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At today's Informal Energy Ministerial Meeting in Valletta, EU Energy Ministers discussed various elements of the Clean Energy for All Europeans package of legislative proposals, namely those relating to energy efficiency.

The Informal meeting was held following the important agreement between the Energy Council of Ministers and the European Parliament on the Gas Security of Supply which will protect European consumers from gas disruptions within Europe, and that on Energy Labelling which simplifies the choice for consumers when buying energy efficient appliances.

Chaired by Minister Konrad Mizzi and attended by the EU Commissioner for Climate Action and Energy Miguel Arias Cañete, in the first session, Ministers discussed two important aspects of the EU Energy Efficiency framework for 2030, namely whether the Commission proposal provides the necessary flexibility for EU Member States whilst at the same time securing a significant level of ambition, and also how Energy Performance Contracting can play a more central role in the implementation of energy efficiency measures within the public sector.

The second session then focused on Islands' Challenges and Specificities in meeting their decarbonization targets, with Malta's own energy reforms serving as a tangible case study.

Subsequently, Commissioner Cañete together with Minister Konrad Mizzi launched the European Energy Islands Initiative and were then joined by several of the Member States to sign a Political Declaration on Clean Energy for EU Islands.

Speaking at the end of the meeting, Minister Konrad Mizzi expressed his satisfaction at the level and quality of the discussions that ensued and pronounced his optimism that today's Informal Meeting will be instrumental in facilitating the Presidency's work towards building a Council common position on the Energy Efficiency Directives, by the end of the Maltese Presidency.

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This would be another achievement for the Maltese Presidency, following the successful agreements with the European Parliament on the Gas Security of Supply and the Energy Labelling Regulations.

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