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ZHN Press release on Projected MEP election turnout.

The ZHN notes with concern that surveys have projected a comparatively low turnout for the MEP elections.

People are losing faith in politics, and therefore have next to no interest to participate. In the eyes of many, particularly young people, politics at the national level does not inspire. Many have come to view politics as a pathetic exercise in self-servitude were the common good is put aside unless it provides for a political advantage. This is an insult to the younger generations who will bear the hardship of the present lack of foresightedness.

While some might hold the view that the EU as a political institution is too distant, and maybe too bureaucratic, the reality is that with the present geo-political realities in Europe and other parts of the world, it is more important than ever that the people of Malta are well represented in this institution. We must be represented by the most upright and honest of our stateswomen and statesmen, the best our nation has to offer, whoever they may be.

Several Maltese have distinguished themselves by holding positions of prominence within the EU. These people are to be lauded and applauded as through their work they promote Malta; they give us a voice on the world stage. It is therefore critical and in our interest as an island nation to elect the very best as our MEPs. We need the very best to ensure Malta has a voice at the table where consequential decisions will be taken. We have been given a voice and it is imperative that we use it.

ZHN encourages all voters, especially the disenchanting younger generations, to exercise this right, to voice their choice of representatives. None of the candidates will be perfect, but some are far better than others, more adapt and trustworthy to represent us. We encourage everyone to get to know all the candidates well, not to be deceived with glittery stunts and rhetoric, and to cast a vote for Malta by voting for those candidates that really deserve it. We must keep in mind that those we elect will reflect who we are as a nation.

Your vote is a fundamental pillar of democracy, use it wisely. Without this pillar all our rights are at stake. It is always the rights of the weakest in society and the honest hard-working people that are thrown out first.

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