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Deputy Chief Minister briefs students on Brussels visit

The Deputy Chief Minister, Dr Joseph Garcia, has briefed a group of students who will be visiting the EU institutions in Brussels later this year.

The students were selected following an essay competition and their visit is organised by the Gibraltar in Europe Group with the support of the Office of the Deputy Chief Minister and Gibraltar House in Brussels.

Dr Garcia briefed the students on a number of issues affecting Gibraltar in the European Union, including the new situation created by the planned departure of the United Kingdom and Gibraltar following the referendum last year.

Commenting on the visit, the Deputy Chief Minister said:

“The Government and the Gibraltar in Europe Group have agreed that the essays produced by the students should be sent to the local press for publication. Whatever happens as a result of the referendum, Gibraltar will remain inside the European Union until the point of departure some time in the future. Even when we leave, the EU will continue to exist and we will continue to have a relationship with it – albeit a different one. The Government is therefore delighted that another group of students will be going to Brussels this year in order to learn what Europe is all about. They will be meeting different MEPs and parliamentary groups as part of their programme. I am sure that it will be a very useful educational learning experience for them.”