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MEP receives 30 English language scholarships

MEP Simon Busuttil received a set of 30 scholarships for English language training courses for foreigners in Malta from the NSTS English Language Institute. The scholarships will be awarded to persons working in the European Parliament who wish to study English in Malta.

The scholarships were presented to Dr Busuttil by NSTS CEO Mr Francis Stivala. They consist of 30 one-week English language training courses of 20 lessons each. The scholarship package is valued at EUR6, 000.

NSTS-English Language Institute is the first English language school for non-native speakers in Malta, established in 1963 as a joint initiative between the University of Malta Student Representative Council and the Department of English at the Faculty of Arts. Its success has helped Malta thrive in the niche tourism sector of English language teaching.

Presenting the scholarships to Dr Busuttil, Mr Stivala stated that NSTS wanted to provide a tangible support to help promote English Language Courses in the European Parliament. He said that NSTS was prompted to make this offer following the successful "Malta Week" cultural events organised in the European Parliament in September on the initiative of the Maltese delegation in the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament.

Reacting, Dr Busuttil thanked the NSTS English Language Institute for its scholarships which will now be offered to persons working in the European Parliament. He said that Malta was already well known in the EU institutions as a centre for English-language teaching.

"Many MEPs have already come to Malta to learn English", he said. "Initiatives such as this will help the country make further steps forward in this direction."

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