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INTRODUCTION



Knowing exactly what's cooking in the European Parliament corridors when you're trying to write about EU affairs from Malta is not easy, even if the resources which the institution makes available to reporters are numerous.

This press guide for Maltese journalists – the second of its kind – is intended to offer a simplified approach to tapping the EP press resources which are simply there for the taking.

This manual is targeting precisely those journalists who - in the same morning - have to report a political press conference, cover a visit paid by a minister to ongoing road works and return to their

office to find they've been assigned by their editor to go to Brussels the next day.

It provides information on how the EP Office in Malta can help journalists know more about the Parliament's work, for example through our monthly newsletters on legislative topics and our invitations to cover committee meetings or monthly plenary session where a story might be waiting to be told.

Intended as a kind of Lonely Planet for Maltese journalists travelling to Strasbourg or Brussels, this book should guide you through getting hold of a legislative document, how to book a camera crew in the Parliament or how to go about recording a programme with MEPs in one of the radio or TV studios... But for more on that you need to leaf through the rest of the pages. Happy Browsing!

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OFFICE IN MALTA AND WHAT IT CAN DO FOR YOU



Europe Day 2010, Palace Square, Valletta



Julian Vassallo
Head of Office



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Press Officer

For our European democracy to function well, the Maltese must be informed on the rules and laws affecting them.

As a European Parliament Office in Malta we strive to bridge the gap between Brussels and Strassbourg, the public, and the media.

While we can provide the raw material, your readers and audiences rely on your critical eye to put issues into perspective.

This is why we have an interest to help you report about the European Parliament more closely by:

- ▶ Covering travel and accommodation costs for journalists wishing to travel to Strasbourg or Brussels to cover EP Plenary or Committee Meetings (more on this on pages 10-17)
- ▶ Covering the travel and accommodation costs for specialised EP seminars/workshops for journalists in Brussels on up-coming legislation or high priority areas for the EP (more on this on pages 10-17)
- ▶ Helping you make contact with MEPs, particularly those elected in Malta (see MEPs' contacts on pages 51-56).
- ▶ Providing you with regular updates on debates and votes in the EP directly to your electronic inbox
- ▶ Organising press briefings on draft EU legislation



May 2010 – A dialogue on women in public life was held at the Europe House conference hall to mark Women's Day

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE EP OFFICE IN MALTA



Besides working with the media, the EP Office in Malta keeps citizens abreast with the work of the European Parliament and how it impacts on their daily lives. We seek to do this through:

- ▶ Commissioning TV and Radio programmes explaining the work of the EP and its members
- ▶ Citizen's Forums, Seminars, Fairs, Exhibitions and other public information events aimed at improving Maltese citizens understanding of the EP and the debate within it
- ▶ Distribution of Publications aimed at explaining the work of the EP and how it impacts our lives
- ▶ Events, competitions and debates aimed at schoolchildren and higher-education students engaging in the work-in-progress that is Europe

- ▶ Assisting schools to participate in the Euroscola programme that funds school class visits to the European Parliament or give them an insider's view
- ▶ Providing a platform for MEPs to stay close to their electorate
- ▶ Campaigning on everything from voter participation to women's rights and climate change

In addition the European Parliament Office serves a representative function for the institution in Malta and services EP delegations and visits of senior officials to Malta.

It also co-operates with the EC Representation and other EU information providers to help citizens become acquainted with their rights and obligations and more generally to make the most of Malta's membership of the European Union.

In the run-up to the June 2009 EP Elections the Office was responsible for the EU-wide bring-out-the-vote campaign in Malta.



Europe Day 2010, House of Representatives, Valletta – Students take on MEPs and MPs in a debate on the European Year on Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion.

COVERING THE EP FROM BRUSSELS OR STRASBOURG



EP president Jerzy Buzek interviewed.

In 2009, the EP Office sent more than 25 Maltese journalists from TV, newspapers & magazines, radio and web media to cover the Parliament from Brussels or Strasbourg, during plenary sessions and committee meetings, or for specialised workshops on legislative dossiers.

Between January and October 2010, 35 journalists from 15 different media in Malta had been assisted by the EP Office to cover the hearings of the European Commissioners in January, and to take part in workshops for EU journalists on maternity leave, hedge funds and Women's Day, as well as the monthly Strasbourg plenary sessions.

The EP Office can help you find out about legislation that you may be interested in following closely from Brussels or Strasbourg. The colour-coded calendar on the inside of the cover page of this book indicates the schedule of committee weeks and plenary sessions when the most interesting discussions on new EU law are underway.

BEING INVITED TO THE EP AS A JOURNALIST

Invitations to attend sessions or committee meetings in Brussels or Strasbourg are open to all working journalists in Malta. However, due to budgetary constraints, invitations are not automatic. Expressions of interest should be made directly to the Press Officer of the EP Office in Malta. An official invitation issued in the journalist's name will entitle him/her for reimbursement from the Parliament.

See page 13 for more details on flight and hotel bookings and reimbursement from the EP.

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A journalist interviews MEP David CASA (EPP) at the European Parliament.

WHAT IF I'M INVITED TO COVER THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS OR STRASBOURG?



Europe Day 2010 – MEP Edward Scicluna (S&D) discusses poverty and social exclusion with students at the House of Representatives in Valletta

Journalists invited to Strasbourg or Brussels by the European Parliament Office in Malta will have their flight economy class ticket paid for. They also receive a €180 daily allowance, for a maximum of two days, which should cater for their accommodation expenses.

Journalists should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. They will then be reimbursed when they present the following documents:

- ▶ a copy of the invitation letter issued by the EP Office in Malta
- ▶ a copy of their press card or a letter signed by their editor and bearing the logo of the medium they work for

- ▶ proof of purchase of travel tickets (showing the price + dates of departure and arrival) and flight boarding passes

Journalists travelling to Strasbourg are reimbursed in cash upon submission of these documents to Mariana KRAJCOVA at Room F00020 (Room 20, ground floor) at the PFL (European Parliament) Building.

For travel to Brussels, a completed original Payment Request Form (signed and dated) and Bank Account sheet (both provided by the EP Office) should be submitted by the journalists to Mariana KRAJCOVA at office MOY 05T030 in the European Parliament's Montoyer Building 75. Alternatively, they can be passed on to the EP Office in Malta. Payment will be made by direct bank transfer and not in cash.



July 2009 – MEP John Attard Montalto (S&D) interviewed outside the Hemicycle in Strasbourg

ACCREDITATION AND PRESS FACILITIES



Once in Brussels or Strasbourg, journalists are admitted into the EP buildings only after having obtained accreditation.

ACCREDITATION WITH NATIONAL PRESS CARD

Journalists need to simply present their national press card and national ID card/passport at the press entrances of the EP buildings. A receptionist will take down the individual's details and provide a temporary pass which is valid for a number of days.

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It is to be worn at all times inside the Parliament buildings. (See plans indicating press entrances to the EP buildings in Brussels and Strasbourg on pages 18 and 19)

For more information on print media accreditation contact Claudine Biasini on *presse-conf* *@europarl.europa.eu*, or by calling + 32 2 28 43359 (BRU) or + 33 3 881 74457 (STR)

ADDITIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR TV CREWS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

TV crews and photographers travelling with journalists will not be allowed to roam around with their cameras and equipment unless they obtain authorisation from the European Parliament's audiovisual service.

This may be obtained from Ms Kirsten van Kampen on *AVaccreditations@europarl.europa.eu*, or by calling +32 2 28 44817 (BRU) or +33 3 881 74561 (STR).

It is advisable to prepare your visit by contacting the necessary services beforehand.

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PRESS ROOM FACILITIES

In both Brussels and Strasbourg, the Parliament offers journalists free use of fully equipped press work rooms.

Free WIFI internet access is available for journalists carrying their own laptops, and each workstation

includes a telephone (chargeable for international calls) and a screen enabling journalists to follow ongoing debates in their own language.

In Brussels, there is a desktop computer built into each work station with slots for photo memory cards and a DVD drive.

A helpdesk with press service staff and a technical support team from the communication contractors are available.

At the press centre you will also find press releases from the EP Press Service and the political groups.

PRESS CONFERENCES IN BRUSSELS OR STRASBOURG

MEPs' press conferences are held in the press briefing rooms in Strasbourg (LOW N-1/201) and Brussels (Anna Politkovskaya Room PHS 0A50).

Press conferences on the hot topics of the day are usually held by the EP President, rapporteurs, chairs of delegations, presidents of parliamentary committees and political group leaders or Commissioners.



The leaders of the largest political groups - Rebecca Harms (Greens/EFA), Martin Schulz (S&D), Joseph Daul (EPP) and Guy Verhofstadt (ALDE) address a joint press conference in Strasbourg in June 2010.

PRESS ENTRANCE TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN BRUSSELS

The Press entrance to the European Parliament building in Brussels is in Rue Vautier, very close to Rue Wiertz, the street synonymous with the EP. Temporary accreditation may be obtained from here upon presentation of a national press card and an ID card/passport.



Rue Wiertz, the main address of the European Parliament.

PRESS ENTRANCE TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN STRASBOURG

Press entrance to the European Parliament during the Strasbourg session is through the main entrance of the Louise Weisse (LOW) building in Allée du Printemps.

Application for reimbursement is done in the Pierre Pflimlin Building which can be accessed through the bridge crossing the river that splits the EP building in half.



The courtyard and entrance to the EP's Louise Weiss building in Strasbourg.

AUDIOVISUAL SERVICES



PBS journalist Keith Demicoli interviews MEPs Simon Busuttill (EPP) and Louis Grech (S&D) for dotEU, the TV programme produced in collaboration with the EP Office in Malta.

Create your own workspace and download the videos you want at our news website for audiovisual professionals:

www.audiovisual.europarl.europa.eu

The Audiovisual Unit uses the latest technology to help TV and radio journalists and photographers to cover European Parliament affairs. Its services are available at no cost.

If you are a TV journalist you may put together a news feature of the highest quality with the help of EP staff, without having to get your own camera person! Here's how to go about it:

HOTLINE NEWSDESK

- ▶ Provides assistance to TV and radio journalists to find relevant information on the EP and MEPs
- ▶ Provides information and advice on using and reserving the AV facilities available for journalists at the Parliament's premises
- ▶ Provides regular briefings on upcoming events such as meetings of parliamentary committees, delegations, press conferences, extraordinary meetings, visits by Heads of State and Government and planned coverage through Europe by Satellite (EbS) (See below for more on this)
- ▶ Can assist requests for interviews with MEPs and provide MEP profiles with fields of expertise and language skills.

Email Hotlinenewsdesk@europarl.europa.eu or call one of the following numbers: +32 2 28 42800 (BRU), +33 3 881 72800 (STR), or (mob) +32 498 98 35 76.

TELEVISION BOOKINGS CENTRE (TV AND WEB)

In Brussels and Strasbourg, the EP provides a range of broadcasting facilities for media professionals. All facilities are available free of charge and on a 'first come first served' basis.

Crews

Two-person crews, using Betacam SP and SX, are available free-of-charge for anything from one to three hours a day, according to the level of demand.



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Knowing the buildings and the MEPs well, they can advise you on interesting positioning, best lighting conditions etc.

Editing

It is possible to edit your raw footage digitally with the assistance of an editor. There are five editing rooms available to journalist which are equipped with a virtual system (NewsEdit) with access to the server. Mastering is on Betacam SP or digital Betacam. Editing rooms with audio/video distribution are available for visiting crews.

Feeds

In both Brussels and Strasbourg there are incoming and outgoing links for access to EBU's and private operators' networks. All video formats are available for play-out.

Studio / Stand-up

Studios are equipped with real or virtual sets for configurations of up to 1 + 4. A position is available next to the Chamber, for live statements and interviews. The digital TV studio has a 100 sq. m. sound stage equipped for live or recorded production of round table discussions involving up to five people. There is a choice of various real or blue-key superimposition backgrounds. The TV studio in Brussels can accommodate audience seating for up to 20 persons.

There are on-site multicamera sets during plenary sessions or for special events.

VoxBox

The VoxBox multimedia studio is a new facility located in Brussels in the heart of the EP. It is specially designed to offer radio and Web journalists all the assistance necessary for LIVE or recorded audio and video roundtables to be streamed on the Internet.

Video files

Video files of recordings of plenary sessions, committee meetings, events and all topics covered by the parliament, are offered on tapes in all formats free of charge.

Upon request video files can be delivered and downloaded from FTP server.

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RADIO BOOKINGS

There are several radio studios in Brussels and Strasbourg to accommodate LIVE or recorded round-table discussions with MEPs. A studio is available next to the Chamber in both locations.

Live or recorded

The operational studios are equipped for recording and editing in various formats. The largest can accommodate discussions involving up to seven



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people. For live coverage of key events there are reporting cabins with a view of the Chamber or mobile radio studios. The studio in Brussels is equipped with facilities for simultaneous translation into up to 3 languages. There is the possibility of file transfer to FTP servers.

Remote interviews with MEPs can be organised with the Members sitting in the studio at the EP premises and the journalist/producer in his home country at his/her radio station.

Editing

PC editing available, with the assistance of a technician.

Archives

EP plenary debates, committee meetings and press conferences are recorded in digital format (original language + English). Extracts are available in any format.

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Live or recorded feeds can be sent by ISDN or e-mailed in various formats.

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EUROPE BY SATELLITE - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Europe by Satellite (EbS) – the European Union TV news agency – provides raw, unedited news footage for media professionals.

EbS-EP provides news footage from the European Parliament. It provides the following news services:

- Live** – major European events live, plenary sessions, press conferences, hearings
- News** – daily extracts of European current affairs
- Stockshots** – extensive thematic footage compilations on a current topic
- Infoclips** – brief thematic footage following a news item

EbS offers simultaneous access for all European broadcasters, both public and private, via an easily captured non-coded digital satellite signal. EbS aims to supply the media with the best possible background material for their programmes on Europe. All EbS material is raw footage, leaving editorial choice to the end user.

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Website and EbS-EP Schedule:

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TV ARCHIVES-LIBRARY

The EP's archives contain historical and topical footage of the EP's key-moments and daily activities. 5,000 hours of b-roll material and more than 10,000 hours of EP proceedings recorded since 1979.

The most suitable sequences are researched and made available to illustrate your television reports, news magazines, programmes and documentaries. All footage provided is free of rights.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

The EP photo library contains more than 15 000 photographs (news, people, historical events, Members of Parliament, buildings, etc.), in electronic form and on silver film which are available for use by the media for professional purposes free of charge. There is also a large collection of historical photographs tracing the history of European integration.

From the internet site *www.photo-service.europarl.europa.eu* a large selection of photos can be downloaded. The photos are offered free of charge and free of rights. Indication of origin:
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33000: A SINGLE NUMBER FOR JOURNALISTS



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The European Parliament has a central switchboard for press enquiries:

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Staff from the press room helpdesk and the Audiovisual service hotline provide information and can transfer calls to the most appropriate EP press officer.

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PRESS OFFICERS BY POLICY AREA



January 2010 – The ENVI Committee grills John Dalli, then European Commissioner-designate, before the Parliament approved the new Barroso Commission.

Besides having a press officer in each of the offices in the 27 Member States and one based in Brussels for each of the official languages of the EU, the European Parliament operates with a system of press officers by policy area.

By focussing exclusively on specific policy areas, the latter are an extremely important reference point for journalists who are interested to know how a particular legislative document is being changed, what stage it has reached and what the most interesting issues being debated are.

When dealing with legislation, the devil is in the detail. Press officers responsible for specific policy areas are well placed to point at ensuing debates which changes made to a text may hide.

ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY (ENVI)

INDUSTRY, RESEARCH AND ENERGY (ITRE)



The environment took centre stage at a citizens' forum on Gozo as an Ecological Island organised in June 2008 by the EP Office in Malta.

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Actress Saadet Isil Aksoy played a role in Kamen Kaley's Eastern Plays, the film which made it to the final shortlist of the European Parliament's LUX Cinema Prize 2009.

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT KEY DATES



Robert Schuman was the first president of the European Parliamentary Assembly between 1958 and 1960

- 1952** Parliament founded as a consultative assembly of the European Coal and Steel Community. Members were nominated by governments.
- 1958** The first session of the European Parliamentary Assembly established by the Treaties of Rome held in Strasbourg from 19 to 21 March 1958.
- 1979** The first European Parliament Elections.
- 2004** European Parliament elections in 25 countries.
- 2009** Entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and European elections to be held in 27 countries.
- 2010** Start of process to increase number of MEPs, including Malta's sixth seat.

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS 2009



In 2009, Malta held elections for Members of the European Parliament for the second time since joining the EU in 2004. Five representatives had to be elected under the Nice Treaty which was in force at the time. However, provision was made for Malta's sixth seat in the European Parliament, which was foreseen under the new Treaty of Lisbon which was to come into effect in the months which followed, to be filled by the candidate who placed sixth in the election.

The elections were conducted under Malta's prevailing single-transferable-vote system and Malta and Gozo were considered, for electoral purposes, a single district.

Voter participation was 78.8 per cent, the highest in any member state where voting is not compulsory.

The elected candidates who are now serving as Malta's five MEPs are (in alphabetical order):

- ▶ **John Attard Montalto** (PL)
- ▶ **Simon Busuttil** (PN)
- ▶ **David Casa** (PN)
- ▶ **Louis Grech** (PL)
- ▶ **Edward Scicluna** (PL)

Sixth seat

According to the June 2009 electoral results, Joseph Cuschieri would take up Malta's sixth seat during the 2009-2014 legislature when this becomes available.

FIRST COUNT VOTES IN 2009 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

ALLEANZA LIBERALI

John Zammit	189
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ALPHA LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Emanuel k/a Emmy Bezzina	118
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ALTERNATTIVA DEMOKRATIKA - THE GREEN PARTY

Yvonne Arqueros Ebejer	567
Arnold Cassola	5235

AZZJONI NAZZJONALI

Josie Muscat	1426
Malcolm Seychell	101
John Fredrick Spiteri Gingell	68

IMPERIUM EUROPA

Norman Lowell	3559
Reuben Attard	78

K.U.L. EWROPA

Cecil Herbert Jones	47
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LIBERTAS MALTA

Mary Gauci	298
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PARTIT LABURISTA

Claudette Abela Baldacchino	12309
John Attard Montalto	12880
Glenn Bedingfield	4982
Stephen (Steve) Borg	1187
Maria Camilleri	2031
Sharon Ellul Bonici	6051
Louis Grech	27753
Kirill Micallef Stafrace	2692
Marlene Mizzi	17724
Edward Scicluna	24574

PARTIT NAZZJONALISTA

Simon Busuttil	68782
David Casa	6539
Rudolph Cini	1761
Alan Deidun	3239
Edward Demicoli	1180
Vince Farrugia	4056
Roberta Metsola Tedesco Triccas	5880
Alexander Perici Calcione	1345
Frank Portelli	2459
Marthese Portelli	5245

PARTIT TAL-AJKLA

Nazzareno Bonnici	80
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The distribution of valid first count votes among the parties was as follows:

- ▶ **Partit Laburista** 54.77%
- ▶ **Partit Nazzjonalista** 40.49%
- ▶ **Alternattiva Demokratika** 2.34%
- ▶ **Others** 2.4%



VOTER TURNOUTS (%) IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

	1979	1984	1989	1994	1999	2004	2007	2009
Belgium	91,4	92,2	90,7	90,7	91,0	90,8		90.39
Denmark	47,8	52,4	46,2	52,9	50,5	47,9		59.54
France	60,7	56,7	48,7	52,7	46,8	42,8		40.63
Germany	65,7	56,8	62,3	60,0	45,2	43,0		43.3
Ireland	63,6	47,6	68,3	44,0	50,2	58,8		58.64
Italy	84,9	83,4	81,5	74,8	70,8	73,1		65.05
Luxembourg	88,9	88,8	87,4	88,5	87,3	89,0		90.75
Netherlands	57,8	50,6	47,2	35,6	30,0	39,3		36.75
UK	32,2	32,6	36,2	36,4	24,0	38,8		34.7
Greece		77,2	79,9	71,2	75,3	63,2		52.61
Portugal		72,4	51,2	35,5	40,0	38,6		36.78
Spain		68,9	54,6	59,1	63,0	45,1		44.9
Austria				67,7	49,4	42,4		45.97
Finland				60,3	31,4	39,4		40.3
Sweden				41,6	38,8	37,8		45.53
Cyprus						71,2		59.4
Czech R.						28,3		28.2
Estonia						26,8		43.9
Hungary						38,5		36.31
Latvia						41,3		53.7
Lithuania						48,4		20.98
Malta						82,4		78.79
Poland						20,9		24.53
Slovakia						17,0		19.64
Slovenia						28,3		28.33
Bulgaria							29.22	38.99
Romania							29.47	27.67
All EU	63,0	61,0	58,5	56,8	49,8	45,7		43

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