

Malta



Prime Minister: **Lawrence Gonzi** – plans to adopt euro by January 2008

Country area: **316 sq km**

Population: **400,200**

Capital city: **Valletta**

Life expectancy (yrs): **77 (m), 81 (w)**

GDP – per capita: **\$19,700**

Unemployment: **7.8%**

Main exports: **Machinery and transport equipment**

Religion: **Roman Catholic 98%**

Currency: **Maltese lira**

Support for European Union: **45%**