

Malta is situated by the Mediterranean Sea and is located south of Italy and north of Libya. In 2012, the Ministry of Health in Malta initiated the development of a national health system strategy for 2013 -2020 (NHSS) to meet the many challenges facing the health system in Malta. These challenges include an ageing population, the growing burden of noncommunicable and chronic diseases and environmental changes. ns.

## Malta

Capital: Valletta

Geographical size: 316 km<sup>2</sup>

Population: 425.384 (2014)

Population as % of total EU population: 0,1 % (2014)

GDP: â,– 7.262 billion (2013)

Official EU language(s): Maltese, English

Political system: Parliamentary Republic

EU member country since 1 May 2004

Seats in the European Parliament: 6

Currency: Eurozone member since 1 January 2008

Schengen area member? Yes, Schengen Area member since 21 December 2007

Presidency of the Council: Malta will hold the revolving presidency of the Council of the EU for the first time in 2017

Total population (2013)	429.000
Gross national income per capita (PPP international \$, 2013)	28.030
Life expectancy at birth m/f (years, 2012)	79/82
Probability of dying under five (per 1000 live births, 0)	not available
Probability of dying between 15- and 60-years m/f (per 1 000 population, 2012)	75/41
Total expenditure on health per capita (Intl \$, 2012)	2.548
Total expenditure on health as % of GDP (2012)	9,1 %

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