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### *MP Stanley Zammit Attends 17th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol in Brussels*

MP Stanley Zammit participated in the 17th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol (JPSG) in Brussels. The JPSG plays a crucial role in politically monitoring the activities of Europol, the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation, ensuring that its mission is fulfilled while safeguarding the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals.

Established under Article 51 of Regulation (EU) 2016/794, the JPSG operates under guidelines set by the Conference of Speakers of the EU Parliaments. The Group's functioning is governed by rules of procedure adopted in Sofia in 2018 and subsequently amended. The JPSG meets twice a year, with the first meeting held in the member state holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the second meeting taking place at the European Parliament in Brussels.

The JPSG is co-chaired by the parliament of the member state holding the Council Presidency and the European Parliament. This structure ensures a balanced and collaborative approach to scrutinising Europol's activities, particularly in areas such as law enforcement cooperation and the protection of fundamental rights.

During the meeting in Brussels, MP Stanley Zammit emphasised that Europol's future depends on building public trust through stronger communication and cross-border cooperation, highlighting a successful case in Malta in July 2024 that prevented over €23 million in losses. To ensure this works in practice, MP Zammit called for greater solidarity and tailored support for smaller, frontline states like Malta.