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Deputy Speaker receives the Austrian Ambassador

Erika Bernhard, the new Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Austria, has paid a courtesy call on Claudette Buttigieg, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ambassador Bernhard referred to the excellent relations between Malta and Austria, having been established fifty-five years ago. She said that the two countries, as neutral and non-NATO member states, have been co-operating within the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy.

Deputy Speaker Buttigieg and Ambassador Bernhard discussed issues of mutual interest, such as economic co-operation between the two countries, digitalisation, sustainable energy – including floating solar power stations and wind energy walls – and waste management, with particular reference to the use of an incinerator.

The participation of Austria in activities to be organised in Malta by the EU National Institute for Culture, as well as co-operation at university level, also featured in the discussion.