



Brussels, April 16, 2018

Dear President Juncker,  
Dear Commissioner Timmermans,  
Dear Mr Magnier, Director of Creative Europe,

We take note of the letter sent by PEN International and endorsed by 250 international authors<sup>1</sup> expressing outrage at the behaviour of Jason Micallef, Chairman of Valletta 2018 Capital of Culture.

We share the outrage expressed in this letter. The vilification of investigative journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, even after her assassination, and the calls for the clearing of the memorial in her tribute in Valletta and for banners demanding for justice to be removed are actions that we consider incompatible with those of an official that represents the European Capital of Culture.

It has been noted that merely hours after this PEN letter was published, Jason Micallef proceeded to continue with his outbursts on social media and ordered banners organised by Maltese civil society calling for justice to be removed.

We strongly condemn these undignified and unacceptable actions and call on the European Commission to demand Mr Micallef be immediately removed from the post of Chairman of Valletta 2018 Capital of Culture.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <http://pen-international.org/news/6-month-anniversary-assassination-daphne-caruana-galizia>