

Reference is being made to the article entitled 'Jonathan Cardona to promote Moldovan passports for Henley and Partners' published on theshiftnews.com on Thursday 11th April 2019.

The following reply is being sent on behalf of the Malta Individual Investor Programme Agency pursuant to and for the purpose of Section 21 of the Press Act (Cap 248):

In view of the article issued published on Thursday 11th April 2019, titled 'Jonathan Cardona to promote Moldovan passports for Henley and Partners' is completely fabricated and an outright lie. The Malta Individual Programme Agency and its employees only promote the Maltese programme and Malta as a worthy jurisdiction to invest in. It is the only interest of the Agency. Under no circumstance does the Agency or its employees promote other programmes of any other jurisdiction.

On the other hand, the report issued by the European Commission on the Investor Citizenship and Residence Scheme in the European Union is being discussed at expert group meetings organized by the Commission itself. The Commission is in discussion with all Member States at establishing minimum standards to check and due diligence processes before a person is naturalized a citizen. This is something which Malta has also been advocating for.

May we point out that this reply is to be published without any additional comments or information which do not have anything to do with this reply. It is to be given equal prominence as the original article in question. The law does not allow any editing of the reply which misinterprets the desired effect of this right of reply.

Regards,



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