## <u>"The rights of EU citizens in Wales</u> <u>must be protected" – Finance Secretary</u> <u>tells Senator Cadic</u>

Senator Cadic, who is a member of the French Senate's Brexit Group, will meet members of the French community living in and around Cardiff to hear their experiences following the UK's decision to leave the EU.

He and the Finance Secretary will discuss the rights of French citizens currently living or moving to Wales. Senator Cadic will also learn more about Wales' plans post-Brexit.

Nicholas Hatton, co-chair and founder of the3million will join the meeting to talk about the support for EU citizens in Wales.

Speaking ahead of the visit, Professor Drakeford said:

"EU citizens living in Wales make an enormous contribution to our economy and society and their rights must be fully protected after the UK leaves the EU.

"Although immigration policy is reserved, the Welsh Government will work with the UK government to ensure EU citizens living in Wales are provided with certainty over their future rights and entitlements.

"Wales is an outward-facing nation — we are leaving the EU but we do not intend to leave Europe. We want to keep working together, learning from each other, travelling and trading together."