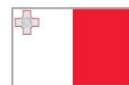


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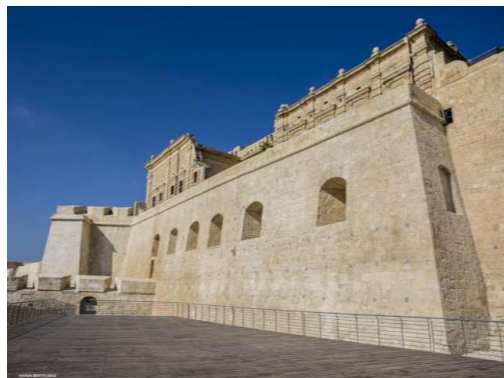
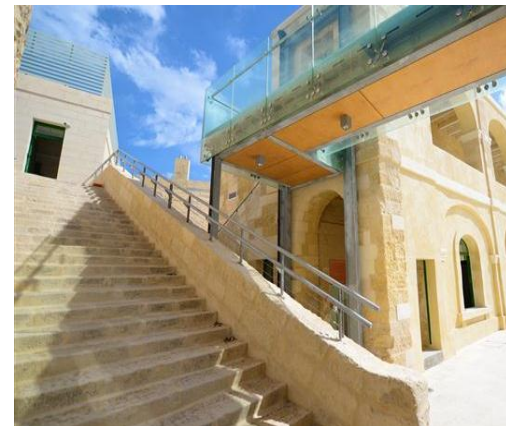
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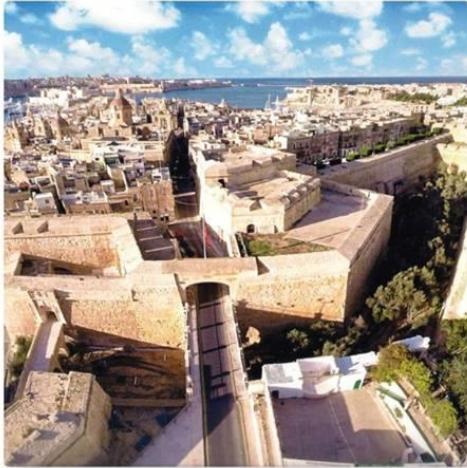


# PA 2 – Promoting Sustainable Tourism





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The National Reform Programme at the time of application stressed that: **“Investment in the tourism sector needs to be directed in such a way as to strengthen the competitive advantage of Malta in that area”** and that: **“Significant efforts need to be directed to the tourism sector in order to retain its competitiveness and to maximise the opportunities that lie in this sector”** [NRP: page 9].

## PA 2 – Promoting Sustainable Tourism



The pre-budget documents for 2007 clearly indicated as a national priority that, **‘A number of efforts to promote Malta as a quality destination need to be sustained through product development.’** Moreover, Malta has to remain competitive, **‘tourism is an industry that remains very sensitive to price; we cannot compete by reducing further our prices but by increasing our value added.’**





**ERDF032 Archaeological Heritage Conservation Project**  
Ġgantija Heritage Park, St Paul's Catacombs, Tarxien Temples – c. €10M



ERDF244 Fort St Elmo Heritage Experience  
[GHRC] - €15M





**ERDF245 Fort St Angelo Heritage Experience**  
Fort St Angelo - €14M



## MGOZ



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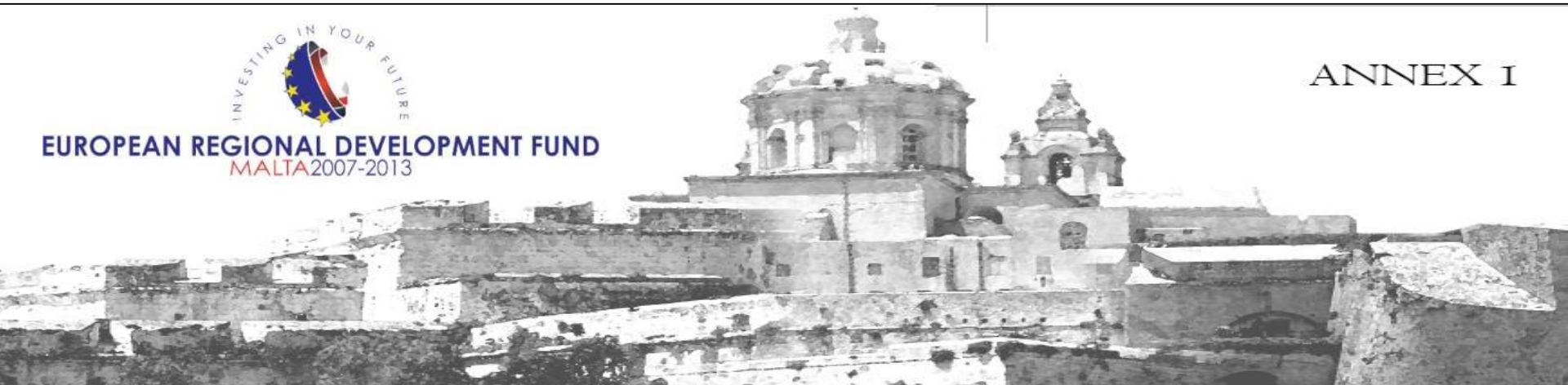
ERDF246 Implementation of the Cittadella Master-plan- €12M





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Co-financing rates: 42.5% EU Funds; 7.5% National Funds; 50% Private Funds



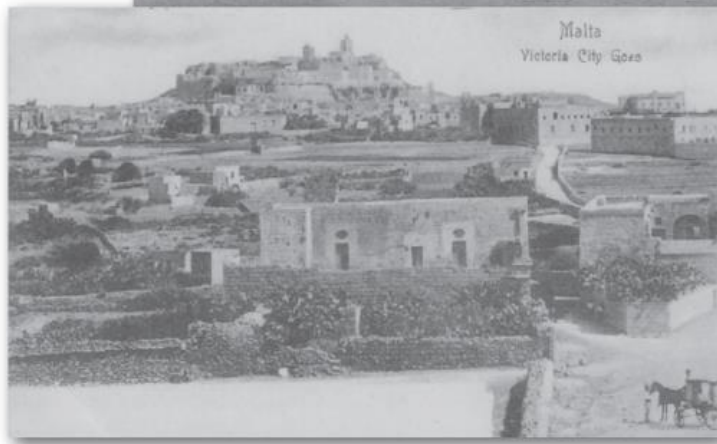
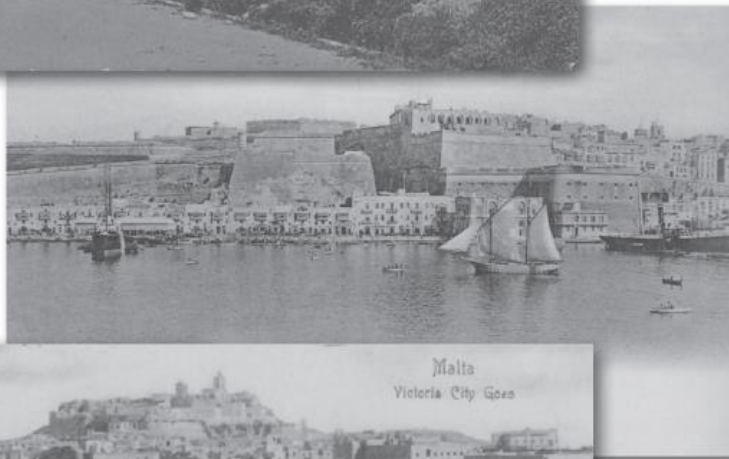
*Investing in your future*

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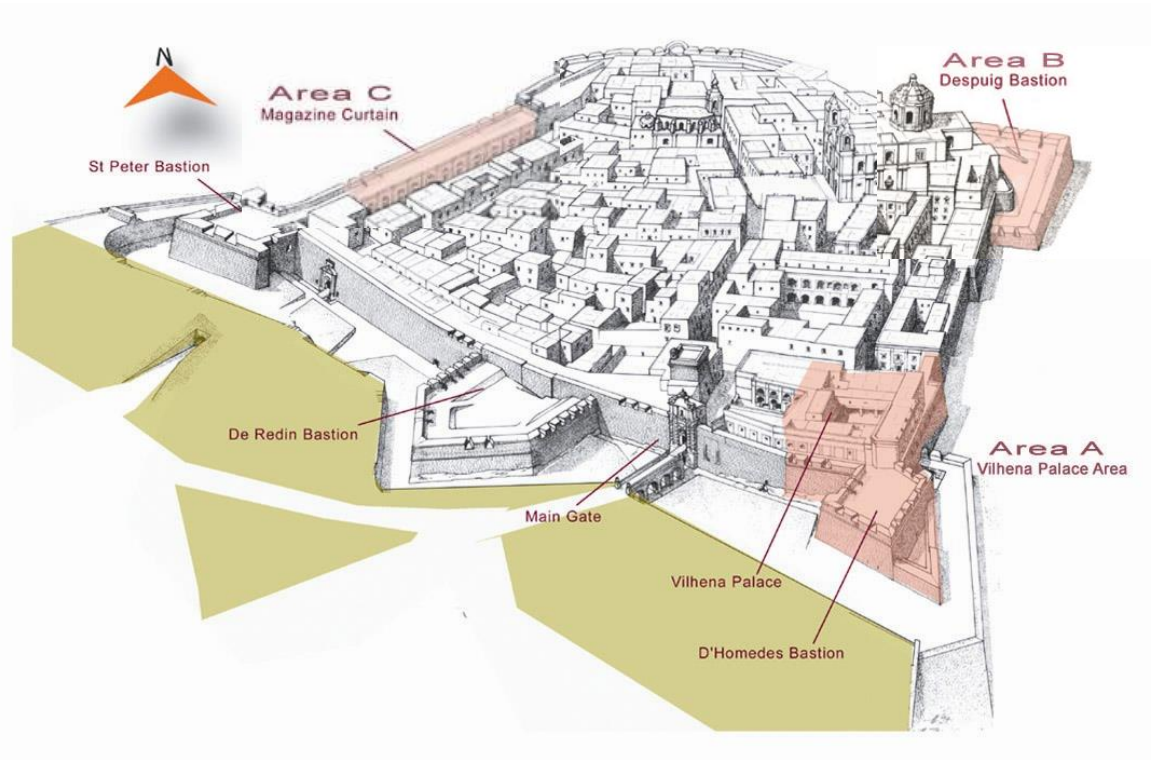
*Maltese fortifications offer a unique and extensive wealth of historical significance. No other island in the Mediterranean basin has such a vast array of fortifications and their restoration and revalorization is an integral and focal part of Malta's cultural-tourism product. **Priority interventions were required in Valletta, Vittoriosa, Mdina and the Citadella (Gozo) fortifications** in order to avoid such heritage from being lost forever.*

*TOTAL PROJECT VALUE: 42 MILLION EURO*





*“one of the finest collections of military architecture to be found anywhere in the world and constitutes a monumental heritage for sheer concentration and majesty quite unmatched”*



## Consolidation of Terrain and Historic Ramparts of Mdina



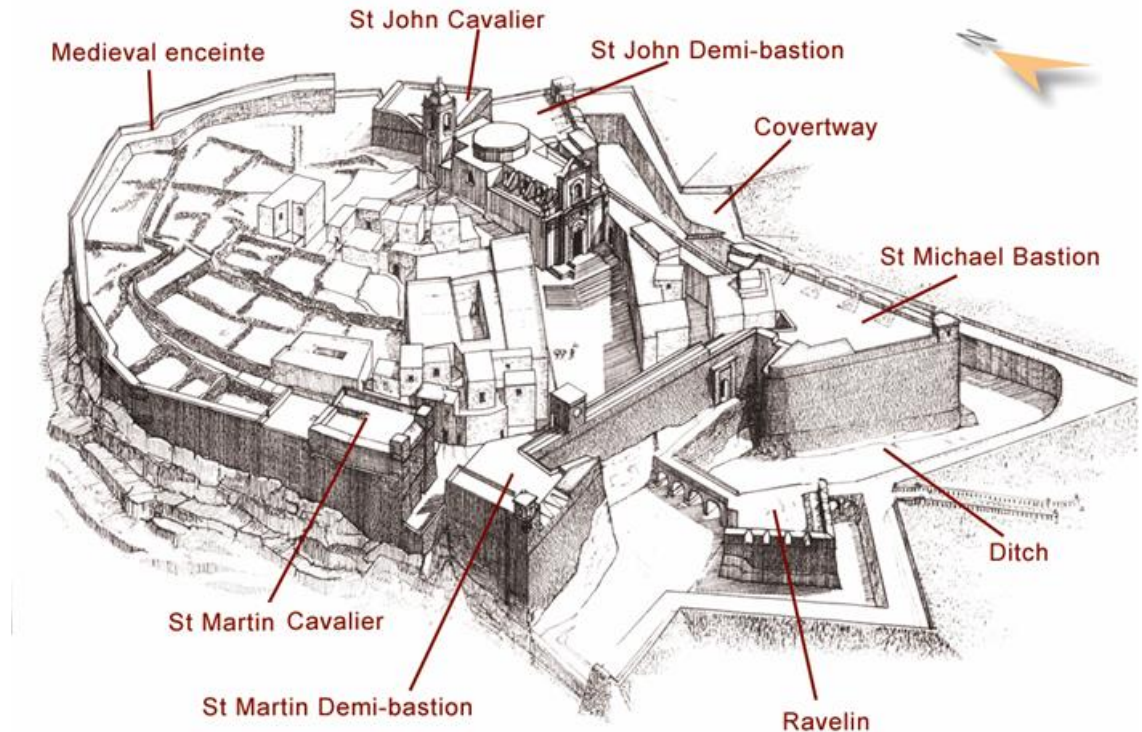


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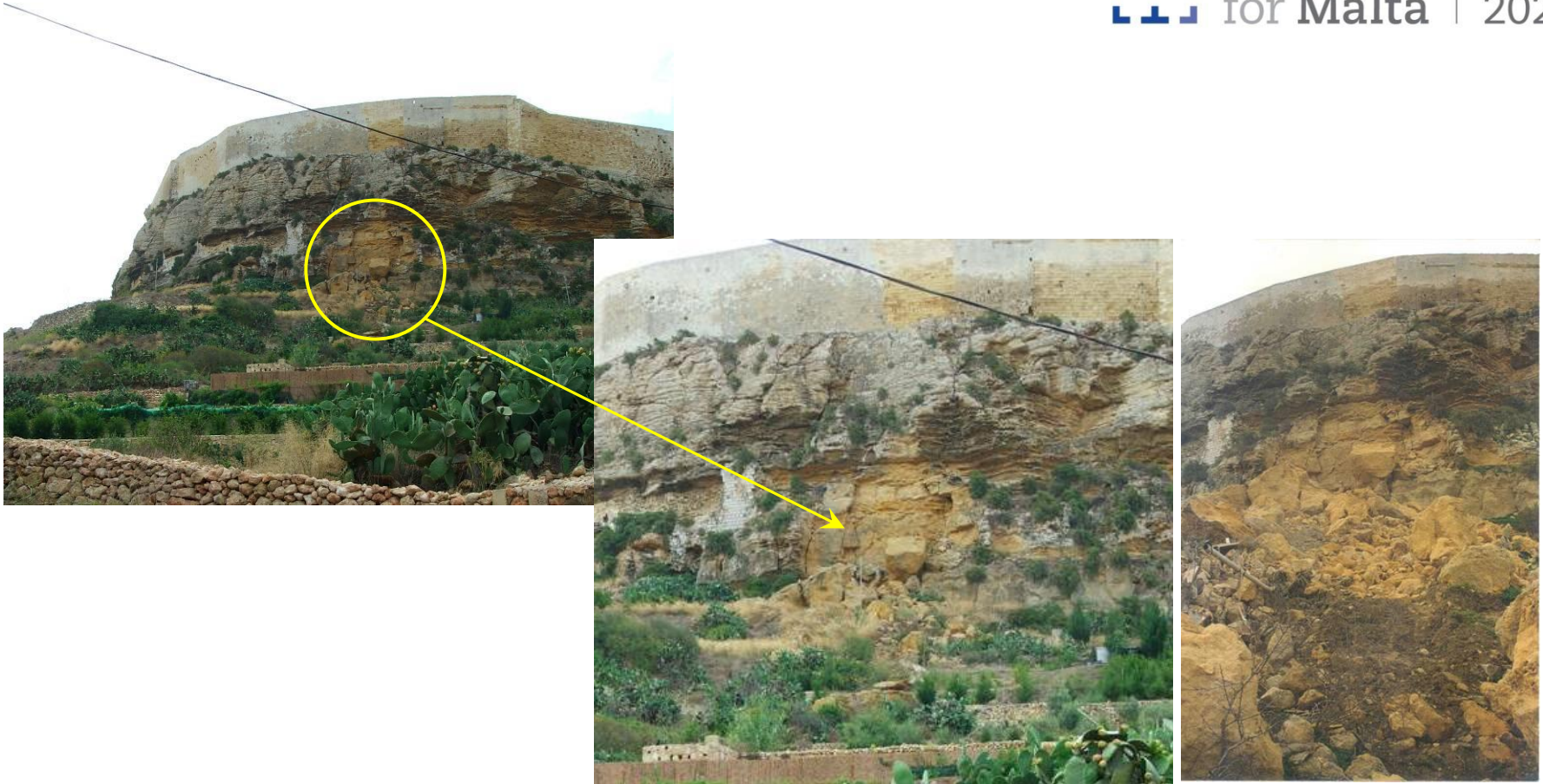


## **Consolidation of Terrain and Historic Ramparts of Mdina**





## Consolidation of Terrain and Historic Ramparts of Cittadella Gozo

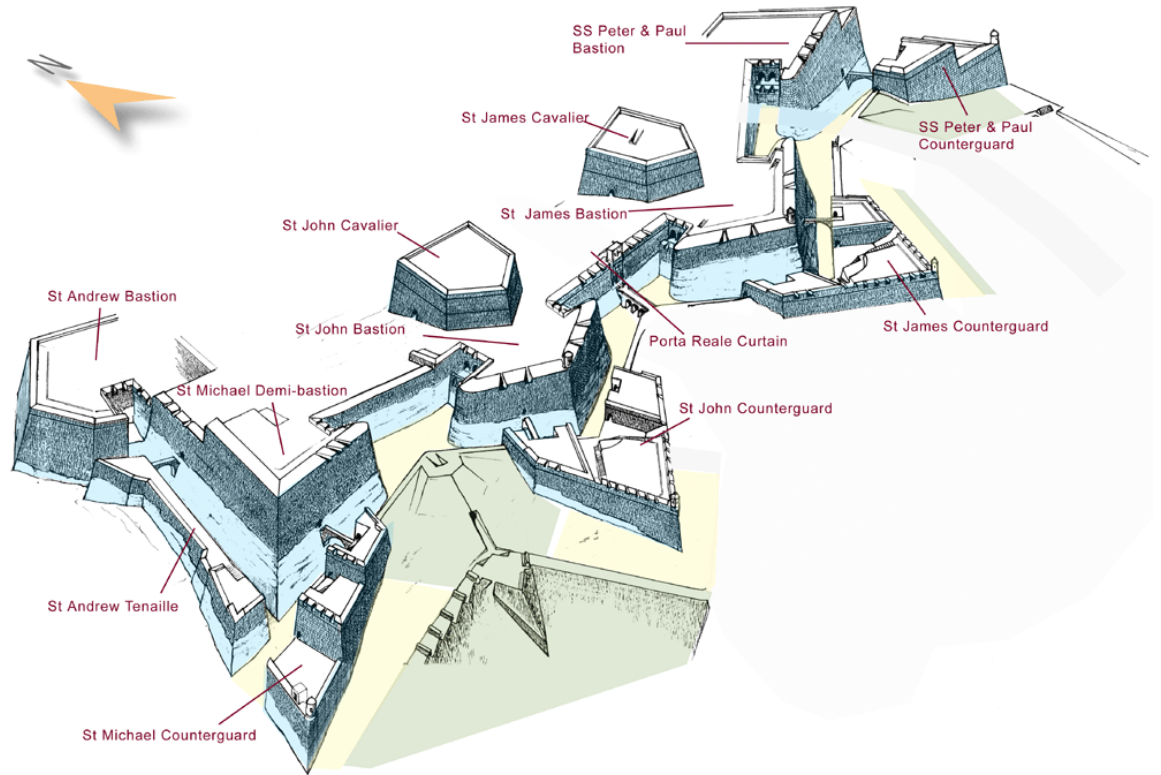
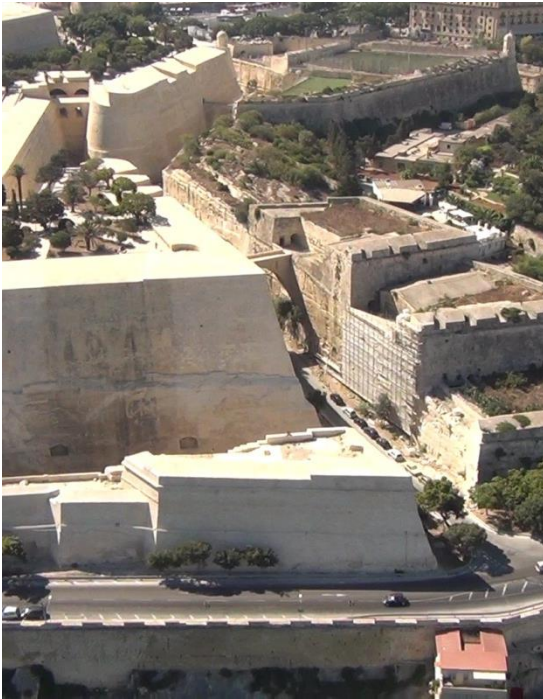


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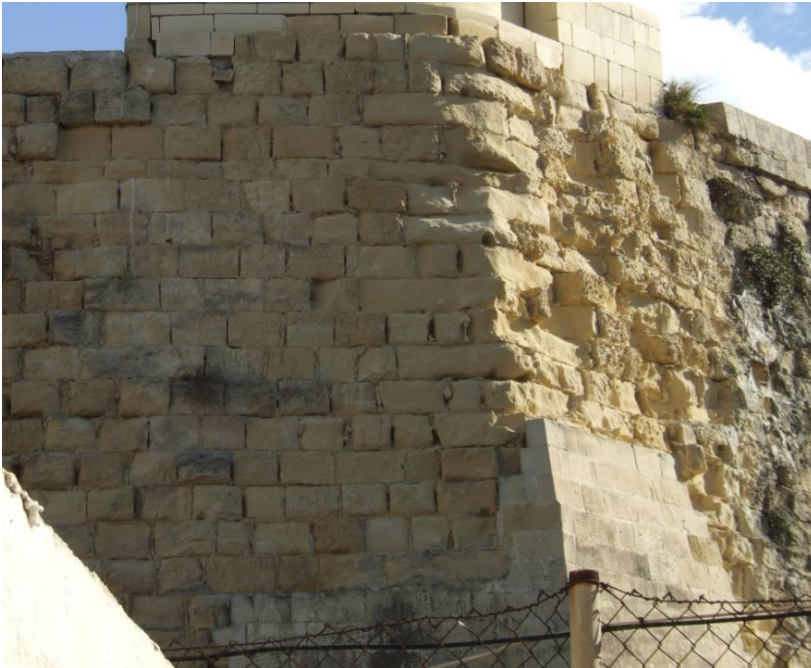


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## Restoration of Valletta Landfront Bastions



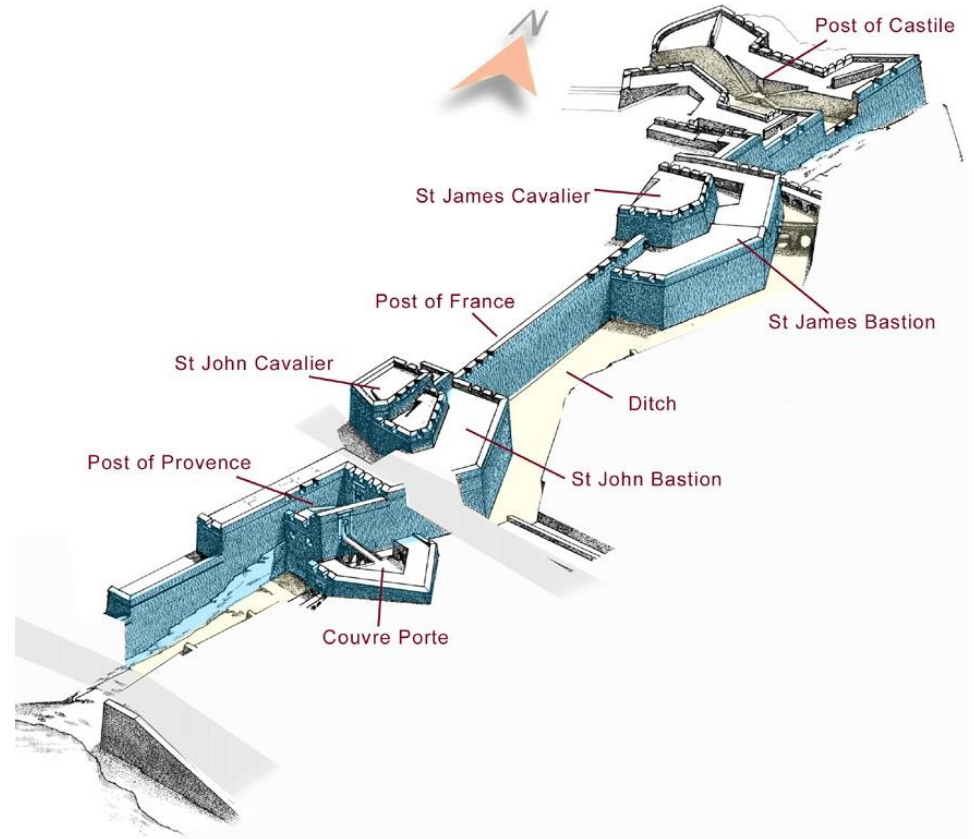


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## Restoration of Birgu Landfront Bastions



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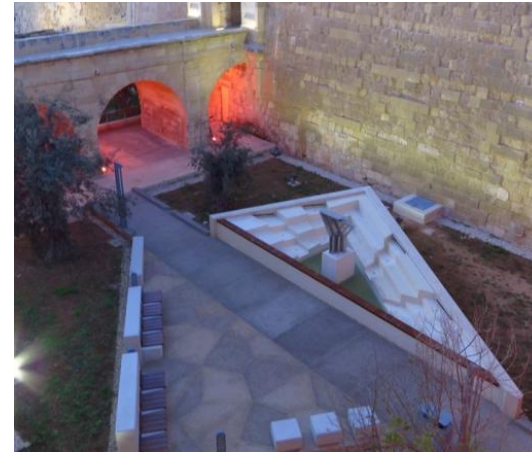
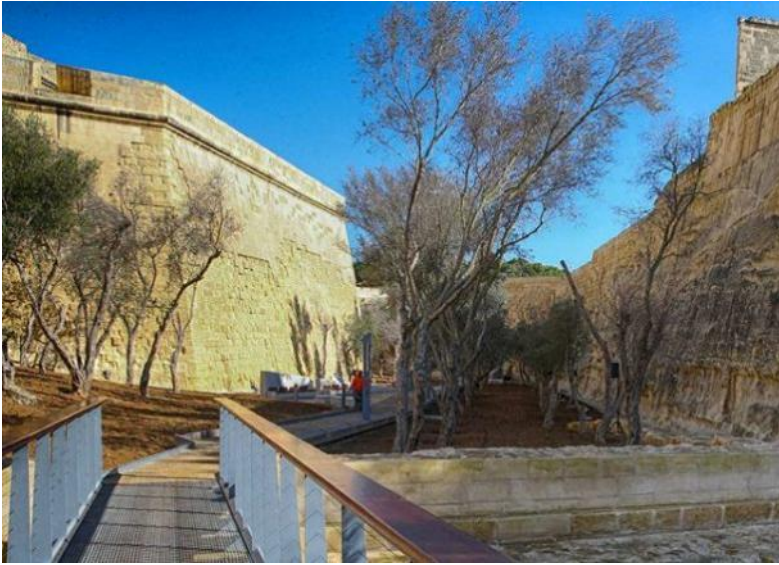


## Restoration of Birgu Landfront Bastions



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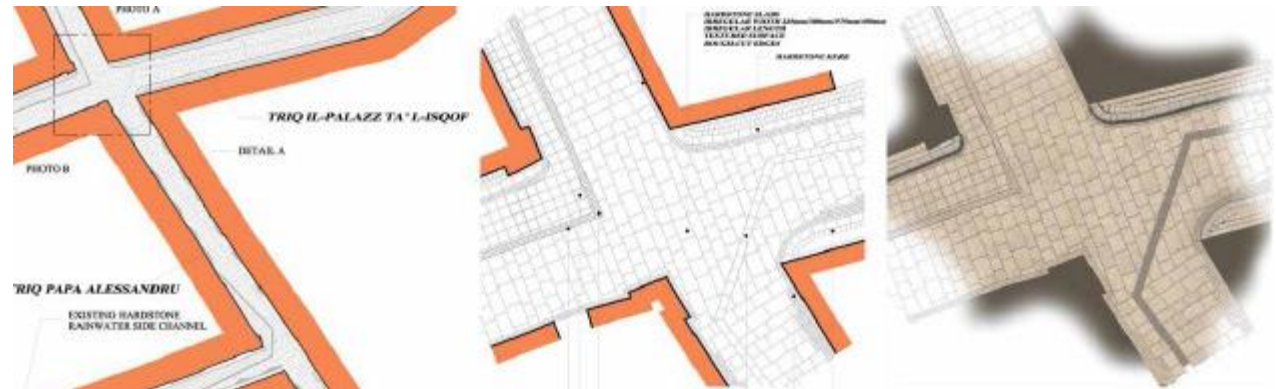




# ERDF039 – Birgu



## Paving the Collachio Area



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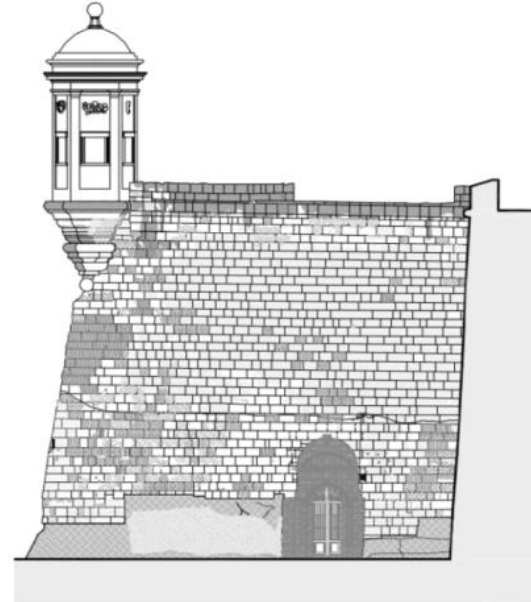


**Birgu Lighting System**



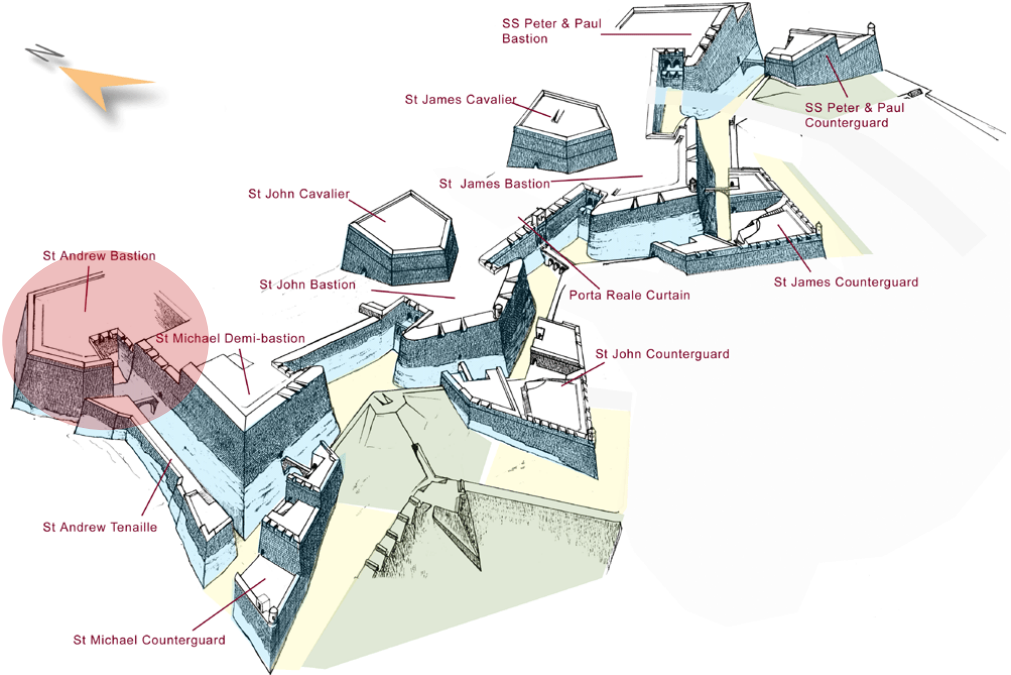
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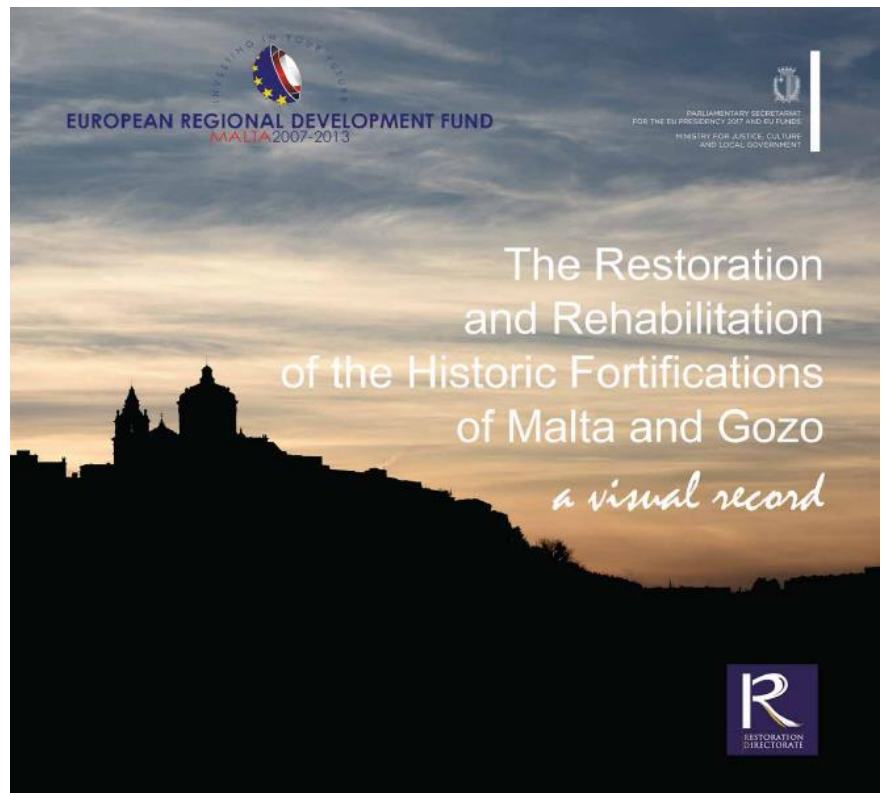
# The Fortifications Interpretation Centre

EU funds for Malta 2014-2020





## Launch of 300-page publication



# The project in numbers

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OVER 6KM OF  
FORTIFICATIONS  
RESTORED

55 TENDERS PUBLISHED

65 RESTORATION  
DIRECTORATE EMPLOYEES  
INVOLVED

42 MILLION DISBURSED

OVER 1,000 WORKERS  
ENGAGED ON THE VARIOUS  
CONTRACTS AWARDED





The restoration and consolidation of approximately 6km fortifications which are so widely visible in our landscape have produced;

- A marked leap in visible quality which contributes immensely towards this priority
- An improved product to the historical centres
- A 'product' unique in its kind, both to the local and foreign visitor
- the preservation of these important assets which were in an overall poor state of repair.



# Conclusions

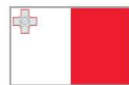
- The restoration and consolidation of the fortifications has increased private sector involvement in the management of cultural assets (e.g. visitor and conference centres, museums, restaurants, cafeterias, etc.).
- Upgraded key heritage sites to improve their interpretation accessibility, conservation and promotion.





# THANK YOU

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