



27 February 2026

Convening of the Eleventh Monitoring Committee Meeting

The eleventh meeting of the Monitoring Committee established to monitor the operations for the granting of Maltese citizenship through naturalisation in accordance with Article 10(9) of the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap 188, and the full compliance of the entire application process for the granting of this type of Maltese citizenship in terms of the same Act, was held on 18 February 2026.

This Committee, which was established in accordance with the provisions of Article 25B of the aforementioned Act, is composed of the Prime Minister the Hon Dr Robert Abela (who chairs it), the Minister responsible for matters relating to Maltese Citizenship the Hon Dr Byron Camilleri, the Leader of the Opposition the Hon Dr Alex Borg, and Mr Carmel L De Gabriele, Regulator Granting of Citizenship by Exceptional Merit (GCEM), also attended this meeting.

During this meeting, Mr De Gabriele formally presented a draft of the Eleventh Annual Report drawn up by him and gave an overview of the activities carried out by his Office specifically during the twelve-month period between January and December 2024, which this Report discusses, together with such role and functions, and also gave a brief overview of how the operations of the Malta Community Agency progressed in processing the applications received for the granting of this type of Maltese citizenship during the same period.

It is expected that, in the short term, the Minister responsible for granting Maltese citizenship will formally and officially lay this Eleventh Annual Report of the Regulator (GCEM) on the Table of the House of Representatives, in accordance with the provisions of Article 25(9) of the above-mentioned Act. Thereafter, the same Annual Report will be officially made public as well as reproduced online on the portal of the Regulator's Office.