

SME CHAMBER CONDEMNS MEP ALEX AGIUS SALIBA'S EU LEVEL ATTACK AGAINST MALTESE BUSINESSES

The SME Chamber notes with great disappointment how MEP Agius Saliba has chosen to act and tackle a problem involving a sector of Maltese businesses.

Malta has its own set-up of Authorities and clearly defined routes to handle concerns related to issues of competition, something the SME Chamber frequently uses to tackle abuse. MEP Agius Saliba however chose to disregard this and appeal to the European Commission to intervene and even called upon it to investigate Maltese businesses.

It is unfortunately not the first time that the SME Chamber has noted a negative attitude towards businesses by the MEP. Out of all the currently sitting MEPs he is the only one who has never sought to engage in any contact, consult or involve the SME Chamber in any way as is his duty to do in order to represent all of Malta's society. MEPs are elected on a national level to represent Malta as a whole and surely cannot disregard and work against a main segment of society – businesses.

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The SME Chamber is very surprised by this attack especially since Mr Agius Saliba hails from the party who has labelled those that oust Malta's local affairs in Brussels as traitors. The stance adopted by MEP Agius Saliba is hypocritical, going against his own party's and what appeared to be his own principles.

The SME Chamber will not accept for Maltese businesses to be made into scapegoats for cheap political advancements. It is clear that this is an unwarranted attack fuelled by a negative strategy to gain visibility as part of the MEP election campaign which is taking place in less than a year's time. We remind Mr Agius Saliba that Maltese businesses make a big chunk of the votes and his attack has bought him no favours.

The SME Chamber believes that this attitude of cheap tactics should not be trusted.

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