

**STATEMENT BY THE EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION  
OF FORMER MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF THE MEMBER  
STATES OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE (FP-AP)**

**FP-AP BUREAU MEETING IN VALLETTA  
3 NOVEMBER 2017**

We, Former Parliamentarians of the Member States of the Council of Europe and of the European Parliament meeting in Malta to discuss together about the Future of Europe,

- EXPRESS our profound sorrow and great indignation with regard to the criminal act which cut short the life of Maltese journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia;
- CONDEMN the foul crime which has greatly moved all the people of Europe: not only because it extinguished a young life, but also because – in a Member State of the EU and of the Council of Europe – such an atrocious infringement of the rights of a free press and freedom of thought, enshrined in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU and the European Convention on Human Rights, could have been committed, in the form of terrorism;
- CONDEMN all kind of terrorist acts and killings in the Member States of the Council of Europe;
- SUPPORT the urgent call by the European Parliament with a view to ensuring that the government and all the authorities of the Republic of Malta make every effort to back the international investigation and bring the perpetrators and sponsors of this assassination to justice, in order to remove the dishonourable shadows that surround this brutal killing;
- TAKE NOTE of the commitment undertaken by the Prime Minister of Malta to stop at nothing to get to the truth behind this atrocious murder and the involvement of Europol, the FBI and other foreign forensic experts to provide technical expertise and assistance to the Malta Police Force in their investigations into the assassination of Daphne Caruana Galizia;
- EXPRESS their condolences to the family of the victim and gather together in silence in memory of Daphne Caruana Galizia and her courageous life.