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### ***Graham Bencini represents Malta at EU Interparliamentary Meeting on Digital Taxation in Brussels***

Graham Bencini represented the House of Representatives of Malta at the Interparliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) on “The Taxation of Digital Activities at National and International Level”, hosted by the European Parliament’s Subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC) in Brussels.

The high-level conference brought together parliamentarians from across the European Union alongside representatives from the OECD, European Commission, national tax administrations and economic experts. Discussions focused on the future of digital taxation, the implementation of Digital Services Taxes (DSTs), and ongoing developments tied to the OECD/G20 global tax reform negotiations. The conference included contributions from leading tax experts, including Mr Benjamin Angel (European Commission), María José Garde (Spain), Marco Iuvinale (Italy), Marisa Ribeiro Ouro (Portugal), Dr Giulia Aliprandi (EU Tax Observatory) and Cristina Enache (Tax Foundation Europe). The event was chaired by Mr Pasquale Tridico, Chair of the Subcommittee on Tax Matters.

In his intervention, Bencini underlined Malta’s commitment to a fair and transparent international tax system while safeguarding the competitiveness of small and open economies and preserving EU’s diversity of lawful tax systems. He stated that we must avoid reforms that erode tax sovereignty, penalise small open economies or create fragmentation. He further noted that while progress on the OECD’s Pillar One agreement has stalled, continued dialogue remains essential to avoid unilateral taxation measures that may threaten international tax stability and trade relationships.