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Meeting of Directors General for Sport

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Social Inclusion and Volunteering were the main topics discussed at the meeting of Directors General for Sport that was held in Malta from 15 to 16 March 2017.

Parliamentary Secretary for Research, Innovation, Youth and Sport, Chris Agius made reference to some good practices that Malta has undertaken in relation to two issues including a first course of volunteers working in sport and the project conducted with inmates in the Grundtvig programme funds.

He went on to say that sport has always been used as a tool that brings people together under various circumstances and in different countries. Now more than ever, EU Member States have to join forces to reach those who have not yet been reached, stated Parliamentary Secretary Agius.

He mentioned the high number of volunteers working in the sport sector in Malta. He praised their work while stressing that, through SportMalta, Malta is doing its utmost for these volunteers to acquire all possible the skills and certification.

Mr Jens Nymand-Christensen, Deputy Director General of DG EAC, European Commission also addressed those present. The best practices shown by MOVE 360, SportMalta's horse academy and the first course organised for sport volunteers were also presented.

During the meeting, there major progress was made towards the finalisation of the Council Conclusions to be presented towards the end of the six months of Malta's Presidency of the Council of the European Union. A discussion paper on the social inclusion of migrants and refugees, elderly people, vulnerable youth and persons with disabilities was also presented and it was followed by a debate prior to eventual presentation on the ministerial level.

During their two-day stay in Malta, delegates had the opportunity to prove their skills in the 10 metre air pistol shooting and the down the line discipline which is another form of clay pigeon shooting during their visit at the Bidnija ranges, hosted by the Malta Shooting Sport

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Federation. During their visit they were also shown a shooting exhibition by the double trap shooters William Chetcuti, Nathan Lee Xuereb and Gianluca Chetcuti.



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