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PRESS RELEASE

Government appointments to MEUSAC Core Group

The Parliamentary Secretary for Public Dialogue and Information, Dr Chris Said, has appointed Ms Helen D'Amato and Dr Josette Grech to the *Core Group* of the *Malta-EU Steering and Action Committee* (MEUSAC). Ms D'Amato and Dr. Grech have been appointed on the basis of their competence and expertise.

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Helen D'Amato

Helen D'Amato is a teacher by profession.

In 1993 she contested Local Council elections and was elected Vice Mayor of Zurrieq for a three-year period. In 1996 Ms D'Amato was elected for the first time as a Member of Parliament. Between 1998 and March 2004 she served as Chairperson of the Social Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives and also served as the Government representative on various boards and commissions. Ms. D'Amato was also a member of the Maltese delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Between 2004 and 2008, Ms D'Amato served as Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the Elderly and Community Care. She is currently Senior Policy Advisor in the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sport.

Dr Josette Grech

Dr Grech graduated as a Doctor of Laws from the University of Malta in 2003. She furthered her studies at the University of Malta and was awarded a Magister Juris degree in European Law. Dr Grech was admitted to the Bar in 2004.

Dr. Grech is currently a Senior Associate with a leading law firm in Malta.

She is also a regular contributor to a daily local newspaper on European Law issues and is also involved in assisting Maltese enterprises on EU funds and grants. Since February 2008, Dr. Grech has been serving as judicial assistant on a part time basis.

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STQARRIJA GĦALL-ISTAMPA

Rappreżentanti tal-Gvern fuq il-*Core Group* tal-MEUSAC

Is-Segretarju Parlamentari għad-Djalogu Pubbliku u Informazzjoni, Dott. Chris Said, ħatar lis-Sinjura Helen D'Amato u lil Dott. Josette Grech bħala r-rappreżentanti tal-Gvern fuq il-*Core Group* tal-*Malta-EU Steering and Action Committee* (MEUSAC). Is-Sinjura D'Amato u Dott. Josette Grech maħtura a bazi tal-kompetenza u l-kapaċità tagħhom.

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Helen D'Amato

Helen D'Amato hija għalliema kwalifikata.

Hija kkontestat l-ewwel elezzjoni tal-Kunsill Lokali taż-Żurrieq fl-1993 u kienet maħtura Vici Sindku. Kienet eletta għall-ewwel darba fil-Parlament Malti fl-1996. Bejn l-1998 u Marzu tal-2004 servit bħala *Chairperson* tal-Kumitat għall-Affarijiet Soċjali tal-Kamra tar-Rappreżentanti u kienet maħtura rappreżentanta tal-Gvern fuq diversi *boards* u kummissjonijiet. Is-Sinjura D' Amato kienet ukoll membru tad-delegazzjoni Maltija għall-Assemblea Parlamentari tal-Kunsill tal-Ewropa.

Bejn l-2004 u l-2008 kienet maħtura Segretarju Parlamentari responsabbli għall-Anzjani u Kura fil-Komunità. Preżentement hija *Senior Policy Advisor* fil-Ministeru tal-Edukazzjoni, Kultura, Żgħażagħ u Sport.

Dott. Josette Grech

Dott. Josette Grech gradwat fil-Liġi mill-Università ta' Malta fl-2003 u ngħatat il-*warrant* fi-2004. Hija kompliet l-istudji tagħha fl-istess Università li wassluha għall-*Magister Juris* fil-Liġi tal-Komunità Ewropea.

Fil-preżent, Dott. Grech hija *Senior Associate* f' waħda mill-kumpaniji prinċipali ta' avukati f' Malta.

Dott. Grech regolarment tikteb artikli dwar temi mill-Liġi tal-Komunità Ewropea għall-waħda mill-gazetti lokali. Hija tassisti wkoll intrapriżi żgħar Maltin li jkunu jixtiequ għajnuna dwar programmi ta' fondi tal-Unjoni Ewropea. Fi Frar ta' din is-sena nħatret assistenta ġudizzjarja**.** Hija tagħmel dan ix-xogħol fuq bażi *part-time.*

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