

## Valletta Striking the balance

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## A World Heritage site which is NOT just a museum!



#### Some facts

- Approximately 6000 inhabitants
- Smallest European Capital City
- Area 0.8 km<sup>2</sup>
- 320 monuments
- The city is a UNESCO World Heritage site
- Largest shopping centre on the Island (900+ shops, offices, etc)
- Attracts 90%+ of all tourists
- Largest concentration of museums on the Island
- Cruise Terminal, Seaplane, Airport, Bus Terminus, Sea Port within a 20 mins distance
- Visited by approximately 40,000 visitors and 10,000 cars each day
- Electric cabs operational in the City
- Wifi hotspots in most of its squares and gardens

### A place of different realities ...



#### Conflicting priorities

**Parking for residents** 

**Parking for visitors** 

A living city

A museum city

**Construction** 

**Residents and Business Community** 

Access for all

Restricted access

**People** 

**Vehicles** 



#### Residents

- Aging population
- Social housing
- Foreigners
- Regenerating
- On the whole still declining!!

















## **Community Meetings**





#### Crime



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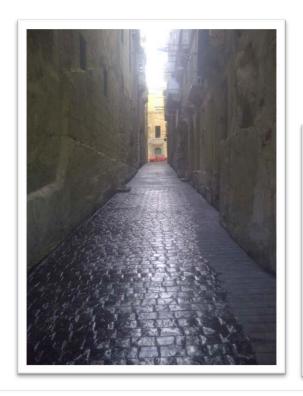
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A number of policemen were honoured for their dedication to duty this morning while the Valletta named the district where there was the biggest drop in the criminality rate.



#### Works





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#### **Street Furniture**





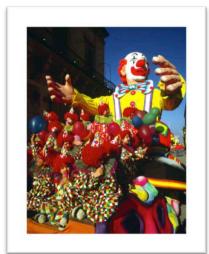




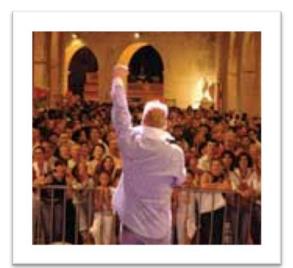
#### **Events**















#### Intercultural Events













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## Thank you!!

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