

**MALTA**

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<b>Political system:</b>	Republic
<b>Capital city:</b>	Valletta
<b>Total area</b>	316 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	0.4 million
<b>Currency</b>	euro
<b>Value in Euro</b>	1.00000 €
<b>Value in US \$</b>	\$1.37050
<b>Official EU language</b>	Maltese, English

<b>Year of EU entry</b>	2004
<b>Belonging to Schengen</b>	Yes
<b>Eurozone (15)</b>	No

<b>GDP (2008)</b>	5 714.5 Mio €
<b>Household (2008)</b>	3 529.8 Mio €
<b>Economic Growth (2008)</b>	2.80%
<b>Budgetary deficit in % of GDP (2006)</b>	-2.60%
<b>Foreign trade – balance of payments in % of GDP (2005)</b>	-7.90%
<b>Inflation rate (2008)</b>	4.50%
<b>Interest rate (2007)</b>	5.00%
<b>Unemployment (2006)</b>	7.3%