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The Council is pleased to circulate the first official communication from the newly-appointed Ambassador to France.



Dear readers,

I am very pleased to address you for the first time as Malta's newly-appointed Ambassador to France. I will use this welcome opportunity to first of all present myself to you and express the Embassy's willingness to cooperate with the Malta France Chamber of Commerce in the months ahead.

Very briefly, I joined the Maltese Diplomatic Corps in 2000. Since then I was posted to Egypt as Deputy Head of Mission and served in various senior management positions at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. My latest position before taking up my present Ambassadorial post was that of Director-General for Political, European Affairs and the Maltese Living Abroad.

I am confident that the experience garnered in the different capacities coupled with the enthusiasm with which I take up my new assignment will yield positive and tangible results, with your active cooperation and assistance.

I take this opportunity to also introduce the Deputy Head of Mission, also a recent arrival in Paris, Ms Nicole Sarsero who will be seeing to consular duties as well as contributing to the political, commercial and cultural dossiers followed at the Embassy.

My final word is one an invitation to all of you, to reach out to our Embassy with any queries on the work we carry out and hopefully also ideas that could further enhance our joint success.

I look forward to dynamic and fruitful cooperation.

Helga Mizzi
Ambassador



Chamber Meets Malta Enterprise

On Tuesday 18th July, the Chamber, represented by Joseph Bugeja and Odette Vella had a very positive meeting with Malta Enterprise upon an invitation by Mr. Mario Galea. This meeting also turned out to be an opportunity to meet the newly appointed Maltese Ambassador for France, Ms. Helga Mizzi. Ms. Natalie Farrugia, Head of Investment was also present.



During this brief but very interesting meeting, we learnt that a new plan of action is in place that concerns business relations with France, a plan that will be seeing increased involvement from the Honorary Consuls in France based in Bordeaux, Lyon, Montpellier, Marseille, Nice, Toulouse, Lille, Strasbourg. Besides seeking new partnerships in R&D, software and environment, more effort is going to be put into attracting French companies to use Malta as their logistics hub for Africa.