

Labour in MEUSAC - positive and proactive

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Labour leader Joseph Muscat's position on the EU started materialising this week when Dr George Abela and Dr Luciano Busutil started representing Labour on the newly formed Malta-EU Steering Action Committee (MEUSAC).

Labour's position in assuring that it will do it utmost in the national interest to manage the relations and affairs with the intent to obtain the best possible benefit from the union and make the membership a success has been greatly received by one and all.

The Labour delegation showed presence of substance when it presented for discussion two concrete proposals on how this committee should proceed on its work in an effective way, and these were approved and adopted. In these two proposals the representatives of Labour raised the issue that the government should consult MEUSAC on current discussions in time so that any recommendations of the committee could be included in the government's position. The other proposal dealt with the putting forward for discussion of initiatives of generic themes on the EU which are relevant to Malta but not necessarily find their way to the EU agenda.

There has been favourable comments on this position. Many are maintaining that that these are a proof on how much Labour and its new Leader are being positive in the national interest even from the Opposition, so that Malta would progress forward. At the same time these proposals are a sign of the practical implementation of the commitment that Joseph Muscat is bound with in that if he was elected Labour Leader, the party would take a more positive and proactive stance on the EU membership.

The same remarked that the fact that Dr George Abela raised these issues clearly indicates that even in the issues relating to the Malta's EU membership Labour will be taking a position of leadership. In the instance it showed that in the first meeting of MEUSAC the spirit of team work within Labour was confirmed and that on national issues with a strong and full, solid and strong commitment moves forward to give a better quality of life to the Maltese and Gozitan families