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Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce Albert Isola to Speak at #Switch Conference in Lithuania

Maiden Visit to Vilnius Will See Minister Isola Join Panel Discussion on Evolving ICO Landscape

Gibraltar - 18 September 2018 - The Government of Gibraltar today announced that Minister for Commerce Albert Isola has accepted an invitation to speak at the #Switch Conference taking place in LitExpo, Vilnius, Lithuania on Thursday 20 September 2018. #Switch is the largest non-profit ICT and entrepreneurship event in the Baltic States, and topics on this year's agenda include the practical application of Blockchain technology, the ever evolving ICO space, the future of FinTech, cybersecurity, and AI.

Following an invitation from MEP Antanas Guoga to speak at the Conference, Minister Isola will take part in an extended panel session focusing on the maturing ICO market along with CEO and Co-Founder of Lympo, Ada Jonušė; General Manager at Nextury Ventures, Mindaugas Glodas; and Co-Founder of the Debitum Network, Martins Liberts.

The 2018 #Switch Conference will also feature a range of entrepreneurs and leaders from highly successful digital business companies; representatives from world governments, public institutions, and the European Union; as well as Lithuanian experts, all of whom will discuss the opportunities and challenges currently confronting the European and global ICT space.

Commenting on the announcement, Minister Isola said, "I look forward to engaging with a variety of leading visionaries at the #Switch Conference while showcasing Gibraltar's robust credentials as a leading hub for the blockchain industry. Collaboration is the key to ushering in a new era of cross-sectoral transparency, efficiency, and decentralisation - a future powered by blockchain technology. This is the ideal platform to nurture such collaboration."

During the trip, Minister Isola will also visit the Blockchain Centre Vilnius, where he will meet with CEO Egle Nemeikstyte, along with representatives from several leading Vilnius based firms. In a full schedule, a number of appointments have been arranged with relevant Government Ministers and with the Board of the Bank of Lithuania. Minister Isola will be accompanied on the visit by a



selection of private sector representatives and Paul Astengo, Senior Executive with Gibraltar Finance who leads on innovation initiatives.

Minister Albert Isola is available for interview upon request

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About Gibraltar

A British Overseas Territory, Gibraltar is a self-governing and self-financing democracy that has established itself globally as a reliable centre for the blockchain and digital assets industry. In January 2018, Gibraltar became the very first jurisdiction globally to introduce legislation around Distributed-Ledger-Technology (DLT), and has since asserted its position as a leading blockchain and cryptocurrency hub. With Gibraltar's core values of regulation, reputation and speed to market at the foundation of its efforts within the blockchain industry, Gibraltar is now globally renowned for its commitment to creating a sustainable and secure regulatory framework for blockchain, as well as being one of the leading proponents in the advancement of the technology.

For more information please visit <http://www.gibraltarfinance.gi/en/home>

About Albert Isola

The Honourable Albert Isola MP is Gibraltar's Minister for Commerce with the primary responsibility of raising Gibraltar's profile as an established onshore, mainstream, well-regulated financial services centre. Working closely with the financial services regulator, the Financial Services Commission, he is responsible for financial services policy, product development, and responding to international initiatives such as international tax compliance. Minister Isola played a leading role in the establishment of the Gibraltar International Bank, a first for Gibraltar as a home-grown full-service credit institution.