



Smart Sustainable Districts

City of Valletta, Malta

1. District



Valletta has many titles, all recalling its rich historical past. It is the "**modern**" city built by the **Knights of St John**; a masterpiece of **the Baroque**; a **European Art City** and a **World Heritage City**.

Today, it is one of the most concentrated historic areas in the world- **0.8km²**

The Valletta peninsula has two natural harbours, Marsamxett and the Grand Harbour. The Grand Harbour is Malta's major port, with unloading quays at nearby Marsa. A cruise-liner terminal is located along the old seawall of the Valletta Waterfront.

2. District Overview



Cultural and Heritage City (UNESCO WHS with 320 monuments)



Residential City (pop.6,444 persons as at March 2014; 30% vacant properties)



Business and Retail City (2,590 business establishments)



Administrative City and City of Commuters
30,000 cars enter Valletta – Floriana daily



Tourist City (2million visitors in 2016)

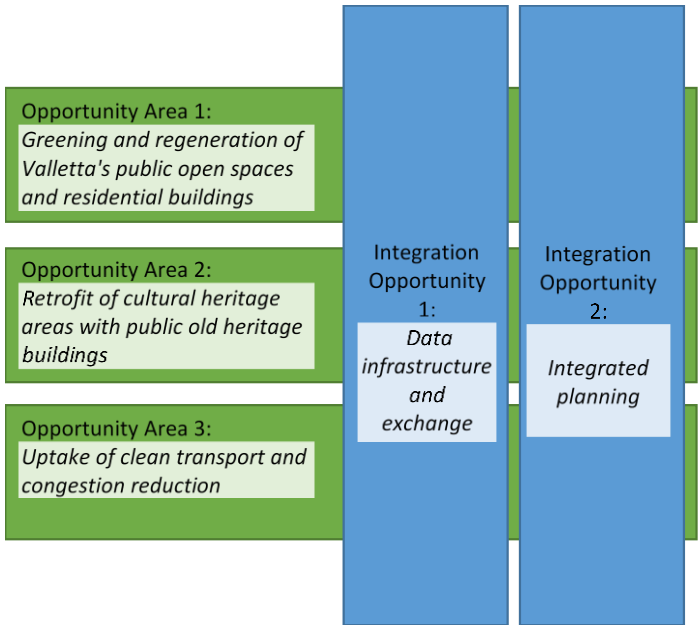


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3. Sustainability challenges

- A peninsula surrounded by fortifications, Valletta cannot expand in terms of land area.
- Conservation constraint.
- Decline in residential population is one of the most problematic issues.
- Overall decay of the general environment.
- Air Pollution / Waste Management
- Excessive vehicular traffic.
- Degradation of buildings.
- Obsolete infrastructure.
- Social problems.
- Collateral effects of tourism.



4. District Pitch

Foreseen Activities :

- Pre Deployment Study on the Greening and regeneration of Valletta’s open spaces and residential buildings
- Community Data Studies
- Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP)
- ERDF Priority Project Action Plan – Financial Ecosystem
- Valletta 2018 – Collaboration



Help Needed!!

How to convince stakeholders to leave their ~Silo~ - Governance

Access to Finance – Finance

Expertise on cultural heritage cities – Domain Experts

How to attract residents back to the city? Liveability