



Convening of the Ninth Monitoring Committee Meeting

21 January 2025

The ninth meeting of the Monitoring Committee set up to monitor the workings for the process of the granting of Maltese citizenship by naturalisation for exceptional services (GCES), and in terms of the previous programme, namely the Individual Investor Programme (IIP) was held on the 20 January 2025. The Committee is set up as per provisions of Article 25B of the Maltese Citizenship Act (Cap 188) and is composed of the Prime Minister the Hon Dr Robert Abela who presides over this Committee, the Minister responsible for matters relating to Maltese Citizenship, the Hon. Dr Byron Camilleri, and the Leader of the Opposition Dr Bernard Grech. Mr Carmel L. De Gabriele (Regulator GCES) also attended this meeting.

During the meeting, Mr De Gabriele delivered a resumé of the activities carried out by his Office specifically during the period under review in conjunction with such role and functions together with a quick overview of how the Programme (IIP) itself, as well as the new GCES scheme had fared during the twelve-month period between January 2022 – December 2022.

The Regulator gave a full overview of the whole year, based on his Annual Report which will be published in the coming days, and which will be the 9th in the series of such Annual Reports. This is the second time since the start of the Programme that the Regulator's Annual Report covers a full calendar year and not a year starting from the 1st of July of a particular year and ending on the 30th of June of the following year as has been the case till the 6th Annual Report. The seventh Annual Report had covered an eighteen month period, from July 2019 to December 2020.

It is expected that, in the short term, a copy of this Ninth Annual Report will be laid on the Table of the House of Representatives as required by sub-Article (9) of Article 25 of the Maltese Citizenship Act, following which it will officially be made public and reproduced online on the portal of the Office of the Regulator.