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Safeguarding Valletta:

A matter of civic pride

Patrick Calleja
Executive President





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AND

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MALTESE ISLANDS

Extraordinarily large number of historic cultural sites

3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites – City of Valletta, Megalithic Temples, Ħal Saflieni Hypogeum

7 others on tentative list – Coastal cliffs, Qawra/Dwejrq, Ċittadella, Fortifications, Mdina, Catacombs, Victoria Lines





**IS THERE A CONCERTED
EFFORT FOR
PROTECTION AND
PRESERVATION OF
CULTURAL BUILT
HERITAGE ?**



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Chapter 2 Article 9 of Constitution of Malta

Safeguarding of
landscape and
historical and
artistic patrimony.

Amended by:
[XXII.2018.2.](#)

9. (1) The State shall safeguard the landscape and the historical and artistic patrimony of the Nation.

(2) The State shall protect and conserve the environment and its resources for the benefit of the present and future generations and shall take measures to address any form of environmental degradation in Malta, including that of air, water and land, and any sort of pollution problem and to promote, nurture and support the right of action in favour of the environment.



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Chapter 2 Article 21 of Constitution of Malta

21. The provisions of this Chapter shall not be enforceable in any court, but the principles therein contained are nevertheless fundamental to the governance of the country and it shall be the aim of the State to apply these principles in making laws.



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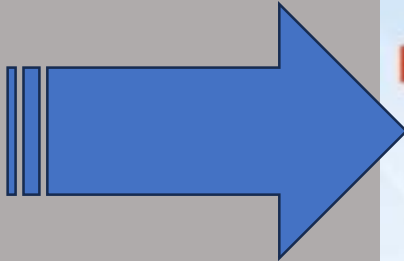
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Smallest European capital
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Population 1890-1931
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Population 2021
5,157

Today 4000?



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Valletta (/vəˈlɛtə/ [ⓘ] *və-LET-ə*; Maltese: *il-Belt Valletta*, pronounced [vɐlˈlɛttɐ]) is the capital city of Malta and one of its 68 council areas. Located between the Grand Harbour to the east and Marsamxett Harbour to the west, its population as of 2021 was 5,157.^[3] As Malta's capital city, it is a commercial centre for shopping, bars, dining, and café life. It is also the southernmost capital of Europe,^{[4][note 1]} and at just 0.61 square kilometres (0.24 sq mi), it is the European Union's smallest capital city.^{[5][6]}

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From nightlife to nightmare: Valletta residents battle drunken street chaos

St Dominic Street being littered with vomit, urine and even faeces by partygoers



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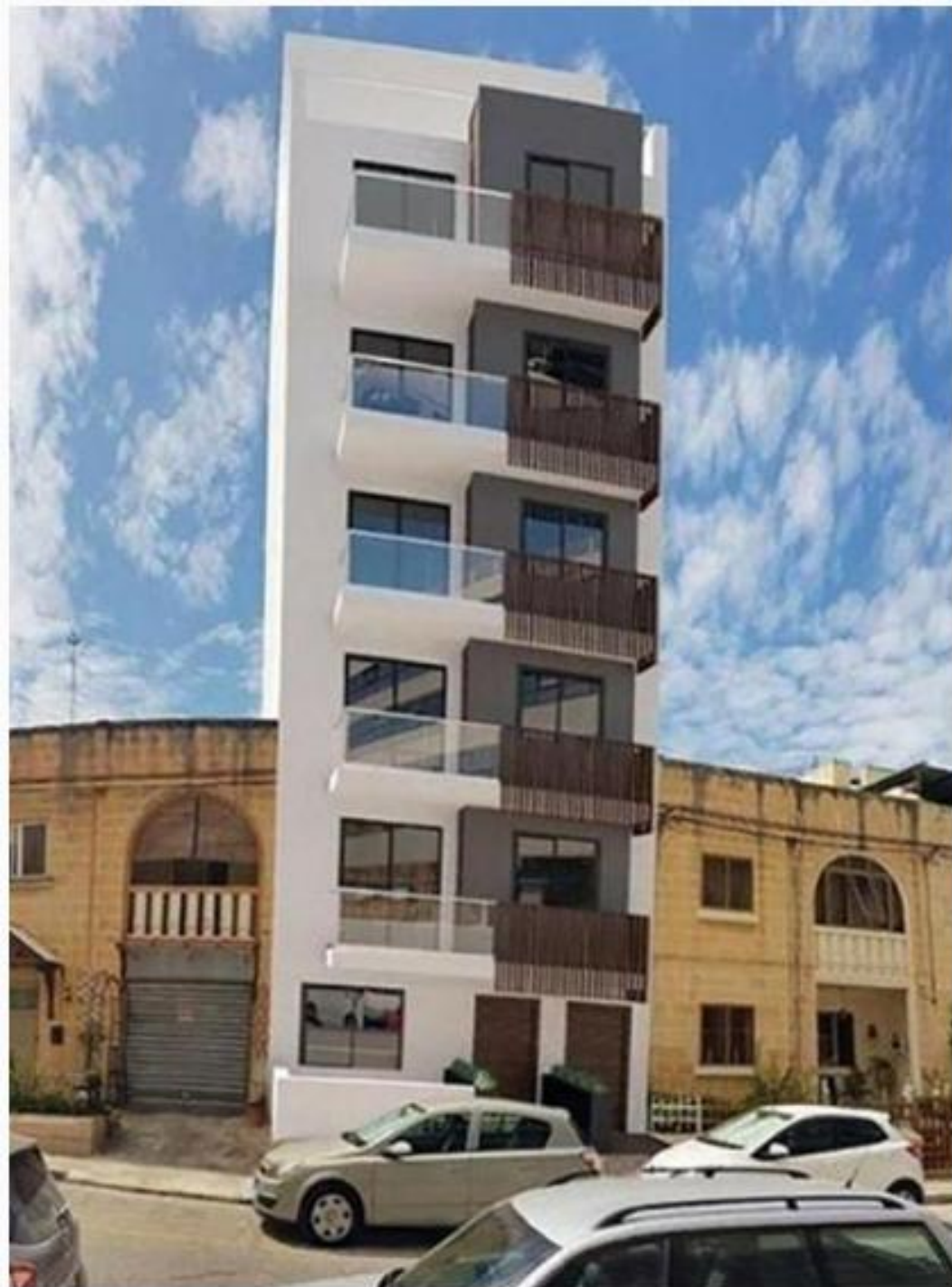


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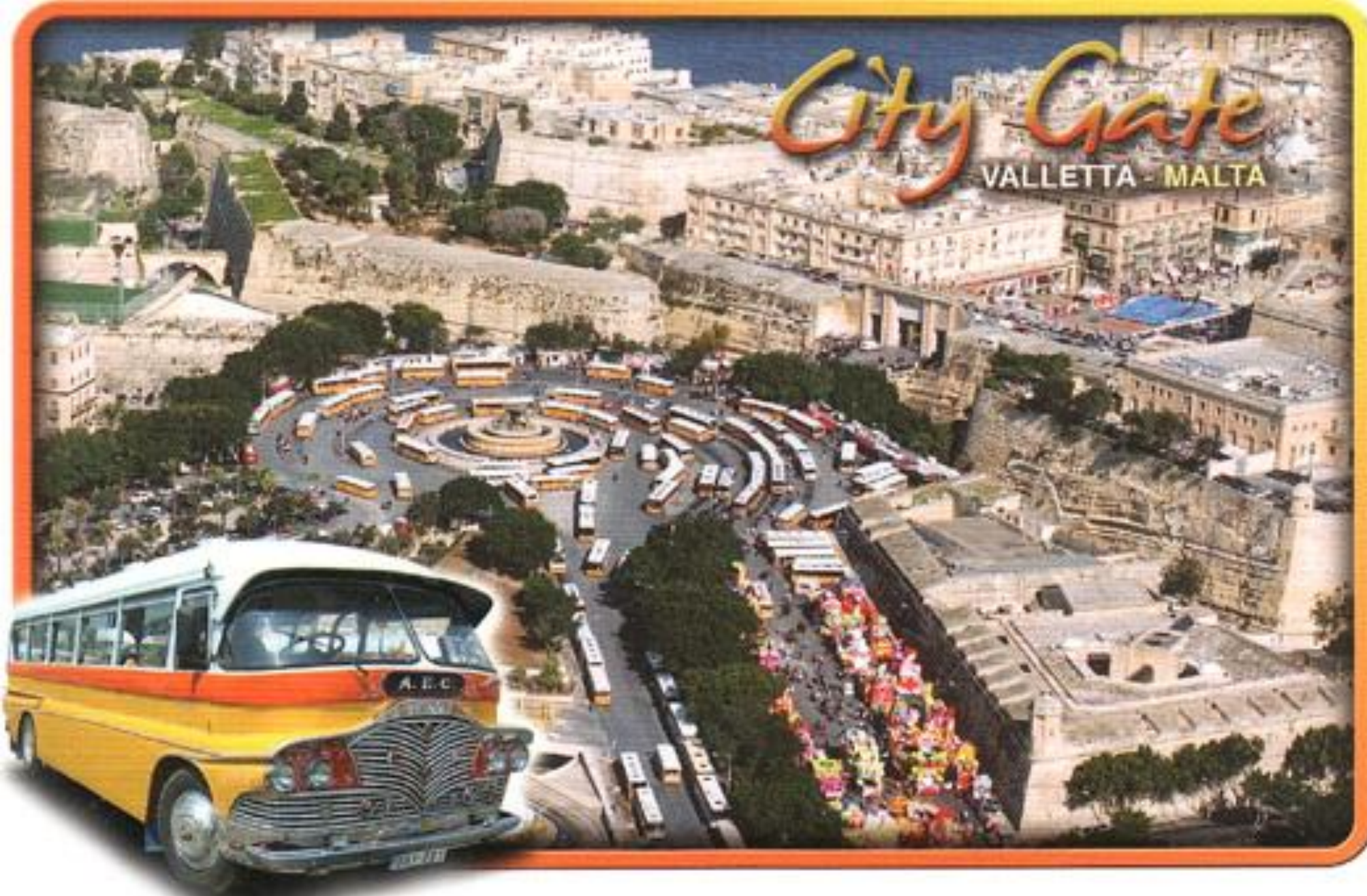
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Valletta entrance project about civic pride - Renzo Piano

The world-renowned Italian architect, commissioned to design the entrance to Valletta, is pleased the project is "public" and "clear" - free from the commercial element and the "compromise and confusion" of the original brief. Renzo Piano, who was in...

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World-renowned Italian architect Renzo Piano sounds out Valletta... He arrived yesterday to revisit the entrance to the capital city, which the government has commissioned him to design. Photo: Jason Borg.



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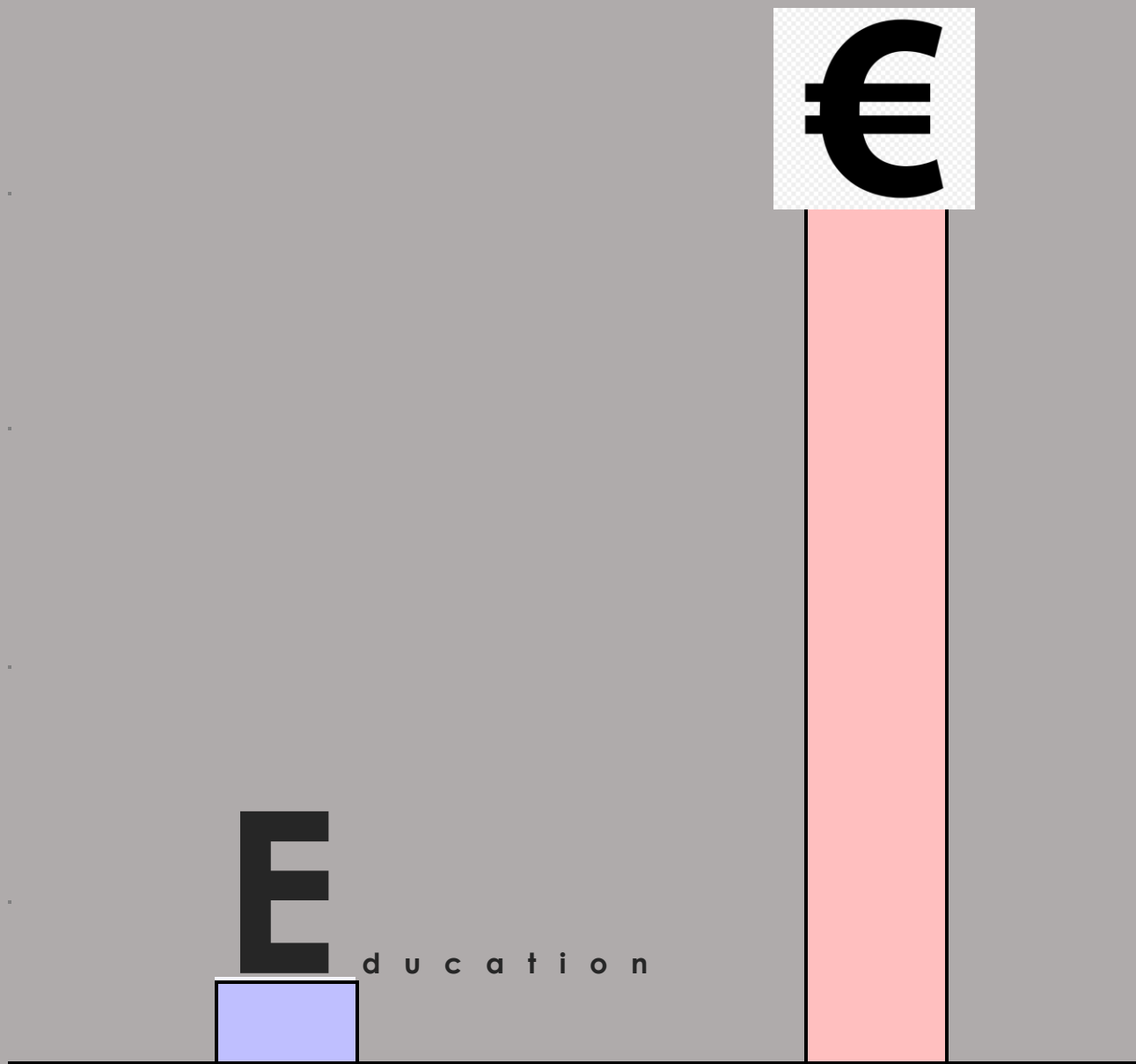
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balance without undue
influence



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inscribed on the
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