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MEP Roberta Metsola holds talks with EASO Executive Director

Dr Roberta Metsola, Member of the European Parliament, visited today the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) and held a meeting with Dr Robert K. Visser, EASO's Executive Director. During the meeting the two discussed asylum and immigration policy with a focus on EU solidarity vis-à-vis Malta and how to strengthen the ties between the European Parliament and EASO.

During the meeting the two discussed the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) and in particular the new legislative instruments which were adopted by the European Parliament in June 2013. Moreover, the two discussed the results of the fact finding report on intra EU relocation from Malta (EUREMA). The report was issued by EASO in 2012 and will be used in the evaluation which the European Commission will conduct once EUREMA II comes to an end. Building a stronger relationship between EASO and the European Parliament was also one of the discussed subjects, and the importance of the contributions made by the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, (LIBE) to which Dr Metsola is a member, was stressed.

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