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## The Hon. Dr. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security, to open First Euromed Police High Level Meeting in Valletta on 21 February

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The Hon. Dr. Carmelo Abela, Minister for Home Affairs and National Security, will deliver opening remarks at the **First Euromed Police High Level Meeting** at the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) in Valletta on Tuesday 21 February.

This meeting will gather representatives from the EU Member States and their South Partner Countries (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Jordan and Libya), with a view to present and endorse the *Euromed Cooperation Priorities to Increase Citizen Security*. Ultimately, the Euromed Police project intends to facilitate a common understanding on the threats affecting citizen's security across both shores of the Mediterranean Sea.

These priorities are the result of thorough consultations held between the project team and the partner countries since the inception of the project in February 2016. Once endorsed, these priorities will form the basis of actions to be implemented throughout the project, including capacity-building for law enforcement forces. **The priorities include: counter terrorism, irregular migration supported by criminal networks and trafficking of human beings; cybercrime; and cyber terrorism, including the use of social media for incitement and recruitment purposes, among others.**

Considering the geographical focus of the project, the location of this High-Level Meeting is no coincidence. Thematically, the priorities to be endorsed are also in line with the program of the Maltese Presidency of the EU Council.

Delegations from each participating country will be joined by the project's partner institutions, notably Europol, Cepol, and Interpol, which provide essential support and advice to the project to ensure the sustainability of the tools and mechanisms developed.

#### Notes for media wishing to cover the Minister's remarks:

- Media to assemble in the meeting room no later than 08:45 AM on Tuesday 21 February.
- Opportunity to cover Minister's remarks and for a group photo of the Minister with meeting delegates.
- Location:  
International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law  
Old University Building, Triq San Pawl  
Valletta, Malta
- Meeting room:  
Aula Magna, First Floor, Old University Building
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