



## **The Valletta Technical Committee met for the eighth time in Valletta, Malta**

On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July Hon. Chris Fearne, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Valletta Technical Committee in parallel with the Ministerial Meeting of the Valletta Declaration. This took place on the occasion of the two year anniversary celebration since the signing of the Valletta Declaration on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Malta.

The Valletta Technical Committee acknowledged its achievements in the building of understanding and trust and in pursuing the main objectives of accessibility to medicines and sustainability of health care systems.

Ways for increasing the effectiveness from the collaboration between the countries of the Valletta Declaration were discussed. While the level of sharing of information practiced to date was considered of high benefit to the countries, it was considered that a paradigm shift was required to achieve more significant impact. The sharing of information on prices and financial conditions of medicines was considered as a major enabler. Actions were taken to reinforce such high level of collaboration.

The WHO Resolution on ‘Improving the transparency of markets for drugs, vaccines and other health-related technologies’, which was adopted during the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of the World Health Assembly in May 2019 and was co-sponsored by a number of countries signatory to the Valletta Declaration, was considered as a foundation for future national and joint actions in this area.

The Committee pursued its work on joint assessment and negotiation by discussing specific new innovative medicinal products.

The Committee also considered ways to create synergies in the wider EU context.

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