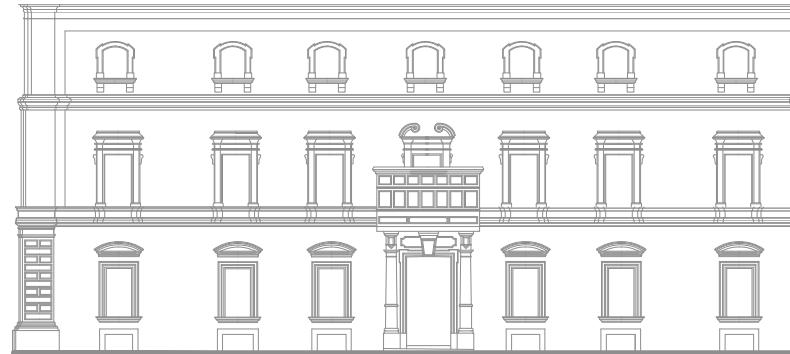




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# OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

## BORDER MANAGEMENT & VISA INSTRUMENT PROJECTS

**ANNA CATANIA**



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**BMVI SO2 263**

**Upgrading of existing consular post in line with Schengen standards**

**The project seeks to:**

- Upgrade consular procedures and infrastructure to accommodate the growing visa demand
- Reinforce Malta's dedication to broadening its international consular network while optimising the utilisation of current resources
- Budget available: Euro 2,936,475



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Objectives: Enhance security measures

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Optimise consular office space

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Streamline visa issuance process

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Ensure compliance with Schengen Acquis requirements



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| Key         | Key Activities  |
|-------------|---|
| Conduct     | Conduct a risk assessment of consular office                    |
| Collaborate | Collaborate with stakeholder to implement security improvements |
| Redesign    | Redesign consulates for better space utilisation                |



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### **Expected Outcomes**

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Upgraded consular offices

Improved security

More efficient use of space

Streamlined visa processing

Strengthened consular outreach, in line with Malta's Strategic goals

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## **ETHIOPIA**

- Malta established diplomatic relation with Ethiopia in November 1982
- Malta opened its embassy in Addis Ababa in 2021
- Ethiopia is a central pillar in Malta's Africa strategy



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## **PROJECT SO FAR**

- Identified a property to serve as chancery
- Engaged a Project Management Team to assist with the procurement process, permitting and project oversight
- Malta Project Team has concluded all drawings, technical specifications and Bills of Quantity



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## **CHALLENGES**

- Availability of equipment in line with Schengen requirements
- All items would need to be shipped from outside Ethiopia
- Finding the right expertise to carry out the works
- Security concerns



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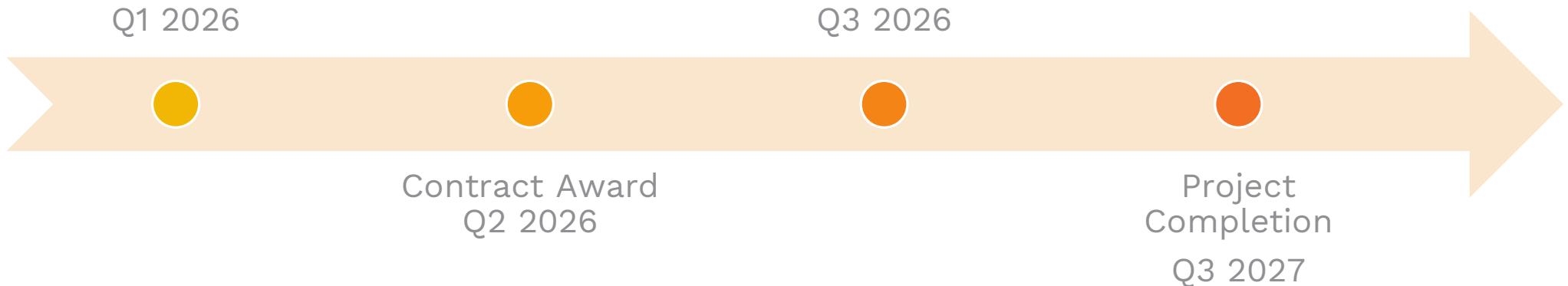
**Upgrading of existing consular post in line with Schengen standards**

Publication of  
tender document  
Q1 2026

Start of Project  
Q3 2026

Contract Award  
Q2 2026

Project  
Completion  
Q3 2027





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## **LONDON**

1. Consular workload increased significantly
2. Brexit caused rise in visa applications
3. Malta expanded staff despite limited Embassy space



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## **PROJECT SO FAR**

- Move to a different floor within the same building
- Presently concluding a lease agreement
- Seeking to identify a Project Team to assist with the procurement, permits and project oversight



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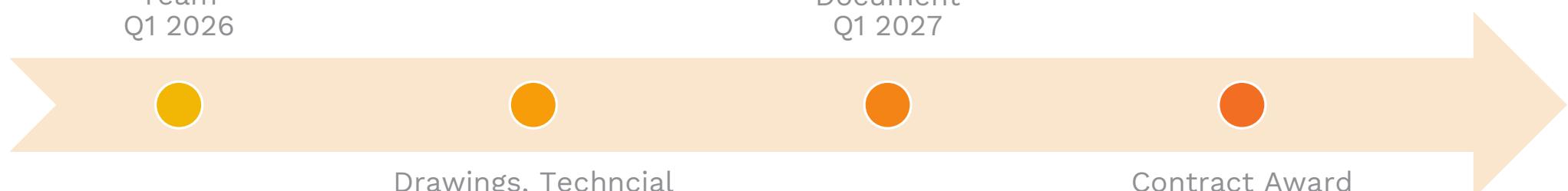
# Upgrading of existing consular post in line with Schengen standards

Identification of  
Project Management  
Team  
Q1 2026

Publish Tender  
Document  
Q1 2027

Drawings, Technical  
Specifications, Bills  
of Quantity, Permits  
Q3 2026

Contract Award  
Q3 2027





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# Salary

Reimbursement of  
Salaries for officers  
working on visas

Mission based  
officers (50% of  
salary)

Locally Engaged  
Personnel (100% of  
salary)

Budget available  
Euros 1,766,648.14



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|            |           |          |          |
|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Abu Dhabi  | Accra     | Beijing  | Cairo    |
| Casablanca | Doha      | Dubai    | Istanbul |
| Moscow     | New Dehli | Shanghai | Tripoli  |
| Tunis      |           |          |          |



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# CHALLENGES

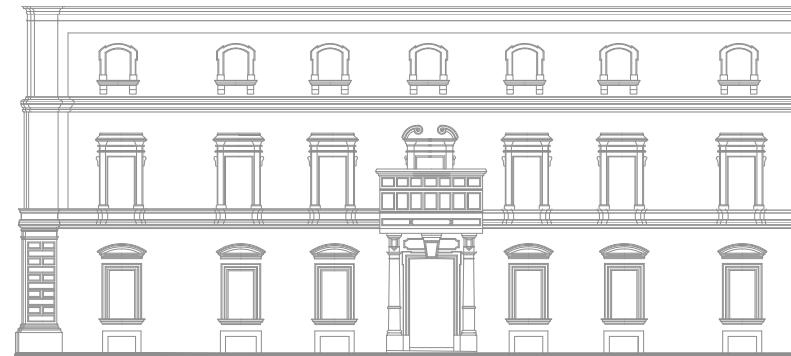
Different currencies

Different employment regimes

Common Payment Methodology



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