



GRTU Annual Report 2011

Vincent Farrugia

Director General

Sections

- Renewable energy
 - 6 million in Schemes for PVs
- VRT Stations
 - Increase in test price
- Quarry Owners
 - Explosions
- Gas



Sections

- Fruit & Vegetables
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Bowser owners 'under attack'

Article published on 20 June 2010

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GRTU is meeting with the owners of water bowser companies to negotiate on their behalf in discussions with the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs regarding the conditions on this self-employed...





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Operaturi tal-water bowzers jaslju Fkompromess

Newsy, 16 Apr 2011



GRTU (ilha għal dawn l-artiklu) b'għaliq ta' 10 operaturi tal-water bowzers sabiex jinfurx f'għaliq ta' 10 operaturi tal-water bowzers. Dan l-għaliq ta' GRTU jgħid li operaturi waħda li nistgħu jkollhom mal-Ministru għal-Risorsi u l-Ambjent Rurali (MRA), l-Transport Malti (TM) u l-Malta Resources Authority (MRA) fuq oġġetti pendenti.

Post Issues (show):

Sections

- Pharmacies
 - Price control, licences, distance definition
- Cargo Hauliers
 - Freeport, VGT, space
- Petrol Stations
 - Investments, profit margins



Sections

- Ta` Qali Crafts Village
 - Leases, new project
- Viticulturalists
 - Extension of lease, late payments
- Auto dealers
 - Stocks
- Valletta City gate retailers





Localities

- **Valletta**
 - Projects
 - Outside City Gate Kiosks
 - Location of Monti
 - Works in St Paul's Street
 - Distribution times



Wednesday, August 3, 2011, 14:37
Valletta business owners left in the dark



Valletta business owners have not been carried out in St Paul Street, the GRTU project announced last month that Gate project started, is to be closed if roadworks planned by the council.

The GRTU, Chamber for Small and Mid that with the upper part of Valletta being closed, it was incredible and incomprehensible also closing St Paul Street.



Localities

- M'Xlokk
 - Monti
 - Promenade
- Paola
 - Interchange
- Naxxar
 - Embellishment
 - Pedestrianisation

GRTU asks Marsaxlokk local council to relocate Monti



by di-va.com - editorial@di-va.com
Local News -- 26 March 2011 -- 12:15CEST

The GRTU has asked the Marsaxlokk local council to find an alternative location for its famous Monti open market.

The union said that the current location of the market was depleting business from restaurant owners, who had the Monti set up in front of them seven days a week from morning till evening.

The Monti was also increasing traffic flow and hindering parking, a situation that violated MEPA policies and constituted bad neighbourliness, GRTU said.

L-Għajn tal-Hassejn or an indoor location were suggested as possible alternate venues for the market.



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Thursday, April 28, 2011, by Corinne Bugeant

Pedestrianisation plans raise eyebrows



THE NEWS MARKETPLACE

Paola interchange plan changed after GRTU representations

The GRTU Paola local council and the Ministry for Infrastructure Transport & Co location for the Paola Interchange so that no harm will be caused to the business



Localities

- Mellieha
 - Traffic Arrangement
- Marsa
 - Works
- Sliema
 - Arriva
- Paceville
 - Embellishment



Issues

- Outdoor tables & chairs
 - Guarantee reduced
- Pictorials on cigarette pack
- Opening near polling stations
 - Divorce referendum
- Anti-Dumping
 - Ceramic goods from China



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Thursday, Mar 12 2011, 15:17

Shops near polling stations to stay open

Shops within 50 meters of polling stations will not be forced to close on May 28, when the referendum is held, the GRTU said today.

GRTU negotiates reduced outdoor permit rates

by di-ve.com - editorial@di-ve.com
Local News -- 01 April 2011 -- 17:15CEST

The GRTU has successfully negotiated a reduction in the bank guarantee requirement for commercial establishments having a permit for outdoor tables and chairs.

Following lengthy negotiations, the GRTU has agreed to reduce the bank guarantee requirement for licensees of establishments having a permit for outdoor tables and chairs.

The rate, which was previously €50 per square meter, will now be calculated at the rate of €25 per square meter occupied by an establishment.

In a statement, Phil Schembri, Director of the GRTU, said that the Finance and Leisure Division should be very aware that unless we have the support of the strong local industry to protect Government



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Anti-Dumping or Dumping Malta?

GRTU has today written to the Minister for Finance with strong local industry to protect Government

This is not the first time we have come to this situation and GRTU believes Government by now should be very aware that unless we have the support of the strong local industry to protect Government

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- Fuel Prices





Issues

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- Maternity Leave
 - Self-Employed
- POYC
 - Tax-credit, way forward
- CVA



Cooperation with Authorities

- EU Commission Representation
 - Meeting with Martin Bugelli
- Malta Communications Authority
 - Trustmark
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- Malta Labour Party
 - Cordial Meeting
- MCCA
 - Establishment of the Authority



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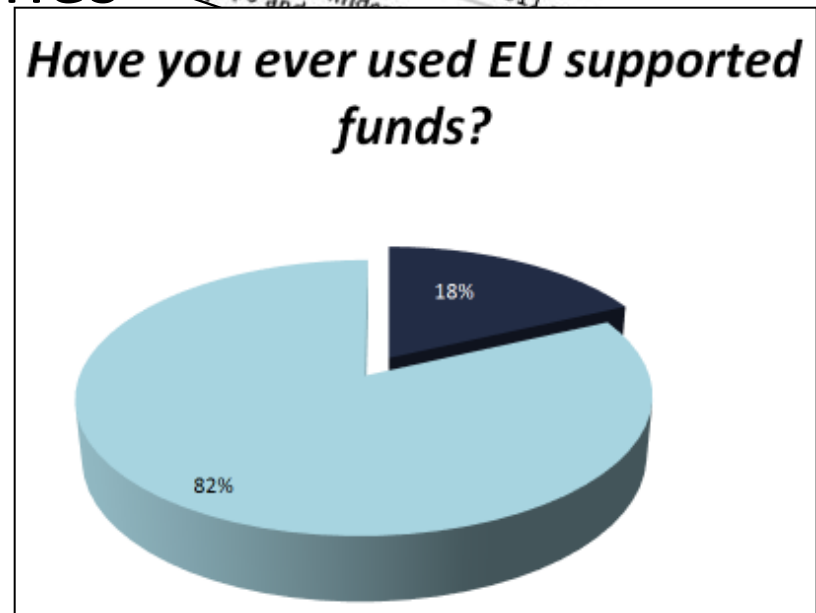
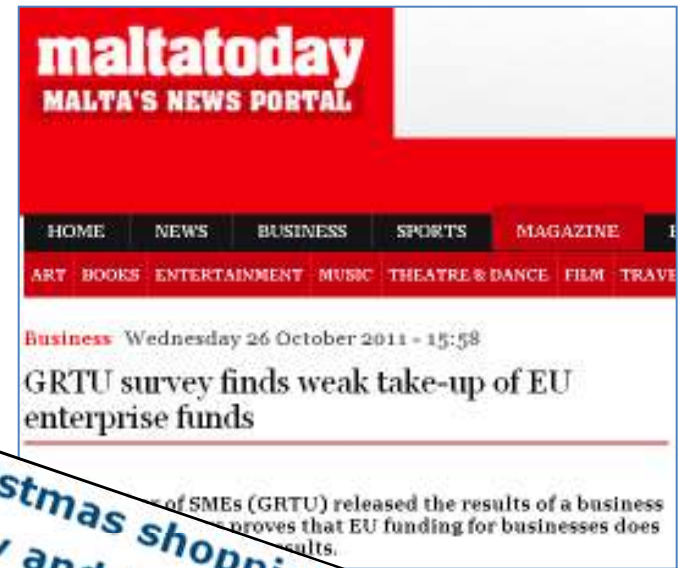
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 - Meeting with CEO, WEEE Directive
- MFIN
 - Open Markets
- VAT
 - Extension of deadline for dues
- MCESD





Surveys

- Festive Season Sales Survey
- SME Financing Plan
- eCommerce and Payments
- Use of EU funds and schemes by Maltese businesses





EU Desk Consultation

- Working Time Directive
- GAPSE
- Innovative Union
- European Social Dialogue
- Plastic bags
- Consumer Rights
- Consultation process
- Employment Relations
- Gender mainstreaming
- Implications of EU membership
- sustainable consumption and production
- Basel III
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- Administrative Burdens
- Stress at Work

Participation abroad

- Own Brands a Taste of Diversity
- Citizens and Poverty
- Strengthening the voice of the Commerce Sector
- Industrial Relations Report
- 2011 European Consumer Day
- Retail market monitoring & Collective Redress

- III European Economic Congress



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Vince Farrugia at the III European Economic Congress

Prime Minister: Jacek Raczko - the Croatian Prime Minister; Petr Nečas - Prime Minister of Czech Republic and Victor Orban - Hungarian Prime Minister.

The European Economic Congress is one of the most important business events in Central Europe. The leading topic of the next Congress is the competitive European economy. The congress reflected on what actions have to be undertaken, which processes need to be launched, which priorities we should focus on so that the European economy can compete successfully with the most aggressive economies of Asia and both Americas. The crucial aspect of fighting for competitiveness is the question of institutional reform of the EU which needs to function more efficiently and effectively.

The Congress was opened by Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament. Other speakers included EU Vice President Tadjem and Jacek Lewandowski, EU Commissioner for Budget and Finance Programming. As the only other EESC representative besides the EESC President, Stephan Meinen, Vince Farrugia presented to the European Economic Congress his views on EU Economic Governance and on the Prevention and Correction of Macro-economic Imbalances and on the Effective Enforcement of Regulatory Surveillance in the Euro Area. Vince Farrugia's Opinion as Rapporteur on this theme became official EESC Opinion during the last May Plenary of EESC.

This year's European Economic Congress has a record number of guests of the highest rank. 100 sessions will be organised within the remit of the congress and a total of 6,000 participants will take part in this three-day event.

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Paul calls Hedergren Jan undertaking 2011 Call launched
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EU Compliance Issues

- Meetings & Events
- Benefit from EU projects
- Delegations
- Implementation of Social Partner Framework Agreements
- International Trade
- Food, Nutrition & Health
- Social Affairs & Social Dialogue
- Internal market & consumer affairs
- Payment systems
- Education and Training
- SME Policy
- Economic and Fiscal



EU related representation

- EESC
- MEUSAC
- Monitoring Committee for structural funds



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Cross-border Tax Obstacles
GRTU DG presents paper at EESC

freedom of movement of people, goods, services and capital such as VAT on consumption of goods and services and anti-avoidance general rules. The aim of the Commission is to design tax policies and regulations that promote economic growth and job creation while enhancing competition.

Over the past decade, growth in the movement of goods, services and capital raised more concern on problems associated with cross-border taxation. These are likely to increase if measures are not implemented to lower the barriers as much as possible. The queries highlight the need for simplifications in tax rules and application processes.

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Mixed reaction to GRTU President's comments on Diversa

Valetta buys means deal change in distribution times

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Consultation: Multiannual financial framework

Saturday, 26 November 2011

2014 - 2020
The new financial framework

The GRTU has this week participated to a consultation session organised by MEUSAC on the multiannual financial framework (MFF) for the period 2014-2020 presented by the European Commission on 29 June and entitled "A Budget for Europe 2020", which will be decisive for the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy in general but also to determine the possibilities the European Institutions will have to support Crafts and SMEs in Europe.



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Europe, Trade And The Wider World

Vincenzo Farrugia Director General of GRTU and EESC Employers Group Bureau Member participated last week in the high powered Trade related Seminar on Europe, Trade and the wider world held at Clifford Chance, London.

Keynote speakers in the Seminar were Prof. Stephen Woolcock - Director Entertainment Trade Policy Unit, London

the responsibility to ensure through these instruments that appropriate measures are taken against those infringing the rules of fair trade. However, Europe pays a high price for the anti-dumping, countervailing and safeguard measures imposed by DG Trade. Importers, retailers and consumers suffer heavily from costly and unpredictable trade defence actions. A prime example occurred in 2005 when 80 million Chinese shirts, trousers and

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Vincenzo Farrugia: "me must be stronger in our defence of the Euro"

GRTU Survey on EU Funding

Business Proposal: Mechanism 2009-2014 Open Calls for Proposals

Employment

- Work Trial Scheme
- Employment Aid Programme

Corporate Agreements

- Vodafone Malta
- Atlas Insurance

GRTU signs agreement with Vodafone (Malta) for the benefit of its members



GRTU and Vodafone (Malta) Limited have together entered into a corporate agreement earlier this month, laying down the foundations for future cooperation with the primary objective of giving GRTU members preferential benefits and cost saving opportunities on their communications spend. This agreement

was signed by President Paul Abela on behalf of GRTU and Managing Director Balesh Sharma on behalf of Vodafone (Malta).

Amongst several initiatives GRTU members who are already sub-

benefit from an initial period of free access. Companies which are already members of the GRTU may further benefit from preferential advantages for the Directors and employees of the company.

GRTU members shall also be able to benefit from a period of free access upon subscribing and entering into an agreement on either the Vodafone Liberty Silver or the Liberty Platinum pay monthly plans. Vodafone have also offered to give the Internet Key for free to all those GRTU members who subscribe to any one of the indicated Liberty plans.

In addition to this GRTU Members may also benefit from free consultation given by Vodafone on potential cost saving opportunities on electronic communications services.

Nowadays, the technology industry has gone through several phases of improvement and so GRTU took this opportunity to help its members with available offers in such sector. Telephony and communication are an integral part of running a business today and therefore with this agreement GRTU with the collaboration of Vodafone (Malta) will be lending another helping hand



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Thank you for your kind attention