



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MEP Dr. Miriam Dalli visits OHSa**

MEP Dr. Miriam Dalli paid a visit to the Occupational Health and Safety Authority (OHSa) and met with OHSa's staff. The objectives of the visit were to discuss issues related to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety, of which Dr. Dalli is a member, and other issues pertaining to occupational health and safety in particular the impact of occupational health and safety legislation on environmental matters.

Dr. Dalli was met and shown around by OHSa Chairperson Hon. Dr. Deo Debattista, OHSa CEO Dr. Mark Gauci and OHSa Senior Management who gave an overview of OHSa's role.

OHSa was established under ACT XXVII of 2000 and has the general duty to see that the levels of occupational health and safety protection under Maltese occupational health and safety legislation are maintained. In terms of the said Act, OHSa is vested with a number of functions, all having an aim in common – that of achieving healthier and safer workplaces. OHSa's main objectives are to foster a culture which values prevention, increase awareness about the benefits deriving from healthier and safer workplaces, mainstreaming occupational health and safety in all policy areas and maintaining the downward trends with regards to workplace accidents and occupational diseases.



*From left, Chairperson Hon. Dr. Deo Debattista, MEP Dr. Miriam Dalli and CEO Dr. Mark Gauci at OHSa*

OHSa Senior Management explained their role which covers a number of areas amongst which are human resources and corporate services, communications and public relations, training, work equipment and other sectors. During the visit, Dr. Dalli had also the opportunity to meet OHSa's Occupational Health and Safety Officers (OHS) who explained their role and other issues pertaining to occupational health and safety. OHSa's OHS Officers are appointed in terms of OHSa Act and play an important role in ensuring and maintaining the downward trends with regards to workplace accidents and occupational diseases.

Dr. Dalli praised OHSa's continuous efforts in fostering a risk prevention culture and recognised the necessity of a collective effort by all duty holders in order to ensure healthier and safer workplaces.

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