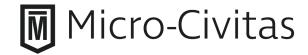


## Micro-Civitas Announce Initiative to Strengthen Governance in European Microstates

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, March 13, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Set to launch this Summer, Micro-Civitas is a new centre addressing the growing governance challenges facing European microstates. Positioned as a critical response to the urgency highlighted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the European Commission (EC), Micro-Civitas aims to facilitate an environment of transparency, accountability, and effective governance amidst a landscape fraught with threats to democratic integrity, economic stability, and the rule of law.

The European microstates are at a pivotal juncture, facing a plethora of unprecedented challenge.

Compounded by inherent limitations in



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governance resources and external economic and political forces, these nations are grappling with issues that jeopardise the very fabric of their democracy. Particular risks associated with transparency and corruption pose significant reputational, democratic, and legal challenges, with added pressure from the FATF and EC's recent call for bolstered anti-money laundering efforts and regulatory frameworks underscoring the need for a concerted and robust response.

Uniting academics, experts, policymakers, and business leaders from across the microstates, Micro-Civitas' mission is to address these complexities head-on. Through a multifaceted approach encompassing reputation enhancement, capacity building, academic collaboration, and policy development, the centre's focus extends beyond immediate problem-solving to fostering a sustainable model of governance that can withstand the complexities of the modern geopolitical landscape.

Capacity-building initiatives are central to Micro-Civitas' strategy, designed to empower officials and professionals with the necessary skills to fight corruption and safeguard human rights, and, combined with advocacy for transparent financial practices and ethical standards, uplift the standing of the nations on an international stage. Drawing upon the wealth of expertise within its network, Micro-Civitas will also coordinate joint research and seminars to develop bespoke policy recommendations that are not only reactive but proactive in strengthening the governance frameworks of European microstates. Through these efforts, the centre seeks to instigate meaningful reforms that address the root causes of the governance challenges these nations face.

"The establishment of Micro-Civitas is a step towards confronting the multifaceted governance challenges that threaten the stability and prosperity of European microstates," commented an early partner and prominent Maltese lawyer. "While we are mindful of the complexities ahead, we are also resolute in our commitment to fostering dialogue, collaboration, and innovation in addressing these critical issues."

## **About Micro-Civitas**

Micro-Civitas is a centre dedicated to improving governance, transparency, and accountability within European microstates. By fostering collaboration among a diverse range of stakeholders, Micro-Civitas endeavors to address the urgent governance challenges facing these nations, aiming to create a more stable, democratic, and prosperous future.

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