



## Press Release

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### **Hon. George Vella, Maltese Minister for Foreign Affairs visits EASO**

*Today, the Maltese Foreign Affairs Minister, Hon. George Vella visited the European Asylum Support Office (EASO) to discuss its work, tools and activities and to analyse the situation of asylum in the EU. During his visit Hon Vella met with EASO's Executive Director, Dr Robert K. Visser and with EASO staff.*

Moreover, Hon. Vella and Dr Visser discussed the recently presented [European Agenda on Migration](#) which together with the [ten point action plan on migration](#) and the [Statement of the European Council, of 23 April](#) outlines the immediate measures that will be taken in order to respond to the crisis situation in the Mediterranean as well as the steps to be taken in the coming years to better manage migration in all its aspects.

In this context, EASO, has been assigned specific tasks, such as those related to joint processing of asylum applications, fighting smuggling networks, intra-EU relocation and resettlement from third countries.

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