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NEWSLETTER

- **Malta and Ireland sign double taxation convention**
- **Malta and Greece double taxation convention enters into force**

Malta and Ireland

Malta and Ireland have signed the first double taxation convention between the two countries on 14 November 2008.

Before signing the convention last week, Malta was the only EU country Ireland did not have such an agreement with.

An important feature of the convention is the provision for a nil rate of withholding tax on interest payments and the reduced rates of withholding taxes on dividends and royalty payments.

Another aspect is an exchange of information article deemed necessary to counter tax evasion.

The two countries will now take the necessary measures to ratify the convention before the end of the year, so that it will enter into force at the beginning of 2009.

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Malta and Greece

The double taxation convention between Malta and Greece, which was signed on 13 October 2006, has been ratified and in accordance with Article 27, this agreement entered into force on 30 August 2008.

The Maltese Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Tonio Borg said that the ratification of this instrument by the Greek Government is most welcome and is an important step forward in the bilateral relations and an essential factor for enhancing investment opportunities and trade exchanges between both countries.

The agreement applies to persons and entities who are residents of one or both of the contracting states and provides for the exchange of information on the prevention of fiscal evasion.

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