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EUCARIS Participant's Board meeting to be held in Gibraltar

Gibraltar will be hosting the annual Participants Board meeting of EUCARIS. The meeting will take place from Tuesday 30 September 2008 to Thursday 2 October 2008 at the O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel

EUCARIS, is the **EU**ropean **CAR** and driving licence Information System

EUCARIS is a communications network which allows participating countries to exchange data relating to motor vehicles and driving licences. EUCARIS allows users to consult on-line motor vehicle and driving licence data kept in the national registers of countries affiliated to EUCARIS.

The need for EUCARIS arose in the early 1990s, when the European Union (EU) eliminated border checks for persons, cars etc. When the Iron Curtain came down, even more countries became readily accessible. While these events brought many new benefits to Europeans, it also made it easier to remove stolen and illegally exported cars between countries.

The meeting has been organised and is hosted by the Department of Transport. The meeting will be opened by the Minister for Enterprise Development, Technology and Transport, the Hon J J Holliday.

This year, representatives from 18 countries will be coming to Gibraltar for the meeting ranging from as far a field as Iceland to Slovakia and including such countries as the Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom. This meeting will provide opportunities for greater understanding and co-operation between all the countries concerned.

Note to Editors

There will be a photo opportunity on Wednesday 1 October at 9.00 am at the O'Callaghan Elliott Hotel, when the Minister officially opens the event.