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Maltese parliamentary delegation participates in the Inter-parliamentary conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance in the EU

A delegation of the Maltese Parliament took part in the Inter-parliamentary conference on Stability, Economic Coordination and Governance (SECG) in the EU held in Vienna on 17 and 18 September 2018 within the framework of the parliamentary dimension of the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The delegation was led by Member of Parliament Clayton Bartolo and included also MP Ivan Bartolo.

MPs Clayton Bartolo and Ivan Bartolo actively participated in the general debate organised in the plenary session. The items on the agenda were the implementation of the EU fiscal governance framework, investment, innovation and education as drivers for a more competitive Europe, combatting tax evasion, and digitalisation and its impact on employment.

MP Clayton Bartolo spoke about Malta's success in adjusting to digitalisation, including blockchain technologies, and also referred to the scholarships being offered to students to further their studies in blockchain and distributed ledger technologies (DLTs) at Masters or PhD levels. He also expressed his concerns about the common consolidated corporate tax base, on which Malta has a number of reservations and concerns.

MP Ivan Bartolo spoke about digitalisation and its impact on employment. He spoke about the impact digitalisation is having on employment and the fact it is leading to many changes in a short space of time. This makes it imperative to adapt to a fast-changing world. MP Bartolo spoke about the need for lifelong education and the need to work harder to reduce the number of teenagers that are neither in employment, education nor training at the age of 16 when they leave school.

The next meeting of the SECG will take place in Brussels in March 2019.