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In collaboration with HERITAGE MALTA &
THE MINISTRY FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE

THE NATIONAL POLICY FOR ARCHITECTURE

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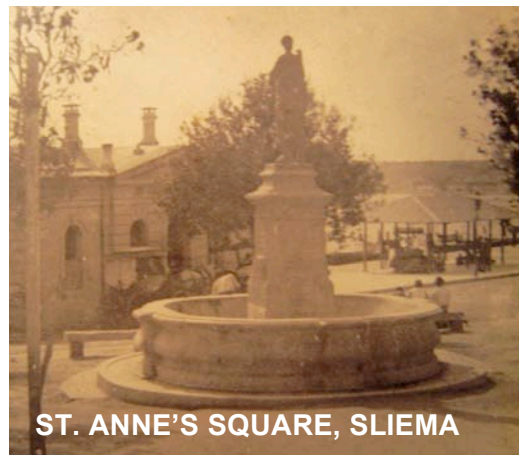
"The principal objective of this Policy Book, entitled "Architecture and Quality of Life", is to make politicians, decision-makers and the professionals themselves aware of the pressing need to bring together major political goals that encompass economic progress and competitiveness on the one hand and sustainability on the other, all relating to the quality of life. In order to achieve this we should have no doubt that the coming few years will be pivotal."



Architecture and Quality of Life

A Policy Book by the Architects' Council of Europe 2004

Late last year, the Kamra Tal-Periti, wrote to the Ministries, Leader of the Opposition, authorities and organisations in the attached list inviting each body to nominate a representative to participate in the process of drafting a National Policy for Architecture. This policy which is intended to bring our built environment in line with EU practice is being promoted by this chamber together with Heritage Malta.



We are pleased to state that this initiative has the support of the President of Malta, the Prime Minister, Honourable Ministers and the Leader of the Opposition amongst others.

Briefly the scope of the National Policy for Architecture shall be:

- (a) to foster informed consumers of their rights to enjoy a built environment which is socially, economically and environmentally sound.
- (b) to work towards achieving a sustainable built environment for today's and tomorrow's beneficiaries.
- (c) to become aware of and protect cultural aspects of the built environment.
- (d) to contribute towards achieving good governance in architectural matters.



In order to help you better understand the scope of the National Policy for Architecture we are attaching a copy of the document "Architecture and Quality of Life" published by Architects Council of Europe.



For information:

Constitution of the Policy Drafting and Consultative Committees.

A. Policy Drafting Committee

Representatives of:

Ministry for Culture and Tourism,
Ministry for Resources and Infrastructure,
Ministry for Rural Affairs and the Environment,
Ministry for Urban Development and Roads,
Ministry for Competitiveness and Communications,
Ministry for Education, Youth and Employment,
Ministry for Information Technology and Investment,
Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Finance,
Representative of the Opposition in Parliament,
Malta Environment and Planning Authority,
Kamra tal-Periti,
Heritage Malta.

B. Consultative Committee

Lands Department,
Building Industry Consultative Council,
Din l-Art Helwa,
Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna,
Kunsill Nazzjonali Persuni b'Dizabilita',
Valletta Rehabilitation Project,
Mdina Rehabilitation Project,
Cottonera Rehabilitation Project.
Environment Commission of the Archbishop's Curia
Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, University of Malta
College of Local Councils
Alternattiva Demokratika