Stakeholder Consultation Committee

Policy Objective 3 - A More Connected Europe by Enhancing Mobility and Regional ICT Connectivity

ICT Connectivity

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The Digital Economy

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- Malta ranks 1st in the 2019 DESI (Digital Economy and Society Index) connectivity indicator; largely due to the Island's performance on fixed, fast and ultra-fast broadband national coverage.

- In 2018, Fibre-to-the-Premises (FTTP) coverage stood at **31.6%**, outperforming the EU average of **29.6%**. Ultrafast broadband is available in at least **90%** of Maltese homes against the EU's average of **60%**.

- The latest EY Malta Attractiveness Survey shows that investors rate the telecommunications infrastructure as a key driver (72%) for attracting further Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) towards the Island.

The Maltese Economy

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Main development needs:

- Maltese economy highly dependent on ICT to sustain economic growth
- Uninterrupted operation is required at all times to ensure business operations run smoothly
- Maintaining the status of one of the most advanced digital economies from EU Member States (ranks 10th) in order to continue attracting businesses which are ICT driven

The Social Factor

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Current situation:

- High percentage (81%) of the population who regularly use the internet
- Percentage (95.8%) of the so called '*always-on*' population is significant

Development Needs

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- Malta remains at the forefront of connectivity to be able to attract investment over the coming years in order to remain competitive in a globalised world.
- Continuous evolvement of digital connectivity is necessary for the benefit of nearly every sector in the Maltese economy.

Thank you for your attention.

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