What drives productivity of small states, global,
regional or country specific factors?

17.05 - 17.35 **Arnis Sauka**
Competitiveness of Latvia: development
through internationalisation of firms and
improvement of the context for local
companies, and foreign investors

17.35 - 17.45 **Discussion**

Room 3

Third parallel session: Economic Development

Chairman: Max Jentgen

14.45 - 15.15 **Algirdas Miskinis**
Current economic performance and challenges
for Lithuanian economy

15.15 - 15.45 **Andreas Theophanous &
Marat Yuldashev**
Cyprus in search of a new economic paradigm

15.45 - 16.15 **Charles-Henri Di Maria**
Country size and sustainability

16.35 - 17.05 **Jasinski Michal Dr**
Tourism in the European Union small states

17.05 - 17.35 **Nicolas Arsalides**
Investment and investment finance in Malta

17.35 - 17.45 **Discussion**

Friday 20 April

08.15 - 08.30 **Welcome coffee and housekeeping notices****Second plenary session**08.30 - 08.45 **Introductory comments by Serge Allegrezza and Lino Briguglio**08.45 - 09.15 **Keynote speech by Stephane Pallage**09.15 - 09.45 **Keynote speech (speaker to be confirmed)****Room 1****Fourth Parallel Session:
Global Indicators**

Chairman: Giulia Spalletti

09.45 - 10.15

Pambos Papageorgiou

Strengths and weaknesses of the Cypriot economy as reported in the Global Competitiveness Report

10.15 - 10.45

Serge Allegrezza

Competitiveness of small states: does size matter?

10.45 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 11.30

Mimoza Agolli & Selami Xhepa

Comparative analyses of competitiveness indicators of western Balkan countries vs Baltic states. Lessons to be learned for acceding economies

11.30 - 12.00

Lino Briguglio & Melchior Vella

The relationship between competitiveness and resilience with special reference to the EU small states

12.00 - 12.10

Discussion**Room 2****Fifth Parallel Session:
Policy framework**

Chairman: Martine Hildgen

Danielle Bossaert

Performance and management of the Luxembourgish public administration: opportunities, limits and risks of small size

Jadranka Kaludjerovi

Tax policy as factor of Montenegrin competitiveness

Mojmir Mrak

Euro area governance: where are we and where do we go?

Frederic Allemand

The strategic influence of small member states on the design of European competitiveness policies

Discussion**Room 3****Sixth Parallel Session:
Social aspects**

Chairman: Max Jentgen

Claudia Hartmann

A competitive immigration in small or micro states?

Franz Clement

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: a particular case of integration of migrants, foreigners and crossborder workers on the labour market

Neringa Ramanauske

Labour market trends and prospects for economic competitiveness of Lithuania

Francesco Sarracino

Happiness is a matter of size

Discussion**Third plenary session**12.15 - 12.20 **Introductory comments by Lino Briguglio**12.20 - 13.45 **Plenary discussion with rapporteurs and chaired by Lino Briguglio**13.45 - 14.00 **Final statement and closing remarks**14.00 **Lunch**

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