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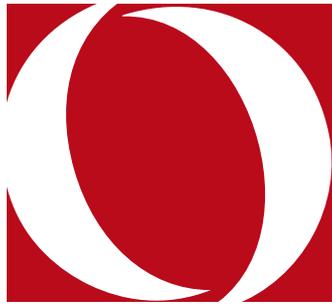
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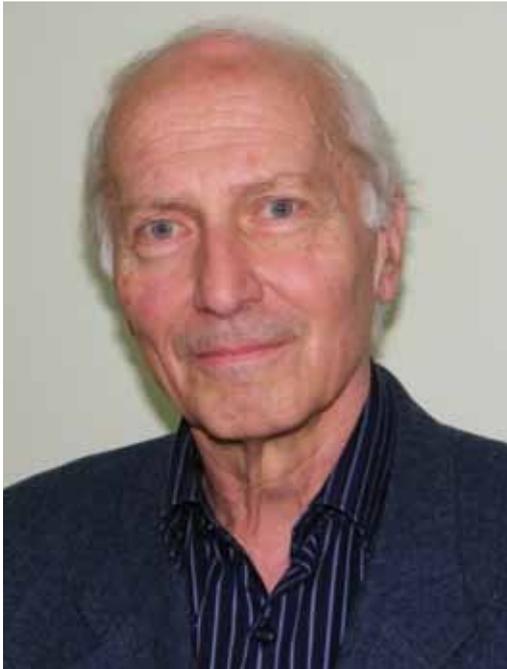
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# 1 Foreword by Commissioner



**Prof. Kenneth Wain**  
*Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations*

**T**his is my third annual report as Commissioner marking three years of solid work by my office with limited but slowly growing resources, human and material. The staff complement of the office has now grown to four. With its work growing exponentially, however, I have made an urgent case for another member of staff at clerk level to deal with the office filing, to monitor the press and help with data collection, and to help with customer service. My office also needs the help of a part time accountant to complement the legal expertise that is available to me, to help with the vetting of the annual returns (mentioned below), to help manage my budget, and to provide advice to individual voluntary organisations (henceforth VOs) on their financial management.

The new addition to my staff this year was Mr. Mauro Pace Parascandalo who was detailed to my office on 2<sup>nd</sup> August and who I immediately assigned full time to the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector (henceforth the “Council”). The need for administrative support to the Council was long felt and urgent and had been requested since the inception of the first Council. In its absence the strain had to be taken by the other staff at the office who could only, however, satisfy some of the Council’s most basic needs. Mr. Pace Parascandalo was detailed by myself to act as executive secretary for the Council and for its Chairperson.

The first task of my new office in 2008, when it was first set up, was to set up the enrolment process as defined in the Voluntary Organisations Act 2007 (henceforth the VOA) with assistance from and under the guidance of my legal consultants. A public notice inviting enrolment by VOs was issued on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2008. Following a slow start my office had received some 200 applications for enrolment by the end of that year. In 2009, 192 applications were received, and by the end of this year, 2010, a further 129. As on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011 there were 446 enrolled VOs. The total number of applications received since 2008 was 488.

This means that the first three years have witnessed a consistent stream of applications and enrolments even though, regrettably, the issue of the enrolment of Church organisations remained unresolved.

During 2010 the work required for the follow up to enrolment, that is, the regulations for the submission of Annual Returns by all enrolled VOs was completed. It was submitted to Government for publication as a legal notice in late 2010. Work was also completed on a draft Code of Practice for Administrators of VOs which, it is intended, will see the light of day in 2011 after consultation with the Council. The new year will also, hopefully, see the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations’ (henceforth CVO) website updated and handed over to this office to manage fully. It should also see the multi-purpose room planned last year and costed as a project become operational. The room

is intended for the use of those VOs who want to use its resources for meetings, small workshops, research etc.

Allied with this project is the setting up of a specialised research library related to the interests of the voluntary sector which was started in 2010 and will continue to be improved in 2011.

The research into the involvement of Maltese youth in volunteering which was commissioned in late 2009, in collaboration with the Parliamentary Secretary for Youth and Sport, and should have been completed by the end of 2010, met with some unfortunate delays and the full report of the findings should be ready in early 2011. The intention is still to follow up the report with a seminar.

Meanwhile, late in the year, I took the initiative to commission a second research project this time involving the elderly which is scheduled to be completed also in 2011. The value of these projects is to provide the data required to get an accurate picture of the situation with regards to the volunteering activities in the two age groups, for data purposes and to use for schemes and policies to augment voluntary work and address difficulties of recruitment from the two groups.

It needs to be recalled that, as set out in the VOA, the Commissioner has roughly two functions; the promotion and improvement of the voluntary sector in its various aspects and capacities (in administration, fund-raising, financial management, and capacity building), and the introduction of a culture of transparency and accountability in the sector, particularly where public money and state benefits are involved.

For both purposes the Commissioner collaborates with the Council. As the respective roles of Commissioner and Council have grown more marked with the experience of working together, and consistently with the Council's brief as set out in the VOA, the Council has been encouraged to take the initiative in the first of these functions with my support as Commissioner while I concentrate more on my obligations as regulator in consultation with the Council.

This year marked the termination of the two-year appointment of the first Council on October 29<sup>th</sup> and the beginning of the term of appointment of a new Council as from 15<sup>th</sup> December. It is unfortunate that, with all its planning and work, the initiatives of the first Council were blighted by

two major obstacles; lack of a full time executive staff member, and lack of money in the Voluntary Organisations Fund required to finance its initiatives. In this situation the Council, with all its intentions and project planning, was able to do little in practice. Matters improved towards the very end of its term with the full time allocation to it of Mr. Pace Parascandalo referred to above, and with the Government's undertaking to inject money into the Fund. These measures will benefit the new Council which will finally be in a position to get down to the business of fulfilling its terms of reference according to the VOA.

The terms of reference require it to act as '*a platform from which to develop co-operation between voluntary organisations and the Government*'. Unfortunately, this status was not achieved by the previous Council in its two years of existence, partly because of the reasons indicated in the previous paragraph and partly because the Government has not yet recognised the Council *de facto* as a platform in terms of the VOA.

Hence, despite several meetings with individual Ministries, the Council has not been involved in any form of consultation or discussion on the several initiatives and schemes the Government, its ministries, and other entities, like PBS for instance, sponsor and implement concerning VOs. This situation also must be rectified by the new Council in 2011.

A complementary challenge the new Council faces, is to raise its own public profile. This requires it to acquire the *de facto* recognition by Government referred to in the previous paragraph, to be in a situation where it can implement its programmes, and to improve its public relations. The opportunity to raise its profile in 2011 is presented to it by its status as National Co-ordinator of the activities related to the EU Year (EYV 2011) dedicated to voluntary work which falls in this same year. This status and the work accruing to its function will in itself raise the Council's public profile. It will also provide it with an occasion to assume the desirable role of leadership of the sector, and provide it with the opportunity to work closely with individual organisations and government entities.

Government support is also required for the Commissioner to be able to carry out the other part of his job as established in the VOA; that of regulator of the sector. The outstanding issue of the Church VOs obeying the Curia directive not to enrol with the Commissioner reported in last year's annual report remains unresolved,

as was remarked above. The law requiring VOs to be enrolled with the Commissioner in order to enjoy Government benefits continued to function inconsistently in 2010 with non-enrolled Church organisations continuing to enjoy various benefits. This creates a situation of unfairness with regards to those organisations that are enrolled with the Commissioner. It seriously undermines the Commissioner's credibility as regulator. It also undermines the credibility of the VOA itself thereby being detrimental to the sector. One augurs that we do not enter far into 2011, the year, as I observed above, devoted by the EU to Voluntary Work, with this state of affairs still persisting.

The situation with the Malta Community Chest Fund (MCCF), also reported in last year's annual report, has now stabilised. The MCCF has declared itself a 'public organisation', i.e. an organisation with state involvement, and therefore outside the VOA's remit. As Commissioner, I had insisted previously that the MCCF statute be modified to enable it to apply for enrolment as a VO. The reason for my insistence was that, to all intents and purposes, the MCCF had changed its profile from earlier years and had begun to operate as a VO; it is non-profit, it continuously collects public money for its causes, and it mobilises volunteers for the purpose. The MCCF's decision has created the anomalous situation where a self-declared state organisation is doing the work of a VO and competing with the already hard-pressed VO sector for public funds using the resources of the state also for its purposes. This state of affairs cannot be healthy for the voluntary sector as a whole and I still hope that the MCCF will re-think

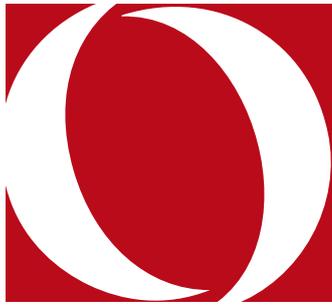
its position.

This will remain possible for it only until the end of the year 2011, when the window opened in the law (Article 39.4) to organisations with state involvement in their administration, to revise their statutes to conform with the definition of a VO as laid down in the law, and thereby qualify for enrolment with the Commissioner as a VO, closes. Of course, this condition applies not just to the MCCF but also to all organisations with a similar statute that disqualifies them from enrolment because of state involvement in their administration or because they are public organisations.

A final observation on the EYV 2011. A report published by the Eurobarometer (321, published February 2010) on the subject of 'Poverty and Social Exclusion' reporting on the support given to the poor members of societies in the EU on a country by country basis, established the generosity of the Maltese in terms of financial contribution, where we classified top with 78%. With regard to those working as volunteers in charity organisations or associations which help the poor, the figure was 14%. This is still very high compared to other EU countries; indeed it was only bettered by three other countries.

Although we should be happy with what these figures reveal about the level of solidarity with others in the country, EYV 2011 needs to be an occasion to boost the figure of volunteers, where there is much room for improvement.

**Prof. Kenneth Wain**  
*Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations*



## 2 Introduction

In the past year, enrolment with the CVO Office continued to grow. It is known that enrolled VOs enjoy high levels of public trust and confidence. In this regard the CVO Office continued with its valuable work to increase awareness on the benefits of enrolling, amongst other things highlighting the accountability and transparency of enrolled organisations that instills trust.

This office continued to support voluntary organisations in their various needs that range from helping them resolve internal issues to putting pressure on authorities and entities to cater for their various requests. A common complaint is the rate charged to VOs for utility bills. The several complaints are brought to the attention of the Council to take its own actions.

As a regulator in the voluntary sector, the Commissioner has also taken various actions to ensure that the law is enforced in its different aspects. He has also provided advice and guidance to individual enrolled voluntary organisations to improve their management and administration and to maximise the effective use of their resources.

The 488 voluntary organisations currently enrolled with the CVO Office are diverse and fall under various categories. They include philanthropy, education, sports, religion, health, social and community, culture, arts, national heritage, environment and animal welfare (details of numbers and percentages are provided in the section “Enrolment of Voluntary Organisations” of this report).

They range from small organisations with few members, low income and simple structures, to larger organisations with numerous members, higher income and paid full-time staff. The voluntary sector plays an important role in the enhancement of the social sector and civil society, and contributes importantly to the national economy. This applies to the small as well as the large organisations.

The CVO Office also playing a vital role in giving a voice, wherever possible, to enrolled organisations thus helping them raise their public profile. It is also committed to keeping them informed on developments in the sector by means of online circulars and other means of communication. In connection with these aims, one of the initiatives currently being taken is to improve online services through the website, so as to provide VOs with a more efficient service.

VOs are demonstrating the vital role they play in society with their work on a daily basis, some of it publicised, most of it not. This is recognised by the generosity of the public during fundraising activities. There are signs, however, of the public’s increasing demand for accountability in the use of these funds, which put fundraising practices once more in the forefront of the list of the Commissioner’s concerns for 2010.

In conclusion, this office will continue in its commitment to assist in the various needs of the voluntary sector in 2011, will continue to assist the Council with its work for the sector, and will continue in its efforts to deliver fair but effective regulation and the best possible service to the sector within the limitations of its resources.



## 3 Staff Development



**T**he CVO Office is committed to train and develop all members of staff, both to refine and strengthen the skills and abilities required for the performance of current duties and to promote job satisfaction. Training and seminars on different aspects of their work attended in 2010, provided employees with the new knowledge to perform their job better and to broaden their existent knowledge and update themselves on various areas which will be a point of reference for initiatives taken by the CVO Office in the future. The following is a list of the courses and seminars attended by staff at this office in 2010.

### **Courses:**

- » Advanced Excel
- » Advanced Powerpoint
- » Desktop Publishing
- » Mastering Design in Powerpoint

### **SEMINARS**

#### **Freedom of Information Act**

Sebastian Micallef and Marika Farrugia from the CVO staff were appointed as Principal Freedom of Information Officer and Alternate Freedom of Information Officer respectively. They attended a number of seminars and workshops to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and its implementation. The information provided assisted staff in understanding the right of the general public to access information held by public authorities within and across the Government. The underlying principle in the proposed law is that government information is subject to disclosure, unless there is a valid and justifiable reason in terms of specific criteria established by law.

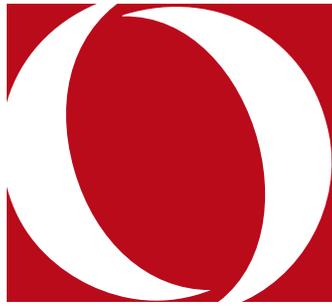
## **An Evidence-Based Response to Domestic Violence**

Sylvana Galea, another member of CVO staff, attended a seminar organised by the Commission on Domestic Violence entitled 'An Evidence-Based Response to Domestic Violence', on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. The seminar aimed at advancing the precept that initiatives in the field should be based on a thorough picture of the nature and magnitude of the problem and a research approach that gives voice to the needs and aspirations of victims and survivors of domestic violence. This seminar promoted and underscored the importance of an evidence-based approach to the formulation and implementation of pro-active domestic violence service provision and prevention by taking stock of experiences and best practices in Malta and abroad. One has to note that the voluntary sector has an important role to play in the collection of data, since there is a good number of VOs involved in this field that support such victims.

## **The Road Map for Equality after 2010**

Sylvana Galea, also attended a seminar on Equality, entitled "The Road Map for Equality after 2010", organised by the Embassy of Spain. The seminar discussed Women at Work and Women and Violence. One of the priorities of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the European Union is the promotion of equality between men and women and the elimination of all types of violence towards women. To this end, Spain has launched two new initiatives: the first is the establishment of an EU Centre for monitoring domestic violence, and the second is the adoption of the European Protection Order, such that the rules dictated by the national courts for the protection of victims of violence may be extended across the entire European territory. In addition to this, the Spanish Presidency supported the approval of the Plan for Equality between men and women for 2010-2015.

This seminar was organised in line with these objectives and as work in progress. The Ambassador of Spain in Malta, Ms. María Isabel Vicandi and Hon. Chris Said, Parliamentary Secretary for Consumers, Fair Competition, Local Councils and Public Dialogue inaugurated the seminar while Ms. María Jesús Alonso Jiménez, Spanish ambassador for Gender Equality made the keynote speech.



## 4 Enrolment of Voluntary Organisations

The year 2010 was another successful year for enrolling VOs with the CVO office. This was partly the result of an increased awareness from the voluntary sector itself on the benefits attached to enrolling, which include their credibility with the public, partly due to the requirement for enrolment required for participation in EU funded programmes and partly to the Government increasing its enforcement of the VOA with regards to its allocation of funds to VOs.

From the beginning of enrolment in 2008 up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010, the CVO Office had received a total of 488 applications for enrolment. The applications vary, coming from sectors such as philanthropy, education, religion, health, social and community work, culture, environment, animal welfare, sports, band clubs, football clubs, human rights, arts, national heritage, the youth section of a political party and a union. The CVO office holds a comprehensive database of the enrolled organisations and the category under which they are listed. The full list of enrolled voluntary organisations is available to the general public on the CVO website:

[www.voluntaryorganisations.gov.mt](http://www.voluntaryorganisations.gov.mt)

Following is a breakdown on the status of the 488 applications received since the set-up of the CVO office as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010:

- **446** applications were enrolled on satisfying the requirements of the VOA.
- **17** applications are pending enrolment due to insufficient presentation of documentation.
- **1** application was refused since it does not qualify as a voluntary organisation.
- **11** applications were in the process of enrolment.
- **5** voluntary organisations were dissolved.
- **6** applications were withdrawn due to lack of submission of data.

During 2010, the CVO office continued to build on the work initiated in previous years. The process of enrolling continued at a steady pace. A total of 132 certificates of enrolment were issued which also included applications that were still in process during the end of 2009. A breakdown of certificates issued by the type of organisation is as follows:

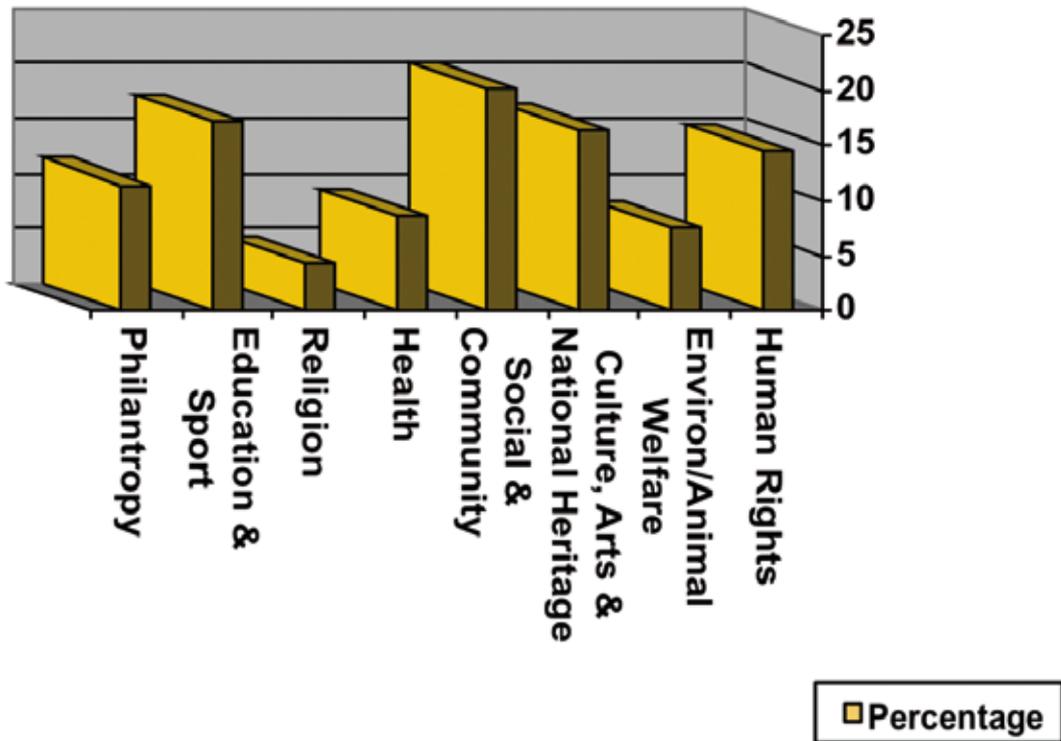
107 Associations	-	81.07%
20 Foundations	-	15.16%
2 Federations	-	1.51%
2 Religious	-	1.51%
1 Trade Union	-	0.75%

### Categories of enrolled voluntary organisations

All voluntary organisations were classified on registration according to their social purpose with some organisations falling under more than one classification. The breakdown of classifications is as follows:

Category	No. of VOs	Percentage of Total VOs
Philanthropy	140	11.37 %
Education and Sport	212 (Sports 28)	17.22 %
Religion	54	4.39 %
Health	106	8.61 %
Social and Community	247	20.06 %
Culture, Arts and National Heritage	201 (Band Clubs 59)	16.33 %
Environment and Animal Welfare	93 (Animal Welfare 26)	7.55 %
Human Rights	178	14.46 %

### Enrolled Voluntary Organisations by category





## 5 Researching the Voluntary Sector

It is generally well known that the voluntary sector plays an active and vital role in today's civil society, but data is scarce. Interest in the voluntary sector has surged in recent years, along with recognition of the contributions of the sector, be it socially, culturally and economically.

It is important to understand the extent and nature of volunteering and to look at what sort of volunteering activities are in place, how many people participate in them, who the volunteers are, why they do it, what are the difficulties they might face, and other such information. But, while there is an increased awareness about the fact of volunteering itself, there is little firm knowledge of this kind, and relatively little research conducted locally to date on the various areas of activity of this sector.

In order to fill this information gap the CVO Office this year embarked on a long-term programme of annually commissioning research projects within the sector for the better understanding of the contribution it and the volunteers who work within it make to the common good. The information is also needed to aid policy decisions concerning the sector

Certain information on the sector is already obtained through the ongoing research conducted at the CVO office through the daily scanning of the printed and electronic media. To provide the broader perspectives however two research projects have hitherto been commissioned by the office; one for 2010 on volunteering among youth people and another for the other end of the age spectrum for 2011 on volunteering among the elderly.

### The Participation of Young People in the Voluntary Sector



The research into the volunteering activities of young people in Malta was commissioned in 2009 in collaboration with the Parliamentary Secretariat for Youth and Sport. The aim is to collate data on the participation of Maltese youth in voluntary work in Malta and abroad, especially in EU programmes. This is in line with the EU's Youth Strategy that encourages the engagement of youth in all European

structures and active participation within political and volunteering structures.

The published result of the research had to be postponed from this year, 2010, to the next because of unforeseen difficulties. The research reached an advanced stage by the end of the year. It will now be produced in the first quarter of 2011 to coincide with the European Year dedicated to Volunteering. The study will be published and launched during a seminar.

### Volunteering among older people in Malta



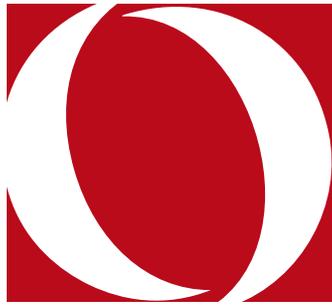
Older people, when they are healthy, are responsible for major economic and social contributions towards societies through the time they give to care for others and through volunteering work in general. Sensitizing the Maltese public to the fact that older people can be and already are a valuable resource in volunteering in Malta, formally and, more especially, informally, this year motivated the Commissioner to seek collaboration with the Parliamentary Secretariat for the Elderly and Community Care to commission a research study on 'Turning age into a resource: Volunteering among older people in Malta'.

The aim of the study to be conducted during 2011, will be to uncover and investigate the dynamics of volunteering in the population aged 60 years or older in Malta. It will discuss the conditions and experiences of older adults involved in 'formal'

volunteering through their work both organisational and directly active within local VOs.

The study will research a number of issues to this end. Among them into the characteristics of active senior volunteers, the administrative and recruitment strategies they employ to set up their own organisations as an interest group, their opinions about the participation of older volunteers in other VOs, and the general difficulties organisations face with recruiting older volunteers.

Bio-psychosocial data (demographic, social, psychological and financial capital and health related variables), volunteering patterns by older persons in Malta and the extent that VOs facilitate or hinder older individuals to engage in volunteering will also fall within the scope of the research.



## 6 Activities and other General Information

**D**uring the year, the CVO Office was actively in contact with the voluntary sector, Ministries, other entities and the media. This activity assisted the Office in promoting volunteering in the Maltese Islands by raising awareness on the value and importance of this sector. Moreover,

accountability and transparency was continuously emphasised in these transactions as well as the importance of enforcing the VOA to regulate the sector in its own interest. This section highlights others of the Office's main activities to aid the development of the sector itself.

### Library

The library is a primary feature of the multi-purpose room being set up within the CVO Office. One of the main aims of the Office is to obtain as much information as possible in order to create a comprehensive picture of the voluntary sector in Malta, as well as abroad. The idea is to possess a broader spectrum of information which will permit both specialised local and comparative research that will help researchers and policy makers in the interest of improvement of the sector. It is envisaged that the library shall be the main provider of material for these research purposes. The intention is that the library shall contain documentation pertinent to the voluntary sector in general as well as information regarding individual organisations. Moreover, this Office has invested in a number of books, periodicals and journals which provide specialised information regarding various aspects of voluntary work and of the administration of voluntary organisations. The intention is to continue to expand the range of relevant subjects and material on the current subjects tackled in the present publications, which currently include:

- Fundraising
- Charity shops
- Marketing
- Management
- Civil society
- Data protection for voluntary organisations
- The voluntary sector in general
- Directories of existing VOs

Enrolled voluntary organisations have been encouraged to submit literature related to the voluntary sector including publications by the VOs themselves, for inclusion in the library in order to supplement the information being compiled by the Office. During 2010, a circular was sent to all enrolled VOs in this regard.

Nearly from the beginning the Office began compiling a database of newspaper cuttings in connection with the voluntary sector, as part of its monitoring function and in order to facilitate specific research in the sector which may be required for various purposes. This database is being compiled from articles/interviews/adverts etc which appear daily in the print media and provide a relatively clear picture of the current situation of the sector and the activities performed by different organisations.

As was mentioned above, part of the work of the CVO Office includes the daily monitoring of the print media including newspapers and magazines as well as of the electronic media i.e. e-newspapers and other information sites which contain information about what is happening in the sector. This is mainly done to keep up-to-date with developments in the sector, and to highlight any important issues that need to be addressed by this Office including adherence to the law, funding possibilities, and other important aspects which directly or indirectly impact the sector.

Obviously this exercise provides a rich source of current information about each organisation, both enrolled and non-enrolled which is then kept in the records of the CVO office for further information



and research purposes as described above. Each item of information is being compiled in a database, again to facilitate studies on the subject disaggregated by date, title, topic of article, by newspaper and keywords. The compilation of this database will constitute a valuable tool of research into published information available regarding voluntary organisations.

### Collaboration with the University of Malta Junior College

The Commissioner collaborated with Dr. Joseph Gravina, co-ordinator of the Systems of Knowledge programme at the Malta Junior College in a scheme organised by the same College to include voluntary work in the programme. In this scheme, about 1200 students were asked to dedicate a number of hours during their academic year to carry out voluntary work. The Commissioner, on request by the College, supported this scheme by circulating an email amongst all enrolled voluntary organisations to inform them of this opportunity so that those interested could make the necessary arrangements with the College to benefit from this invaluable assistance.

### Multi-purpose room

As highlighted in the Annual Report of the CVO, 2009, the need has been felt to provide further support to enrolled VOs to cater for their training

needs, including small seminars and workshops, as well as a place to hold their meetings. For this reason, the room which is the information centre of the office, is in the process of being equipped with the necessary technology to provide for a space where the above-mentioned activities can take place. During 2010 a lot of work was done to refurbish the room and we are currently awaiting the necessary approvals in order to be able to launch it officially as a further service offered by the CVO Office.

Work is also currently carried out on the logistics and other procedures which will provide for the efficient and smooth-running of this service. A circular was sent to all enrolled VOs during 2010 informing them of the plans being made with respect to this room and the service offered and asking them to identify their needs. It can be said that there was a very positive response from a large number of enrolled VOs who also made many suggestions regarding the functions of the multi-purpose room. All responses have been noted and the Office will do its utmost to implement the more feasible suggestions, i.e. within the limitations of the resources available to it, where possible.

### Public Appearances and Meetings

The Commissioner and staff were invited to attend and also participated and organised a number of meetings, interviews, seminars and other activities.

A selection is listed hereunder:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>5th January 2010</b>	The Commissioner was interviewed on PBS programme 12.05. The interview focused on fund raising and public collections in view of the VOA and other regulations. Other legal issues and benefits to enrolled VOs were explained.
<b>15th January 2010</b>	The Commissioner was invited to make an introductory presentation during the Annual General Meeting of the Malta Federation of Organisations Persons with Disability (MFOPD).
<b>23rd February 2010</b>	The political party Alternattiva Demokratika (AD) met and interviewed the Commissioner, following a press release issued by AD, on the possibility of Maltese VOs to elect their representative on the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
<b>9th March 2010</b>	A meeting was held with the Alliance of Pensioners in order to explore collaboration for the purpose of encouraging more voluntary activity amongst the elderly.
<b>8th April 2010</b>	A meeting was held at the Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Investment on the concept of social enterprising and how it can be adopted in the local context.
<b>11th May 2010</b>	A meeting was held with the voluntary organisation 'Mid-Dlam Għad-Dawl', to seek avenues on how prisoners could be integrated more into society through voluntary work as part of their rehabilitation.
<b>13th May 2010</b>	A meeting was held with Għaqda Kazini tal-Banda to discuss the Annual Returns and Annual Accounts Regulations.
<b>18th May 2010</b>	A meeting was held between the Commissioner and the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage on the registration of VOs and their participation in Heritage funds.
<b>22nd June 2010</b>	A meeting was held between the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations and the Commissioner for Children to explore possible areas of collaboration between both offices.
<b>17th August 2010</b>	Mr. Joseph Vella presented copies of the book "Il-Ligi dwar l-Organizzazzjonijiet Voluntarji", to the Commissioner
<b>28th November 2010</b>	The Commissioner addressed the First Gozo International Voluntary Day event (G.I.V.E.) organised by the Gozo NGO Association to give tribute to and acknowledge the work carried out by NGOs in Gozo.
<b>7th December 2010</b>	The Commissioner was one of the key speakers during a seminar organised by the Young Entrepreneurs & Leaders (YEL) together with Kunsill tal-istudenti Universitarji (KSU) and the National Youth Council at the University of Malta. The seminar discussed the role of youth organisations during the EU Year of Volunteering 2011.

## Website

During 2010, further work was done to update the website of the CVO office. This website, [www.voluntaryorganisations.gov.mt](http://www.voluntaryorganisations.gov.mt) has now been upgraded and given a new format which makes it more attractive and user-friendly. It is envisaged that during 2011, all staff at this Office shall be trained to publish information on the said website in order to facilitate the regular updating of relevant information and news emanating from the work done by the Office. Currently the information on the website includes:

- Legislation pertaining to the sector
- Circulars issued by the CVO Office
- Information about the services given by CVO Office
- The procedure for enrolment with the CVO including enrolment forms and instructions on filling these forms
- Regularly updated list of enrolled VOs
- Annual Reports issued by this office
- Regulations about Public Collections
- Information about the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector.

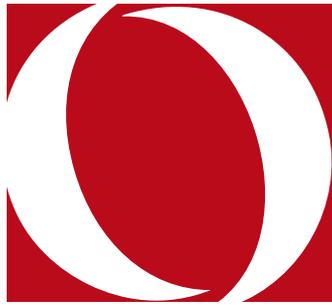
## Work Placement

Mr. Czeslaw Smalcerz, Polish Director of the Municipal Centre of Social Assistance, was assigned with a work placement with the CVO Office, after the Office offered its support to an EU project involving social organisations from the Polish city of Jaworzno. Mr. Smalcerz was also involved in the preparation and coordination of 52 projects for designing strategies for solving social problems in Poland. Mr. Smalcerz, had indicated his wish to spend a two week work placement in Malta to gain knowledge on Maltese social politics and its system of social assistance, especially in cooperation between government, local authorities and non-profit organisations.

A number of meetings were organised for Mr. Smalcerz to familiarise himself with the local social policy. These meetings were held with Mr. Anthony Cesare, Assistant Director, Customer Care, Social Security Division and his staff at Valletta and the B'Kara Social Security District Offices.

Another meeting was set with the Foundation for Social Welfare Services. During this meeting Ms. Olivia Galea Seychell, Senior Manager HR and Research, explained the work done by the Foundation in its comprehensive programmes of prevention, support and treatment services, both in community and residential settings within the fields of substance abuse, children, families and adults in need, and disability.

The screenshot displays the gov.mt website interface. At the top left is the gov.mt logo. A navigation bar includes links for 'About Us', 'News', 'Services', 'Events', 'Contact', and 'FAQs'. Below this is a search bar and a horizontal menu with categories: 'Social Welfare', 'Social Security', 'Benefit Fraud', 'Equal Opportunities', 'Housing', 'Voluntary Org.', and 'Others'. The 'Voluntary Org.' category is selected, leading to the 'Commissioner for VOs' page. This page features a list of links on the left: 'List of VOs', 'VOs information', 'Annual Reports', 'Council for Voluntary Sector', 'Public Collections', 'VOs application forms', 'Legislation', and 'Contact Us'. The main content area on the right lists: 'Commissioner for VOs', 'VOs information', 'Mission and Purpose', 'Service Information', 'Procedure for enrolment with the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations', and 'The Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations'. A banner image of a smiling family is visible in the background of the website.



# 7 Promoting Good Governance

## **Code of Governance and Practice for Administrators of Voluntary Organisations**

Late in 2010 the CVO Office initiated work to compile a Code of Governance and Practice for Administrators of Voluntary Organisations. Good Governance and good practice are essential for the running of any successful operation, whether it is large or small, including VOs. Good governance is understood not simply as effective and efficient management but also as governance that is democratic and ethically correct.

### **Aims**

The Code will aim to provide standard principles and rules regarding good governance and good practice which Administrators of VOs should follow when performing their work. Administrators are expected to have regard to and seek guidance from the Code as it may be amended from time to time. The issuing of this Code by the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations is in terms of article 7(1) (h) of the VOA, Chapter 492 of the Laws of Malta

### **Objectives**

This will be the first Code of its kind for the voluntary sector in Malta. It will certainly, even after any amendments following consultation with the Council for the sector and the Commissioner's legal advisors, be subject to change and improvements in the future. Its function is to set guidelines for good governance.

It should not, therefore, be regarded as a mandatory set of laws or directives laid down by the Commissioner on the voluntary sector. It is intended rather, together with other instruments like enrolment and the annual returns, to aid organisations and their administrators to improve their standards of good governance and accountability for the sake of their own efficiency, the credibility and advancement of their organisation, and the public interest.

Organisations shall be invited to revise their governing documents, their statutes, codes of conduct, and so on, using this Code, and to amend them as necessary to bring them in line with its recommendations. They shall be invited to write to the Commissioner where their governing document does not allow them to adopt any one or more of the Code's recommendations for his advice.

### **To whom shall this Code apply?**

VOs range from small ones with only a handful of members, usually keeping very informal records and accounts (if any), and with limited funding availability, to complex and sophisticated entities that use large numbers of volunteers in their programmes, employ full-time staff, and generate large, audited amounts of revenue.

However, though the style and demands of governance of VOs vary, and though not everything in the Code of Practice will apply to all organisations, all should be equally subject to honest, efficient, and responsible administration whatever their size. In small organisations good governance could simply mean keeping proper methods of record-keeping, being clear about the assignment of roles and responsibilities of those in charge, and establishing good teamwork practices.

### **Other Principles and Rules in the Code**

The Code also defines what a VO is according with the VOA, what constitutes governance and what defines an administrator. A section of it will be dedicated to the remuneration of administrators and other gains made by administrators in compliance with paragraph (a) and (c) of the definition of "non-profit making" and the provision in the definition of "voluntary" contained in article 2(1) of the VOA.

Guidelines on accountability, transparency and awareness of administrators of their responsibilities

and their compliance with the law are provided in this code in order to ensure credibility and to generate public awareness regarding the VO's work and mission.

The Code also includes sections dealing with the right of access to information, fiduciary duties, responsibilities, conflicts of interest, managing employees, the appointment and liability of administrators, board meeting procedures, and a code of ethics for administrators.

*Good governance provides a strategic direction to ensure objectives are reached, manage risks and use resources responsibly and with accountability*





## 8 Compliance Investigations

**T**he CVO Office has an important role and responsibility to identify and investigate charges of misconduct or mismanagement in the administration of VOs and to resolve difficulties within or between VOs within the powers given to the Commissioner in the VOA Act of 2007 (VOA), Article 34.

Article 34 (1) of the VOA states that:

*“34. (1) The Commissioner may investigate the affairs of any voluntary organisation at any time and may demand, in writing, any relevant information relating to the operation of a voluntary organisation or any person involved in the activities of a voluntary organisation, if he has cause to believe that such information is necessary in order to establish whether an organisation is acting in compliance with the provisions of this Act or any regulations made there under”.*

In conducting an investigation, the Commissioner may issue directives to the VOs concerned demanding compliance with the VOA. Non-compliance constitutes a breach of the law. A period for compliance with any provisions of the VOA Act or any of its regulations may be set and penalties for non-compliance are also stipulated in the law. The VOA also provides for a Board of Appeal against any directive, order or penalty which may result from an investigation issued by the Commissioner and which a VO may consider not justified or reasonable in the circumstances. Persons who fail to provide the requested information by the Commissioner or attempt to destroy or deface documents requested for the purpose of an investigation shall be guilty of an offence.

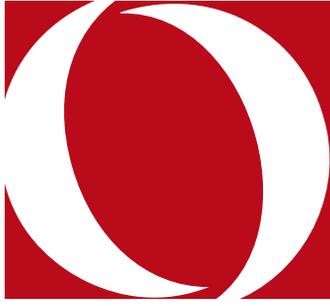
The number of cases that were investigated by the Commissioner since the CVO Office was set up is relatively very small compared to the size of the sector. In fact they amounted to twelve. During 2010, the CVO Office worked to close some cases



still outstanding and make progress on others. Six were closed. The rest are pending due to court procedures that are still ongoing. The recurrent themes were mainly on internal disputes on management and administration within the particular VOs.

Where pertinent the Commissioner follows an investigation up, by discussing with the parties involved, how best to resolve outstanding issues between them and how he can help. As a regulator the CVO Office assists such VOs to follow best practices and comply with the VOA. Such assistance is intended to safeguard the VOs members, donors, beneficiaries and reputation of the organisation itself.





## 9 Financial Statement

**T**he CVO Office is funded by the Government with an annual budget of €65,000. The budget covers all the Office's operating and administration expenses, together with the

Commissioner's Honoraria and Legal Consultancy Fees. The budget remained the same for 2010 and it very much limits the running of projects that the Commissioner's Office aims to run.

### Budget 2010 Vote 22 – Item 6788

Office Needs	€29,643.92
Honoraria	€25,182.96

### Personal Emoluments of Vote 22 – Item 6788

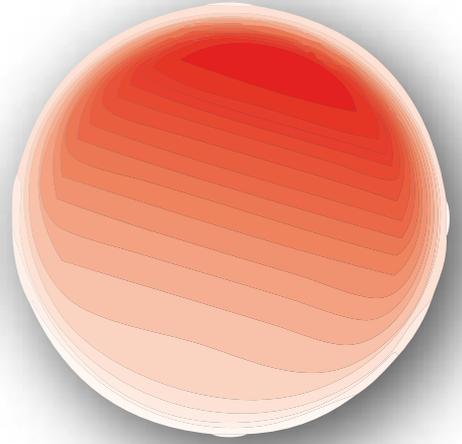
Staff Salaries	€60,134.61
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### Income

Enrolment fee	€5,080
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### Professional Fees

Legal Advisors fees	€9,762.70
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Report  
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Voluntary Sector



# The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector



***The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector during a Council Meeting***

## **Volunteering**

In May 2010 a Eurobarometer survey showed that three out of every ten Europeans declared that they were active in some aspect of voluntary work. In Malta, the latest statistics issued by the National Statistics Office show that in 2008 only 6.15% declared that they participated in a volunteer activity.

I believe that through volunteering, a person acquires knowledge and skills which include leadership, management, organisational skills, creativity and entrepreneurship. Volunteering is also a unique way in which the individual may develop one's personal, interpersonal and social skills.

Volunteering is also a direct way in which one may contribute to society through one's involvement, where society would not only be acquiring the tangible service of the volunteer, but also incrementing the values of democracy and active participation. In fact the European Union decided to dedicate the year 2011 to volunteering because of the unanimous agreement amongst the European countries which is one of the main factors that supports active participation of responsible citizens.

In many European countries, volunteering is not only given a value on the personal and social aspect, but also quantified as a tangible financial

contributor to the country's economy. European statistics state that this sector contributes from 3% to 5% of the Gross Domestic Product, where for every €1 invested in voluntary organisations, volunteers deliver a return valued from €5 to €8. For this reason I believe that the country needs to invest directly in this particular sector.

### **Volunteering! You make a difference!**

There are many definitions and traditions on what is volunteering. But a common aspect in a voluntary activity is that one or more individuals get together to support each other and help those in need without remuneration. This is beneficial both to society and the volunteers themselves. Through volunteering, persons acquire experience and extend their social network that many times may lead to new opportunities or better employment, as well as personal and social growth. For this reason the slogan for the year 2011 dedicated by the EU to volunteering (EYV 2011) is "Volunteering! You make a difference!"

In the year dedicated to volunteering the Council has been given the responsibility to organise activities and launch initiatives to promote this sector and create an awareness about volunteering and its values.

This Council needs to be the main catalyst to promote volunteer work, thus encouraging others to participate and support organisations working in this sector to better face their challenges. Through the year dedicated to volunteering the EU will be focusing on the following objectives:

- Work towards an enabling and facilitating environment for volunteering in the EU
- Empower volunteer organisations and improve the quality of volunteering
- Reward and recognise achievements gained in volunteering activities
- Raise awareness of the value and importance of volunteering

In order to achieve these objectives the Council will be encouraging the exchange of good practices amongst the organisations working in the sector, as well as establishing more synergies between the sector, the Government and the private sector. More focus will be given to training, accreditation and quality assurance in the voluntary service that is given by volunteers to society through their respective organisations.

To achieve this objective there are ongoing discussions with the *Malta Qualifications Council* to establish an accreditation that recognises formally the work carried out through volunteering.

The Council will be setting up a service where those individuals who wish to contribute to this sector may be directed to the organisations that may need their service. Moreover, an efficient and effective matching of prospective volunteers with voluntary organisations will be made. The Council will be encouraging new initiatives of networking and collaboration amongst voluntary organisations and with the private sector.

For this reason the Council acquired EU funding amounting to €55,000 as well as a contribution from the Maltese Government of €13,750 so that a project of activities and initiatives in favour of the sector may be carried out during the European year dedicated to Volunteering.



## Sena Ewropea tal-Volontarjat 2011

### ACTIVITIES FOR THE EUROPEAN YEAR DEDICATED TO VOLUNTEERING 2011

#### Launch Seminar

A half day seminar will be held with delegates from various NGOs, media and participants from the general public, to launch the European Year of Voluntary Activities.

#### Interactive Website

The setting up and launching of a new website - [www.volontarjatmalta.com](http://www.volontarjatmalta.com) - which will include a wealth of information on the voluntary sector and a number of good practices and the value of volunteering and the voluntary sector.

This website will have a broad coverage of voluntary activities where Volunteers find Organisations and Organisations find Volunteers!.

#### Conference on Employee Supported Volunteering

A conference will be held for delegates coming from the Human Resources and the NGO sector, together with members of the general public. This conference, with the participation of the Malta Chamber of Commerce and the Malta Employers' Association, will encourage employers to allow their staff to volunteer for these important roles and to help employers appreciate the value of employee volunteering, both to their business, their staff and to the organisations with which the employees volunteer. Employee volunteering can build skills and confidence and expose the employee to information and circumstances that can be helpful to the business. In return, the organisation with whom the employee volunteers can benefit from the vast range of skills that exist in other sectors.

#### Publication of an NGO Directory

A directory with information on a vast number of non-governmental organisations registered in Malta will be printed and distributed. It will also be available electronically for downloading on the above mentioned website.

#### EYV 2011 Bus Tour Malta Visit

The bus tour scheduled to visit a number of European countries through the EYV 2011 will visit Malta (Valletta) between the 27<sup>th</sup> November and the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011. This tour consists of a moving exhibition on volunteering that will tour all European countries and finishes in Malta to end the year's activities.

#### RESEARCH PROJECT

##### A Comparative Study of NGO Legislation in Selected EU States

The finding and presentation of this project will be available during EYV 2011. The proposed research will consist of a comparative study between five EU states; Malta, Italy, France, Germany and the UK. The research will therefore provide a comparison of the different NGO legislation structures that have developed in these countries.

Most of the countries chosen have a Civil Law system but they have developed a different legislative structure to regulate voluntary organisations. The research is aimed at comparing and contrasting their different legal structures.

## Other Initiatives

The Council will also be participating in other initiatives at EU level which include:

- **EYV2011** Tour where volunteers will be visiting other EU countries during the year to promote their activities with policy makers and with the general public.
- **EYV Relay** where 27 volunteer journalist will *relay* through EU countries to follow the work carried out by 54 volunteer organisations and produce an audio-visual documentary as well as articles to be aired by the media.
- There will also be four thematic conferences that will address issues related to volunteering. Topics addressed in these conferences include; volunteer recognition, celebrating volunteering and its value, supporting voluntary organisations, and future challenges.

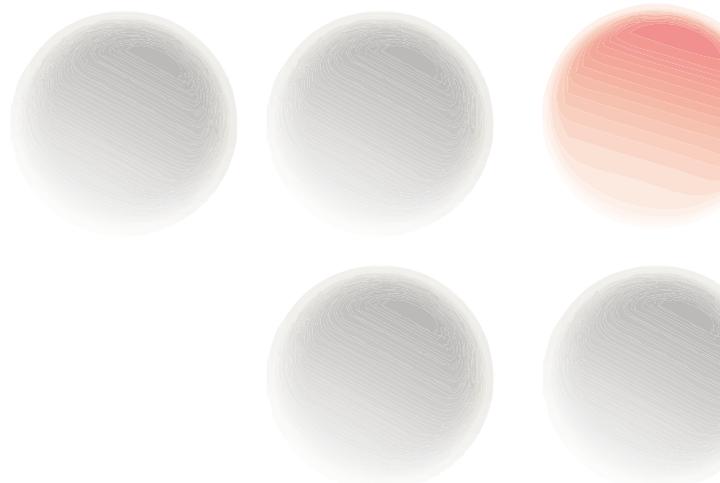
I wish to encourage Local Councils and voluntary organisations to come up with initiatives on both a local and national level to promote and celebrate volunteering. The Council intend to support all stakeholders in these initiatives and include them in a national calendar of events.

The Council will be working particularly close with the Ministry for Education, Employment and the Family, EU Parliament Office in Malta, EU Representation in Malta, MEUSAC, the Youth Agency and the Gozo NGO Association, to guarantee that through collaboration the sector may take the opportunity to be strengthened and grow in the interest of all the individuals concerned as well as society at large.

**Robert Farrugia**

*Chairperson*

*Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector*





# Appendix A

## PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

The Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations received the following Parliamentary Questions during the year:

PQ No.	Question Asked by:	Subject
3651	Hon. Owen Bonnici	Services of Advertising Agencies used between 2004 - 2008
3860	Hon. Chris Agius	Vehicles bought between 2008 - 2010
4511	Hon. Charlo' Bonnici	Electric cars assigned to entities including CVO Office
5103	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Expenses on mobile phones during 2008
5014	Hon. Chris Agius	Vehicles bought
5026	Hon. Chris Agius	Official overseas visits during 2008
5113	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Payments for hospitality services from 2008 to 2010
6557	Hon. Chris Agius	Overspending of per diem allowance on official overseas visits
9163	Hon. Chris Cardona	Direct orders issued between 2007 - 2009
9187	Hon. Chris Cardona	Expenses on mobile phones during 2010
9733	Hon. Chris Cardona	The use of private companies to build websites
10265	Hon. Charles Mangion	Expenses on furniture and redecoration during 2008 and 2009
10778	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Requests for teleworking and reduced hours

<b>PQ No.</b>	<b>Question Asked by:</b>	<b>Subject</b>
13800	Hon. Leo Brincat	Internal Audits carried out in Authorities, Corporations and Entities
13823	Hon. Chris Agius	Overtime worked and allowances during 2009
14023	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Maternity leave availed of during 2009
14055	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Fuel Expenses during 2009
14254	Hon. Jeffrey Pullicino Orlando	Details on appointed Boards
14686	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Personnel employed on contract basis and salary paid
15355	Hon. Evarist Bartolo	Paid leave for local and overseas studies
15378	Hon. Anton Refalo	Projects, programmes and initiatives planned for works in Gozo till 2013.
15451	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Number of new recruits during 2010
15462	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Breakdown of meetings/conferences attended by staff in EU countries during 2010
15727	Hon. Censu Galea	Schemes for parents with children
15884	Hon. Evarist Bartolo	List of executive heads and executive directors in the unit
15958	Hon. Gino Cauchi	Honoraria of chairmen and executive heads
15998	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Breakdown of activities/conferences attended by staff from October 2009 to March 2010
16059	Hon. Joe Mizzi	Contracts and/or direct orders awarded to persons involved in VAT corruption case
16154	Hon. Evarist Bartolo	Contracts awarded to 'Content House'
16524	Hon. Charles Mangion	Details on procurement and use of mobile phones
16533	Hon. Charles Mangion	Procurement of computers / laptops from 2008 to April 2010

PQ No.	Question Asked by:	Subject
16714	Hon. Chris Agius	Honoraria of chairmen and executive heads
16718	Hon. Chris Agius	Name of Audit Companies carrying out work for corporations and entities falling under the Ministry and their fees
16733	Hon. Chris Agius	Address of head offices of Entities, how were premises acquired and any payment for their use
16743	Hon. Chris Agius	Procurement of computers / laptops during 2009
16752	Hon. Chris Agius	Details on procurement and use of Vehicles
16761	Hon. Chris Agius	Breakdown detailing visits abroad by officers working in corporations / entities during 2009.
16960	Hon. Joe Mizzi	List of local and foreign consultants during 2009, type of service given and fees charged
17104	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Payments for hospitality services from January to April 2010
17213	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Hiring of cars from January to April 2010
17367	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Legal services awarded through a direct order or through a call of applications between January and May 2010
17436	Hon. Chris Agius	Vacancies of Summer Student workers
17448	Hon. Owen Bonnici	Details on consultancy services given by board members and their fees between 2006 and 2010
17551	Hon. Gino Cauchi	Consultancy services provided by Dr. Andrew Borg Cardona between 2004 and 2009
17560	Hon. Gino Cauchi	Consultancy services provided by Dr. Peter Caruana Galizia between 2004 and 2009
17654	Hon. Leo Brincat	Energy Audits held between March 2008 and May 2010
18133	Hon. Owen Bonnici	Officials attending to World Cup football matches in South Africa
18272	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Officials over 61 years who did not retire
18391	Hon. Stefan Buontempo	Devolution of Local Councils

PQ No.	Question Asked by:	Subject
18398	Hon. Anthony Agius Decelis	Expenses incurred by the Department of Community Services
18504	Hon. Jose' Herrera	Contracts awarded through direct orders or tenders between 2008 and 2010
18506	Hon. Jose' Herrera	Details on Consultancy Services provided between 2008 - 2010
18507	Hon. Jose' Herrera	Consultants with the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector
18744	Hon. Charles Mangion	Consultancy contracts awarded in 2009 and 2010
18958	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Consultancy Contracts during 2009 and fees paid
18965	Hon. Noel Farrugia	Consultancy Contracts awarded during 2009
19394	Hon. Leo Brincat	Consultants working a minimum of 15 hours a week and/or a minimum of 60 hours a month
19482	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Requests for reduced hours during 2010
19492	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Requests for parental leave during 2010
19499	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Requests for career breaks
19756	Hon. Charles Mangion	Contracts awarded to Advertising Agencies between 2008 and 2010
19846	Hon. Owen Bonnici	Details on the employment of the executive secretary assigned with the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector.
20799	Hon. Evarist Bartolo	Contracts of service to people with disability between 2000 and 2010
21030	Hon. Joe Mizzi	Contracts awarded to companies, 'Where's Everybody', 'WE Events' and 'WE Marketing' and 'PR Services' between 2000-2010
22143	Hon. Justyne Caruana	Details on lifts in departments
W87	Hon. Joe Mizzi	Advertising Costs between 2004 and 2010
W101	Hon. Marie Louise Coleiro Preca	YMCA and other organisations that were not given funds as scheduled.



# Appendix B

## LIST OF ENROLLED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS – END OF DECEMBER 2010

<b>VO/001</b>	The Voluntary Organisations Fund	<b>VO/0024</b>	Ramblers Association of Malta
<b>VO/002</b>	Maltese Mentoring Society	<b>VO/0025</b>	Transplant Support Group
<b>VO/003</b>	Assoċjazzjoni Kunsilli ta' I-Iskejjel (AKS)	<b>VO/0026</b>	Fondazzjoni Suret il-Bniedem
<b>VO/004</b>	Marana Tha' Catholic Charismatic Community	<b>VO/0027</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Santu Wistin AD 2007
<b>VO/005</b>	St. Jeanne Antide Foundation	<b>VO/0028</b>	YMCA Valletta
<b>VO/006</b>	St. Edward College (Lady Strickland Charitable Trust)	<b>VO/0029</b>	The Eden Foundation
<b>VO/007</b>	Good Shepherd Sisters (Dar Merħba Bik)	<b>VO/0030</b>	Coeliac Association Malta
<b>VO/008</b>	Din L-Art Helwa	<b>VO/0031</b>	European Mentoring & Coaching Council (EMCC MALTA)
<b>VO/009</b>	Paulo Freire Institute	<b>VO/0032</b>	Fondazzjoni Arka (Respite Centre)
<b>VO/0010</b>	Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice	<b>VO/0033</b>	Solidarity and Overseas Service Malta (SOS Malta)
<b>VO/0011</b>	Ċentru Tbejbix	<b>VO/0034</b>	The Physically Handicapped Rehabilitation Fund
<b>VO/0012</b>	Malta Institute of Management	<b>VO/0035</b>	SPCA
<b>VO/0013</b>	YWCA (MALTA) - Young Women's Christian Association	<b>VO/0036</b>	Kunsill Nazzjonali ta' L-Anzjani
<b>VO/0014</b>	Grupp Missjunarju Kull Bniedem Hija	<b>VO/0037</b>	Għaqda Banda San Filep AD 1851
<b>VO/0015</b>	Mission Fund	<b>VO/0038</b>	The Island Sanctuary
<b>VO/0016</b>	Soċjeta' Filarmonika Lourdes AD 1977	<b>VO/0039</b>	Malta Gay Right Movement
<b>VO/0017</b>	Richmond Foundation	<b>VO/0040</b>	Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary
<b>VO/0018</b>	Emergency Fire & Rescue Unit (The)	<b>VO/0041</b>	ADHD Family Support Group
<b>VO/0019</b>	Life Cycle Organisations	<b>VO/0042</b>	Malta Federation of Organisations of Persons with Disability
<b>VO/0020</b>	National Council of Women Malta	<b>VO/0043</b>	The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Malta
<b>VO/0021</b>	Għaqda Persuni Neqsin Mis-Smiegħ - Malta	<b>VO/0044</b>	Equal Partners Foundation
<b>VO/0022</b>	Millennium Chapel Foundation	<b>VO/0045</b>	Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation
<b>VO/0023</b>	Il-Maħzen	<b>VO/0047</b>	National Cat Society (Thomasina Cat Sanctuary)

<b>VO/0048</b>	Nature Trust (Malta)	<b>VO/0080</b>	Osanna Pia Home – Salesians
<b>VO/0049</b>	Ignatian Youth Network - Malta Foundation	<b>VO/0081</b>	Association of Carers for Stray and Abandoned Felines
<b>VO/0050</b>	VersAgħtini il-Kelma Maltija	<b>VO/0083</b>	Malta Blood Donors Association
<b>VO/0051</b>	Assoċjazzjoni Voluntarji Lourdes	<b>VO/0084</b>	The Today Public Policy Charitable Trust
<b>VO/0052</b>	BirdLife Malta	<b>VO/0086</b>	Malta Red Cross Society
<b>VO/0053</b>	Malta Cancer Foundation	<b>VO/0087</b>	Puttinu Cares - Children Cancer Support Group Foundation
<b>VO/0054</b>	Street Cat Rescue Malta Organisation	<b>VO/0088</b>	Arabic Culture Information Society
<b>VO/0055</b>	Għaqda Każini tal-Banda	<b>VO/0089</b>	Hair and Beauty Federation (Malta)
<b>VO/0056</b>	Malta Organic Agricultural Movement	<b>VO/0090</b>	Adult Cancer Support Group (Known as plus 15)
<b>VO/0057</b>	Animal Rights Group	<b>VO/0091</b>	Friends of the Earth Malta
<b>VO/0058</b>	Action for Breast Cancer Foundation	<b>VO/0092</b>	Association for Abandoned Animals
<b>VO/0059</b>	Għaqda Fbieb Sptar Monte Carmeli	<b>VO/0093</b>	International Tree Foundation
<b>VO/0060</b>	The Biological Conservation Research Foundation	<b>VO/0094</b>	Malta Horticulture Society (The)
<b>VO/0061</b>	Malta Parkinsons Disease Association	<b>VO/0095</b>	Civil Service Sports Club
<b>VO/0062</b>	Hospice Malta	<b>VO/0097</b>	Assoċjazzjoni tal-Fwienet ta' Wied il-Għajn
<b>VO/0063</b>	Share Malta Association	<b>VO/0098</b>	Oikonomos Foundation
<b>VO/0064</b>	JRS Malta Foundation (Jesuit Refuge Service Malta Foundation)	<b>VO/0099</b>	Malta Dental Technologist Association
<b>VO/0065</b>	Malta Basketball Association	<b>VO/0100</b>	Malta Confederation of Women's Organisations
<b>VO/0066</b>	Friends of the Sick and the Elderly in Gozo	<b>VO/0101</b>	Flimkien Għal Ambjent Aħjar
<b>VO/0067</b>	Fbieb ta' L-Agenzija Sapport	<b>VO/0102</b>	Dolphin Foundation for Science Culture
<b>VO/0068</b>	Fondazzjoni Wens	<b>VO/0103</b>	Migrant's Solidarity Movement
<b>VO/0069</b>	Gozo SPCA	<b>VO/0104</b>	Malta Amateur Athletic Association
<b>VO/0070</b>	Fondazzjoni Fajja Indipendenti	<b>VO/0105</b>	Pembroke Athleta Sports Club
<b>VO/0071</b>	The Malta Society of Model Makers	<b>VO/0106</b>	Forum For Justice and Cooperation
<b>VO/0072</b>	Oasi Foundation	<b>VO/0107</b>	Għaqda Żgħażaġh b'Dizabilita'
<b>VO/0074</b>	Għaqda Malta-Kuba	<b>VO/0108</b>	Soċjeta' Agrarja
<b>VO/0075</b>	Malta Exercise Health & Fitness Association	<b>VO/0109</b>	Telefono Arcobaleno Malta
<b>VO/0076</b>	The Malta Health Network	<b>VO/0110</b>	Telefono Arcobaleno
<b>VO/0078</b>	Salesian Pastoral Youth Service	<b>VO/0111</b>	Malta Historical Vehicles Trust
<b>VO/0079</b>	Salesian Oratory	<b>VO/0112</b>	Gozo Tourism Association

<b>VO/0113</b>	Malta Islamic Welfare Fund (The)	<b>VO/0144</b>	Għaqda Korali u Orkestrali 'Marija Bambina'
<b>VO/0114</b>	'Living with Dignity' Group	<b>VO/0145</b>	Gozo NGOs Association
<b>VO/0115</b>	Malta Canine Society (The)	<b>VO/0146</b>	Lions Club Sliema
<b>VO/0116</b>	Fiods Solidarity Foundation	<b>VO/0147</b>	Malta Association of Physiotherapists
<b>VO/0117</b>	Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna	<b>VO/0148</b>	Malta Aviation Museum Foundation
<b>VO/0118</b>	The Breast Care Support Group Europa Donna	<b>VO/0149</b>	Malta Library and Information Association
<b>VO/0119</b>	Happy Paws Charity Organisations	<b>VO/0150</b>	Inħobbu l-Munxar u x-Xlendi
<b>VO/0120</b>	Saint Peter Foundation	<b>VO/0151</b>	Faces
<b>VO/0121</b>	Soroptimist International Malta Club	<b>VO/0152</b>	Malta Tourism Society
<b>VO/0122</b>	Żgħażaġh Ħaddiema Nsara	<b>VO/0153</b>	Rotary Club Malta
<b>VO/0123</b>	Mid-Dlam Għad-Dawl	<b>VO/0154</b>	Maltese Cross Corps
<b>VO/0124</b>	Lions Club St. Paul's Bay	<b>VO/0155</b>	Fondazzjoni Daritama
<b>VO/0125</b>	Voices Foundation	<b>VO/0156</b>	National Parents Society of Persons with Disability
<b>VO/0126</b>	Moviment Graffiti	<b>VO/0157</b>	Claris Foundation
<b>VO/0127</b>	St. Gabriel Band Club	<b>VO/0158</b>	Hibernians Budokwai Judo Club
<b>VO/0128</b>	Għaqda Muzikali Sant' Elena	<b>VO/0159</b>	Down Syndrome Association - Malta
<b>VO/0129</b>	Għaqda Ta' Ħbiberija Malta - Ċina	<b>VO/0160</b>	Għaqda Dilettanti tan-Nar Maria Bambina Mellieħa
<b>VO/0130</b>	Għaqda Soċjo-Muzikali Aniči	<b>VO/0161</b>	Malta Fitness Industry Association
<b>VO/0131</b>	Foundation Melitensis	<b>VO/0162</b>	The Funny Farm Horse Rescue Association
<b>VO/0132</b>	Outdoor Sports Association (Marsascalea)	<b>VO/0163</b>	Kare4Kenya
<b>VO/0134</b>	Stray Animals Support Group	<b>VO/0164</b>	Living Ability Not Disability (LAND) Group
<b>VO/0135</b>	Moviment Kerygma	<b>VO/0165</b>	Special Olympics Malta
<b>VO/0136</b>	Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Malti	<b>VO/0167</b>	Chambers of Engineers
<b>VO/0137</b>	St. Paul Choral Society	<b>VO/0168</b>	Malta Federation of Professional Association
<b>VO/0138</b>	Universal Peace Federation - Malta	<b>VO/0169</b>	Don Bosco House
<b>VO/0139</b>	Foundation for Respite Care Services	<b>VO/0170</b>	Don Bosco Voluntary Service
<b>VO/0140</b>	Moviment Missjunarju 'Ġesu Fil-Proxxmu'	<b>VO/0171</b>	Ladies Craft Circle
<b>VO/0141</b>	Victim Support Malta	<b>VO/0172</b>	Ability for Disability Association (k/a 'The Friends' of the A.T.C)
<b>VO/0142</b>	Oratorju Don Bosco, Għawdex	<b>VO/0173</b>	Cats and Dogs Shelter
<b>VO/0143</b>	50 Hour Bicycle Marathon	<b>VO/0174</b>	Għaqda Muzikali Santa Marija

<b>VO/0175</b>	National Federation of NGOs of Malta	<b>VO/0207</b>	Association of Parents of Children in Church School (Malta) - APCCS
<b>VO/0177</b>	European Movement (Malta)	<b>VO/0208</b>	Junior Chamber International Malta
<b>VO/0178</b>	Žminijietna - Lehen ix-Xellug	<b>VO/0209</b>	M'Intix Waħdek
<b>VO/0179</b>	Geriatric Medicine Society of Malta	<b>VO/0210</b>	Malta Cat Club
<b>VO/0180</b>	Għaxaq folk Group (k/a Għaxaq Folk Ensemble)	<b>VO/0211</b>	Istitut tal-Ġurnalisti Maltin
<b>VO/0181</b>	Għaqda Mużikali u Soċjali 'Madonna tal-Karmnu'	<b>VO/0212</b>	Women's Federation for World Peace
<b>VO/0182</b>	Assoċazzjoni Segretarji Kunsilli Lokali Malta	<b>VO/0213</b>	Qormi Clay Shooting Club
<b>VO/0184</b>	Maltese Olympic Committee	<b>VO/0214</b>	Soċjeta' Mużikali Santa Marija – Qrendi
<b>VO/0185</b>	Moving Theatre	<b>VO/0215</b>	The Gozo CCU Monitors Foundation
<b>VO/0186</b>	Għaqda tal-Mużika San Gejtanu	<b>VO/0216</b>	Dogs Trust (Malta)
<b>VO/0187</b>	Soċjeta' Dun Filippu Borgia	<b>VO/0217</b>	Royal Life Saving Society - Malta Branch
<b>VO/0188</b>	FTZ-Community Foundation	<b>VO/0218</b>	Għaqda Produtturi tal-Fniek
<b>VO/0189</b>	Maltese Association of Social Workers	<b>VO/0219</b>	Centro Cultural Hispano - Malte's
<b>VO/0190</b>	Education Aid	<b>VO/0220</b>	Mission of Mercy
<b>VO/0191</b>	Malta Society of the Blind	<b>VO/0221</b>	Birżebbugia Sports Complex Foundation
<b>VO/0192</b>	Education Agency (Educ A)	<b>VO/0222</b>	Malta Girl Guides
<b>VO/0193</b>	Każin tal-Banda San Ġorg Bormla	<b>VO/0223</b>	St. John Rescue Corps
<b>VO/0194</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Immakolata Kuncizzjoni	<b>VO/0224</b>	Każin Banda San Pawl – Safi
<b>VO/0195</b>	The Archaeological Society Malta	<b>VO/0226</b>	Għaqda Filantropika Talent Mosti
<b>VO/0196</b>	Siġġiewi Brass Band and Social Club (Festival)	<b>VO/0227</b>	Wirt Għawdex
<b>VO/0197</b>	St. John's Co-Cathedral Foundation	<b>VO/0228</b>	Circolo San Giuseppe Filarmonika Sagra Familja
<b>VO/0198</b>	Malta Osteoporosis Society	<b>VO/0229</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Mount Carmel – Gżira
<b>VO/0199</b>	The Eden and Razzett Foundation	<b>VO/0230</b>	Soċjeta' Mużikali San Lawrenz – Birgu
<b>VO/0200</b>	Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali - Malta (Kopin)	<b>VO/0231</b>	Touring Club Malta
<b>VO/0201</b>	Malta Judo Federation	<b>VO/0232</b>	Food First Malta (FFM)
<b>VO/0202</b>	Malta Judo Foundation	<b>VO/0233</b>	The Malta Heart Foundation
<b>VO/0203</b>	Soċjeta' Mużikali La Stella Levantina AD 1894 (Santa Marija)	<b>VO/0234</b>	Malta Professional Motoring Schools Association
<b>VO/0204</b>	Soċjeta' Mużikali Madonna tal-Ġilju	<b>VO/0235</b>	Malta Continenence Care Association
<b>VO/0205</b>	Malta Tama Tnabar Association	<b>VO/0236</b>	Moviment Madonna tal-Konsagrazzjoni
<b>VO/0206</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Sant' Anna - Wied il-Għajn AD. 1994	<b>VO/0237</b>	Soċjeta' Mużikali San Ġuzepp

<b>VO/0238</b>	Socjeta' Filarmonika Santa Marija	<b>VO/0269</b>	Nations of Christ
<b>VO/0239</b>	Astronomical Society of Malta (The)	<b>VO/0270</b>	Lions Club Mдина
<b>VO/0240</b>	Melita Football Club	<b>VO/0271</b>	Anti Poverty Forum Malta (APF Malta)
<b>VO/0241</b>	Socjeta' Filarmonika Nicolo' Isouard	<b>VO/0272</b>	Socjeta' Storiko-Kulturali, Vittoriosa
<b>VO/0242</b>	12th May Band and Social Club	<b>VO/0273</b>	Malta Maritime Law Association
<b>VO/0243</b>	Families for Life Long Learning	<b>VO/0274</b>	Għaqda Dilettanti Sajjieda Barklori ISLA
<b>VO/0244</b>	Life Resources Foundation	<b>VO/0275</b>	Happy Moments Kenya
<b>VO/0246</b>	Gift of Life Foundation	<b>VO/0276</b>	Fondazzjoni U (Xandir Soċjo Reliġjuż)
<b>VO/0247</b>	Foundation for Women Entrepreneurs (Malta)	<b>VO/0277</b>	Socjeta Muzikali San Girgor Sliema
<b>VO/0248</b>	Genista Research Foundation (Malta)	<b>VO/0278</b>	Għaqda Muzikali San Pietru Fil-Ktajjen
<b>VO/0249</b>	Bonsai Culture Group	<b>VO/0279</b>	Organisation for Friendship in Diversity
<b>VO/0250</b>	Telecel Globe Foundation	<b>VO/0280</b>	Tigne Judo Club
<b>VO/0251</b>	Assoċjazzjoni Sport Muturi	<b>VO/0281</b>	CFC Ancop Malta Foundation
<b>VO/0252</b>	Malta Guide Dogs Foundation	<b>VO/0282</b>	Islamic Community Malta
<b>VO/0253</b>	Malta Tenpin Bowling Association	<b>VO/0283</b>	Każin San Ġuzepp u Banda De Rohan
<b>VO/0254</b>	European African Human Rights	<b>VO/0284</b>	GS1 MALTA
<b>VO/0255</b>	National Association of Pensioners	<b>VO/0285</b>	Civic Club
<b>VO/0256</b>	Malta Association of Women in Business	<b>VO/0286</b>	Helping Hands Group (The)
<b>VO/0257</b>	Rotary Club Gozo	<b>VO/0287</b>	Armenian Community of Malta
<b>VO/0258</b>	Għaqda Soċjali 8 ta' Settembru	<b>VO/0288</b>	No. 68 Foundation
<b>Vo/0259</b>	M - XXI Foundation	<b>VO/0289</b>	Amputees 4 Amputees (A4A)
<b>VO/0260</b>	Socjeta' Santa Marija Banda Re Ġorg V – Mqabba	<b>VO/0290</b>	Għaqda Filantropika Għaxaq
<b>VO/0261</b>	AEGEE – Valletta	<b>VO/0291</b>	Help Vlada Campaign
<b>VO/0262</b>	Council of Islamic Community of Malta	<b>VO/0293</b>	Pope John XX111 Peace Laboratory
<b>VO/0263</b>	Malta Contemporary Art Foundation	<b>VO/0294</b>	Foundation For Human Resources Development
<b>VO/0264</b>	Peace Band Club	<b>VO/0295</b>	Royal Fleet Auxiliary Association Malta
<b>VO/0265</b>	Terra Di Mezzo (TDM) 2000 Malta	<b>VO/0296</b>	Greenhouse – Malta
<b>VO/0266</b>	Għaqda Muzikali San Leonardu Ad 1858	<b>VO/0297</b>	Malta Motorsport Federation
<b>VO/0267</b>	Fondazzjoni Ulied Hal-Qormi	<b>VO/0298</b>	Sharklab
<b>VO/0268</b>	Giovani per L'Europa	<b>VO/0299</b>	Dental Association of Malta

<b>VO/0300</b>	Mediterranean Institute of Primary Care	<b>VO/0331</b>	The Classique Foundation
<b>VO/0301</b>	Association of Speech-Language Pathologists	<b>VO/0332</b>	Socjeta' Filarmonika 'Sliema'
<b>VO/0302</b>	Fil-Com Malta	<b>Vo/0333</b>	Decomomo Malta
<b>VO/0303</b>	Sliema Residents Association (Għaqda Residenti - Sliema)	<b>VO/0335</b>	Medecins Sans Frontieres
<b>VO/0304</b>	Malta Midwives Association (MMA)	<b>VO/0336</b>	Fondazzjoni Nazareth
<b>VO/0305</b>	Mobile Monday Malta	<b>VO/0337</b>	Fgura Pageant Group
<b>Vo/0306</b>	Federation for Hunting & Conservation Malta (FKNK)	<b>VO/0338</b>	Socjeta Filarmonika 'Victory'
<b>VO/0308</b>	Socjeta Filarmonika il-Prekursur	<b>VO/0339</b>	Malta Business Aviation Association
<b>VO/0309</b>	Union of Mediterranean Architects – UMAF	<b>VO/0340</b>	The AX Foundation
<b>VO/0310</b>	Help Marilyn Debono Campaign	<b>VO/0341</b>	Changing Lives
<b>VO/0311</b>	The Scout Association of Malta	<b>VO/0342</b>	Noise Abatement Society of Malta
<b>VO/0312</b>	Kunsill Nazzjonali taż-Żgħażaġħ	<b>VO/0343</b>	The New Choral Singers
<b>VO/0313</b>	Għaqda tar-Residenti ta' Santa Marija Estate, Mellieħa	<b>VO/0345</b>	Theatre Anon Arts Foundation
<b>VO/0314</b>	Tabgħa Foundation	<b>VO/0346</b>	International Organisation for Diplomatic Relations
<b>VO/0315</b>	PAWS Malta (People for Animal Welfare Support)	<b>Vo/0347</b>	Media International Foundation
<b>VO/0316</b>	CycleSafeMalta	<b>VO/0348</b>	Socjeta' Filarmonika La Stella A.D. 1863
<b>VO/0317</b>	Mental Health Association Malta	<b>VO/0349</b>	Association of Anaesthesiologists of Malta
<b>VO/0318</b>	Banda San Ġiljan AD 1927	<b>VO/0350</b>	Senglea Historical Society
<b>VO/0319</b>	Għaqda Mużikali 'ITE AD JOSEPH'	<b>VO/0351</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Santa Marija
<b>VO/0320</b>	Parents Foundation for Education	<b>VO/0352</b>	Għaqda Karmelitana Banda Queen Victoria Żurrieq
<b>VO/0321</b>	Matters Human	<b>VO/0353</b>	Gozo Jesus Center
<b>VO/0322</b>	Muscular Dystrophy Group	<b>VO/0354</b>	National Foster Care Association Malta
<b>VO/0323</b>	Għaqda Mużikali San Ġużepp (A.D. 1874)	<b>VO/0355</b>	Inizjamed
<b>VO/0324</b>	Cottonera Cat Care Association	<b>VO/0356</b>	Mothers' Union
<b>VO/0325</b>	Association of International Women in Malta (AIWA)	<b>VO/0357</b>	Prisms
<b>VO/0326</b>	Socjeta' Filarmonika Leone A.D. 1863	<b>VO/0358</b>	The English-Speaking Union of Malta
<b>VO/0327</b>	Aid to Autonomous (A2A) Foundation	<b>VO/0359</b>	Socjeta Filarmonika "La Vincitrice AD 1871"
<b>VO/0328</b>	Manna Foundation	<b>VO/0360</b>	Austrian-Maltese Association
<b>VO/0329</b>	Thai Association of Malta (TAM)	<b>VO/0361</b>	The Entomological Society of Malta
<b>VO/0330</b>	Gozo Association for the Deaf	<b>VO/0362</b>	Għaqda Banda Zejtun AD. 1933

<b>VO/0363</b>	Grupp Flimkien Naslu	<b>VO/0394</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Sant' Andrija
<b>VO/0364</b>	Young Entrepreneurs and Leaders (YEL)	<b>VO/0396</b>	CAMYouths
<b>VO/0365</b>	S.T.A.N.D (Striving Towards Ability Not Disability)	<b>VO/0397</b>	Għaqda tan-Nar 26 ta' Lulju Santa Venera AD 2009
<b>VO/0366</b>	SKOP (Solidarjeta' u Koperazzjoni)	<b>VO/0398</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Banda Marija Regina
<b>VO/0367</b>	Third World Group	<b>VO/0399</b>	International Police Association (Malta Section)
<b>VO/0368</b>	Kerċem Ajax Football Club	<b>VO/0400</b>	Association for the Advancement of Meridian Energy Techniques (AAMET)
<b>VO/0369</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Marija Assunta	<b>VO/0401</b>	Dhammadakaya Malta International Foundation
<b>VO/0370</b>	Malta Cine Circle	<b>VO/0402</b>	Għaqda Mużikali San Girgor - Kerċem
<b>VO/0371</b>	TROUPE 18:45	<b>VO/0403</b>	Malta Association of Occupational Therapists
<b>VO/0372</b>	Art of Living Malta	<b>VO/0404</b>	Soċjeta' Filarmonika La Stella, Gudja
<b>VO/0373</b>	Soċjeta' Filarmonika Stella Maris	<b>VO/0405</b>	Mellieħa Tritones Club
<b>VO/0374</b>	Soċjeta' Filarmonica 'La Vittoria'	<b>VO/0406</b>	Shift Association
<b>VO/0375</b>	Fondazzjoni Kulturali 'Il-Mellieħa'	<b>VO/0407</b>	MADC - Malta Amateur Dramatic Club
<b>VO/0376</b>	ICOM Malta	<b>VO/0408</b>	Anglican Church in Malta and Gozo (The)
<b>VO/0377</b>	Malta Association of Hospitality Executives	<b>VO/0409</b>	Signum Fidei Malta
<b>VO/0376</b>	International Charity Society Foundation	<b>VO/0410</b>	Pamper the World
<b>VO/0379</b>	Malta Association of Crohn's & Colitis	<b>VO/0411</b>	Malta Aviation Society
<b>VO/0380</b>	Malta Association For Contemporary Music	<b>VO/0412</b>	Għaqda Mużikali San Ġorg Martri AD 1893
<b>VO/0381</b>	Soċjeta' Filarmonika San Pietru Banda Birzebbuġa A.D. 1990	<b>VO/0414</b>	Association of Arms Collectors and Target Shooters
<b>VO/0383</b>	Il-Qluġħ	<b>VO/0415</b>	Għaqda Madonna tal-Grazzja Banda San Mikiel A.D. 1883
<b>VO/0384</b>	Fondazzjoni Bethlehem F'Għajnsielem	<b>VO/0416</b>	World Foundation of Urology (MALTA)
<b>VO/0376</b>	Little Sisters of the Poor	<b>VO/0417</b>	Malta Medical Students' Association (MMSA)
<b>VO/0386</b>	Lumiere Support Group	<b>VO/0418</b>	Heritage Parks Federation (The)
<b>VO/0387</b>	Mdina Knights Football Club	<b>VO/0419</b>	Amadeus Chamber Choir
<b>VO/0388</b>	Kinemastik	<b>VO/0420</b>	Ta' Klula Foundation
<b>VO/0389</b>	Mediterranean Voices Association Malta (MVAM)	<b>VO/0421</b>	Friends of Australia Association - Gozo Branch
<b>VO/0390</b>	Xagħra Historical Re- Enactment Organisations	<b>VO/0423</b>	Tgħanniqa
<b>VO/0392</b>	Malta Association of Psychiatric Trainees	<b>VO/0424</b>	St. Francis Foundation for Animals
<b>VO/0393</b>	Malta Hotels & Restaurants Association (MHRA)	<b>VO/0425</b>	Arthritis and Rheumatism Association of Malta
<b>VO/0394</b>	Fondazzjoni Patrimonju Siġġiewi. Siġġiewi Heritage Foundation.	<b>VO/0426</b>	Balluta Residents Association

<b>VO/0427</b>	Malta Vocational Centre Association (MVC)	<b>VO/0457</b>	Malta Photographic Society
<b>VO/0428</b>	GetUpStandUp!	<b>VO/0458</b>	Lejn Xefaq Ġdid
<b>VO/0429</b>	The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Malta	<b>VO/0460</b>	Fostering Social Technological Economic Renewal Foundation (FOSTER)
<b>VO/0430</b>	Malta Human Rights Commission	<b>VO/0461</b>	Deeper Christian Life Ministry
<b>VO/0431</b>	Private Schools Association	<b>VO/0462</b>	Malta Argentine Tango Association
<b>VO/0432</b>	Għaqda Produtturi tal-Għasel Malti	<b>VO/0464</b>	Arab European Forum for Development and Dialogue
<b>VO/0433</b>	Malta Association for the Counselling Profession (MACP)	<b>VO/0465</b>	Big Friends Guggen Musik A.D. 2008
<b>VO/0434</b>	The Maltese Rottweiler Club	<b>VO/0466</b>	European Alliance for Freedom
<b>VO/0435</b>	Order of Saint Lazarus - Gozo Commandery	<b>VO/0468</b>	ORDO EQUITUM SANCTISSIMI SALVATORE ET SANCTORUM Sub Titoli Apostolorum Petri et Pauli
<b>VO/0436</b>	Friends of the National Archives of Malta	<b>VO/0469</b>	European Foundation for Freedom
<b>VO/0437</b>	Malta Career Guidance Association (MCGA)	<b>VO/0470</b>	Talent Żebbugi
<b>VO/0438</b>	Malta Institute of Professional Photography	<b>VO/0471</b>	Gozo Business Chamber
<b>VO/0439</b>	Home Economists in Action (HEiA)	<b>VO/0472</b>	Magħtab Residents' Association
<b>VO/0442</b>	Foundation for Architecture and Art in Malta and the Mediterranean (FAAMM)	<b>VO/0473</b>	Exiles Sports Club
<b>VO/0443</b>	Għaqda Mużikali Vitztazzjoni	<b>VO/0474</b>	Filipino Overseas Contract Workers in Malta
<b>VO/0444</b>	Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants (FSM)	<b>VO/0475</b>	Arkati Foundation (The)
<b>VO/0445</b>	Domus Pius IX	<b>VO/0476</b>	Association of Insurance Brokers
<b>VO/0446</b>	Għaqda Mużikali San Ġuzepp - Għajnsielem A.D 1928	<b>VO/0477</b>	Malta Developers Association
<b>VO/0447</b>	Gozo Football Association	<b>VO/0478</b>	Alternattiva Demokratika Żgħażaġh - Green Youth (Malta)
<b>VO/0448</b>	Permaculture Research Foundation Malta	<b>VO/0481</b>	Maltese Italian Chamber of Commerce
<b>VO/0450</b>	Kirkop Utd. Football Club	<b>VO/0482</b>	Malta Association of Optometrists
<b>VO/0452</b>	The Royal British Legion (Malta GC)	<b>VO/0483</b>	Fondazzjoni Ordni tal-Paċi
<b>VO/0453</b>	Assoċjazzjoni tas-Sidien, Caravans u Bangalows Għadira Site Mellieħa	<b>VO/0484</b>	Association of Model Engineers
<b>VO/0454</b>	Malta-Bulgarian Business Council Association	<b>VO/0485</b>	The Abulafia Jewish Foundation of Malta (seals of secrecy)
<b>VO/0455</b>	Maltese-Serbian Community	<b>VO/0486</b>	The Ghana Mission Foundation
<b>VO/0456</b>	Mediterranean Solidarity Foundation (k/a MEDSOL Foundation)		

## VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS' ACTIVITIES



*'Walk for Life Marsaxlokk to Valletta Waterfront' activity organised by the Action for Breast Cancer Foundation*



*'Car Wash Day' organised by volunteers in aid of Arka Foundation*



*Members of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Association, during the 'heart to heart' cushion making activity in aid of Puttinu Cares*



*The Association of Model Engineers exhibiting its members scale models, during the Hamrun Boys Lyceum School fund raising activity in aid of Dar tal-Providenza and Hospice Malta*



*CAMYouths during voluntary work, in Tunes, Tunisia to help children of La Goulette, organised in conjunction with the Sisters of Mother Theresa*



*Din I-Art Helwa and PricewaterhouseCoopers' volunteers cleaning up the historic Tower at Xlendi Bay*



*The Don Bosco Oratory Youth Group during a three day activity which included volunteering seminars, art exhibition, dance shows and concerts*



*The children's club CUBS under the auspices of KRPE within the Federation for Hunting & Conservation, during a visit to the Natural History Museum*



*Opening ceremony of a course on Breast Cancer in Hopexchange Hospital in Kumasi, Ghana. This hospital was funded by the Maltese through the Ghana Mission Foundation*



*Opening ceremony of the International Voluntary Day Event (G.I.V.E.) organised by the Gozo NGOs Association*



*Gozo SPCA takes care of abandoned dogs and finds new homes in Malta and Europe. The photo shows the dog 'Cammy' who has been rehomed in UK*



*Happy Moments Kenya completed the nursery school project in Kenya, financed by the Government of Malta and many contributions from individuals in Malta and abroad*



*As part of the Malta Arts Festival The New Choral Singers presented a concert of secular music at the President's Palace. The choir holds various concerts in aid of charity*



*The Ignatian Youth Network during a summer school in Naples. In 2010 the group had similar summer school projects in Egypt and Ireland, together with other work with the sick in Ethiopia*



*A computer class that Grupp Missjunarju Kull Bniedem Hija furnished as part of a building project to home persons with disability in Sigomre, Kenya*



*International Youth Summer Camp 2010 organised by British Branch of VOTO (Voluntary Order of the Order of Malta) with the participation of LAND (living ability not disability) group representing Malta*



*Volunteers of the Malta Aviation Museum during the assembly of the wings of the newly restored TIGER MOTH aircraft.*



*The Malta Girl Guides Association during their National Camp to celebrate the one hundred years of Girl Guides worldwide*



*Fruit exhibition held by the Malta Horticulture Society in San Anton Gardens*



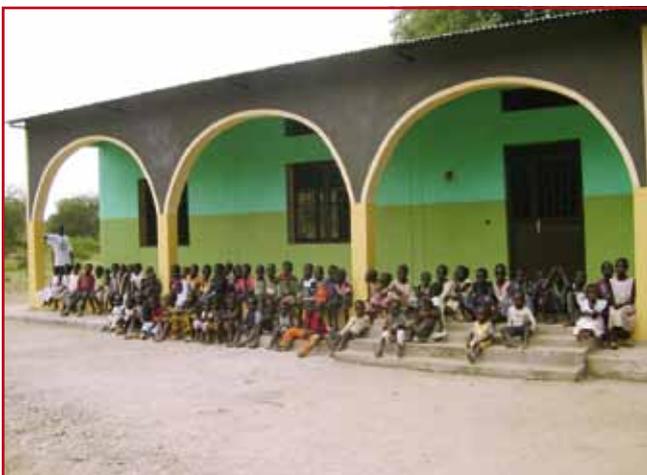
*A photo shoot during one of the activities held by the Malta Institute of Professional Photography*



*Maltese Cross Corps supporting elderly persons and others living on their own, but are unable to prepare a decent meal, by means of the Meals on Wheels scheme*



*Mission Fund volunteers helping in the construction of an extension to Makiungu Hospital, Tanzania run by Sr Maria Borda MMM*



*Missionary Movement Jesus in thy Neighbour, opened the first day centre in Akado Ethiopia, for children who never went to school before.*



*Multiple Sclerosis Society during an activity to celebrate the Multiple Sclerosis Day held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May of each year*



*Nature Trust during the various activities organised*



*As part of the activities of the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion 2010, the National Council of Women organised a public dialogue on mental health*



*Oasi Foundation during a book fair*



*Hibernians Sports Association organised a special volleyball game in aid of the Malta Cancer Foundation to upgrade women's wards at Sir Paul Boffa Hospital*



*Medecins Sans Frontieres organised 'Women from One World' activity at Peace Lab. Somali women shared their culture with Maltese and foreign women*



*Puttinu Cares during a football marathon held between the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April 2010*



*S.T.A.R.S. Support Group during a Christmas event to promote inclusion and to highlight the group's children's abilities rather than their disabilities*



*The annual exhibition of the The Malta Society of Model Makers held in March 2010 at the Catholic Institute, Floriana.*



*Socjeta' Muzikali Banda Marija Regina, Marsa, during its participation in the carnival of Malta*



*St. Paul Choral Society during "Dona Eis Requiem" concert held at St. John's Co-Cathedral*



*Official opening of the Holy Week Exhibition by Archbishop of Malta Mons. Paul Cremona at St. Gabriel Band Club Balzan A.D. 1920*



*St. John Rescue Corps members participating in a simulated aircraft accident exercise held at Malta International Airport*



*St. Julian's Band Club AD 1927 performing at the Manoel Theatre during the annual concert organised by Għaqda Każini tal-Banda on the occasion of St. Cecilia patron saint of musicians.*



*Santa's Grotto – a Christmas activity organised by Funny Farm, where the public met the rescued horses taken care of by this voluntary organisation.*



*S.T.A.N.D (Striving Towards Ability Not Disability) Group attending a tailor made course for disabled young people.*



*Members of Wirt Għawdex, together with MCAST students, during a cleaning up activity in Għajn Tuta, Gozo*



*Hospice Malta Volunteers during the Mid-Night Walk held in September 2010*



*Cats at Thomasina Cat Sanctuary where abandoned cats are sheltered*



*One of the activities of Touring Club Malta promoting the idea of motoring overland*



*Tgħanniqa, a voluntary organisation working with children and youths to better their quality of life, organised an activity for its members at Ta' Qali*



*Malta Exercise Health and Fitness Association during an exercise session for the elderly at Ta' Qali*



*Members of Žminijetna during a debate on "COLA reform and the Household Budgetary Survey". The general public and other organisations participated in the event*



*Soċjeta' Filarmonika Leone A.D. 1863, together with Aurora Opera House and Aurora Folk Group during one of their activities in Sliema*



*Saint Lawrence Band Club was the first band club to perform in Dar Malta in Brussels in December 2010*



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