



Deputy Chief Minister

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### **Garcia at EU Parliament in Strasbourg on Brexit business**

The Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia is in Strasbourg for a series of Brexit-related meetings at the European Parliament.

This continues the Government's intense schedule of engagements in view of the continuing discussions for the United Kingdom and Gibraltar to leave the European Union.

This schedule has led the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister to once again split up in order to cover more ground.

The Chief Minister Fabian Picardo will be giving evidence today Tuesday before the European Union Committee of the House of Lords. This session will take place at almost the same time as the Deputy Chief Minister is quizzed by MEPs in Strasbourg.

Dr Garcia will be addressing a working meeting of the Green and EFA Brexit group on the subject of Gibraltar and Brexit. This will be followed by questions from MEPs.

The Greens and EFA group comprise 52 Members of the European Parliament from 18 countries and 5 regions. The event came about at the request of the group through Gibraltar's Green MEP Molly Scott-Cato.

The Deputy Chief Minister has taken advantage of the visit to meet other key figures in Strasbourg as we prepare to leave the European Union. This includes a number of members of the influential cross-party Brexit Steering Group of MEPs.

Commenting on the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said:

"It is important to recall that any agreement between the United Kingdom and the European Union will require the consent of the European Parliament as part of the Article 50 process. This means that it is important to ensure that MEPs are kept informed of on-going developments as these relate to Gibraltar."