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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **EU Funds for Valletta Projects**

A number of major projects in Valletta has been the subject of discussion for many years. Fort St. Elmo, the Royal Opera House site and City Gate are important sites which require substantial investment, but for which upgrading or development is now long overdue. There are other smaller and more achievable projects which could be considered and which will bring about tangible improvement to the urban environment of Valletta. The Valletta Alive Foundation urges Government to put these projects further up in its list of priorities and in particular to make use of EU funds for these projects.

To learn more about EU funding and the opportunities that are available, the Foundation has invited representatives of the Ministry for Tourism and Culture to make a presentation on various projects which the Ministry is considering for Valletta. These projects are intended to upgrade our cultural and tourism product thereby making Malta more attractive as a historical and cultural destination. The presentation will be held at the Malta Chamber of Commerce and Enterprise, Republic Street Valletta on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

Prior to this presentation the Valletta Alive Foundation will hold its Annual General Meeting which will start at 18:00hrs. This will be the first general meeting since its setting up in February 2005. The meeting is open to the public although only members will be entitled to vote on motions and in the election of Governors.