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Maltese parliamentary delegation participates in the 4th Meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol

Alex Muscat and Hermann Schiavone attended the 4th meeting of the Joint Parliamentary Scrutiny Group on Europol held in Bucharest on 24 and 25 February 2019. The agenda included discussions on several topics concerning Europol and its work in the fight against organised crime, as well as the activities Europol's Management Board from September 2018 till February 2019.

A presentation on Europol and data protection was given by Professor Francois Pellegrini, Chair of the Europol Cooperation Board. Mr Giovanni Buttarelli also spoke about the importance of data protection, whilst Mr Wojciech Wiewiórowski presented a report in his role as European Data Protection Supervisor. Furthermore, a presentation was given by Mr Will Van Gemert on the activities and state of play of the European Travel Intelligence Centre (ETIC). The increasing use of hacking and phishing was noted by those present. The keynote speech was given by Sir Julian King, Commissioner for the Security Union, wherein he focused on the major challenges being posed in an increasingly complex security environment.

Those present agreed that a decision on the way forward for the designation of a representative on the Europol Management Board would be taken at the next JPSG meeting to be held in September 2019.