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Parliamentary Secretary for Consumer Protection and Valletta 2018 Deo Debattista addresses the Homeopathic Medicinal Products Working Group Meeting

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Parliamentary Secretary for Consumer Protection and Valletta 2018 Deo Debattista addressed the Homeopathic Medicinal Products Working Group Meeting, dedicated to homeopathic medicinal products for human and veterinary use. This was the last event related to the Malta Medicines Authority and the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the EU.

During the last presidency event related to the Malta Medicines Authority, Parliamentary Secretary for Consumer Protection and Valletta 2018 Deo Debattista addressed members of the Homeopathic Medicinal Products Working Group. This working group, currently on a short visit in Malta accompanying the MMA, exchange regulatory and scientific expertise regarding quality assessment and homeopathic (alternative) use of medicines.

Parliamentary Secretary Deo Debattista, himself a medical doctor, also made reference to the historical like of our Island with healing art and medicine. An art dating as far back as 1530, the same year the Knights of St. John claimed ownership over Malta. Naturally, the Order's ethos was to offer hospitaller services to pilgrims and over the years, amassed an array of medicinal science and tradition. Traditions which over the 270 years of the Order's rule over Malta, have been forever engraved in our history.

"One of Malta's Presidency priorities with regards to the Heads of Medicines Agencies Multi Annual Work Plan is the Competence Development Programme through the EU Network Training Centre. Effective quality management and communication requires science based, pragmatic and consistent decision making which can be achieved by giving the necessary skills and know how through education." Dr. Debattista noted.

The second priority by the Maltese Presidency is International Collaboration. Last March, Malta hosted regulators from seventeen different African countries together with experts from the European Medicines Agency participating at the summit "Making Article 58 and other EMA outputs more relevant for non-EU regulators".

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Malta is currently working with other global partners as it is believed that certain medical issues require a Medicinal Products Working Group.

“The support of Malta to the EU medicines regulatory network has been confirmed by Malta’s bid to host the European Medicines Agency. I am extending my full cooperation and that of all Maltese entities to ensure that the work of these committees continues to flourish in a hospitable and research driven environment. This will lead us to a consistent and collaborative approach which is focused on the needs and expectations of citizens and consumers.” Parliamentary Secretary Deo Debattista concluded.



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