

New National Member for Malta at Eurojust

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Philip Galea Farrugia was appointed National Member for Malta in July 2017.

After obtaining his Doctoral degree in Law from the University of Malta in 2001, Dr Galea Farrugia set up his private law practice in Valletta, during which time he worked in a number of legal fields and appeared as defence counsel before a variety of courts and tribunals. After providing prosecution services (on a contractual basis) for a few years before the Commissioners for Justice and local tribunals, Dr Galea Farrugia decided to dedicate his full attention to prosecution.

In fact, in 2010, he relinquished his private law practice completely and joined the Office of the Attorney General in Malta, where he furthered his specialisation in criminal law and prosecution. He was lead prosecutor on numerous trials by jury, including trials concerning homicide, sexual offences, drug trafficking, and violent crime. Today, he occupies the Office of Assistant Attorney General and Head of the Criminal Law and Prosecution Unit. He has represented Malta and the Office of the Attorney General in international fora, conferences, and seminars, mostly dealing with criminal law matters.

Upon arriving at Eurojust, Dr Galea Farrugia said: *'I am pleased and honoured to join my fellow colleagues at Eurojust at a time when serious cross-border crime is on the increase and becoming more and more complex and organised. As Head of the Criminal Law and Prosecution Unit, I fully appreciate Eurojust's mission in supporting and strengthening coordination and cooperation between national investigating and prosecuting authorities, particularly in relation to serious cross-border crime.. As National Member for Malta, I can now actively participate and contribute towards this mission, together with my Deputy and Assistants. I look forward to this new challenge and to proactively contributing to ongoing judicial cooperation on European and international levels.'*