



# GAL XLOKK FOUNDATION

Background & Measures issued so far...



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# GAL XLOKK PROFILE

- The GAL Xlokk Foundation was founded by a group of local councils and private entities in the southern part of Malta.
- The Xlokk region holds a population of 109,023 inhabitants covering an area of 72.8km<sup>2</sup>. This foundation applied under the LEADER programme of the EU Common Agricultural Policy to become in 2010 one of the three Maltese registered Local Action Groups (LAGs) representing the southern rural region of Malta.
- A committee was formed up of 49% representing the Local Councils and 51% representing the private sector.
- The diversified actions, which are managed by the LAG will cover a wide spectra of the rural community activities such as rural development events, sports, culture and drama, rural infrastructure and other community well-being participation.
- The GAL Xlokk foundation developed a strategy for the Xlokk Region. This strategy embraces different actions, which have to be implemented until 2013. Each action will be advertised, promoted and procured. However information about these actions can be followed in one of these local councils: Kirkop, Luqa, Zurrieq, Qrendi, Ghaxaq, Birzebbuga, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Qormi and Zejtun which are full members of the GAL Xlokk. It is foreseen, that more local councils, which make part of the Xlokk region, will become full members of this foundation.



About Us

# LEADER INITIATIVE

- The LEADER initiative, launched in the nineties with the aim of improving the development potential of rural areas focuses on bringing together the different public and private local actors. Malta, thanks to the financial allocation of about **€3.8 million** devoted from the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 to the implementation of the LEADER strategies has started to put in place this innovative project.
- The LEADER approach is based on the crucial role of Local Action Groups (LAGs): a public/private partnership composed by representatives of the Local Administration and the private sector. The Local Action Group was in charge of coordinating the design of the local development strategy and nowadays, that this strategy has been accepted, it is being implemented. Representatives of the public sector such as Local Councils and other Government entities as well as representatives of social economic partners and other civil society organisations form these Local Action Groups.



# MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

## MR. JOSEPH ATTARD



Welcome to this Seminar being held in Sofia and many thanks for your hospitality. Although the idea of the Leader dates back to the 90's, Malta did not take part in previous programmes such as Leader I, Leader II and Leader+. In fact we are the only EU member country with no previous experience in this type of programme. Contrary to the previous programmes, the Leader programme as we know it today forms an integral part of the Rural Development Plan (RDP) 2007-2013, as Axis Four of this programme. Given that this programme is one of the four axes of the RDP, the Maltese Government had to dedicate at least a minimum percentage of these funds to this axis. These funds then needed to be operated by non-profit making foundations in the form of Public-Private Partnerships which are known as Local Action Groups or LAGs.

LAG XLOKK officially started operating in mid-2010 and although we are still on a learning curve, I am pretty sure that we will succeed in this new adventure. I am very honoured to be the first Chairman of this Local Action Group which, in my opinion, has got all the capabilities and expertise required to run successfully this programme in LAG Xlokk territory, thus ensuring another Leader type programme within the next EU programming period, that is 2014-2020.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGER

## MR. SILVIO SCHEMBRI

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2010 the Foundation Local Action Group (LAG) XLOKK signed an agreement with the Paying Agency within the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs to start the implementation of it's Local Development Strategy in line with the Rural Development Programme 2007 – 2013.

By signing this agreement the Foundation LAG XLOKK has been officially recognised as a Local Action Group responsible to implement the LEADER programme for the South-East region in Malta. This agreement has a value of about €3 million and all these funds should be committed by 2013.

Unfortunately our region is still new-fangled to sustainable and green investment in fact the majority of the Country's investment associated with pollution such as; industrial estates, power stations, fish-farms and freeport amongst others can be found in this region. This programme is the silver lining in this rather dark picture.

Finally I urge interested parties to contact us on [info@galxlokk.com](mailto:info@galxlokk.com) and I would like to congratulate and wish you the best of luck for this seminar and for future cooperation between our LAG and your respective LAGs.



# XLOKK REGION MAP





# OUR MEASURES ENDING YEAR 2013

413.A1a -Communication

413.A1b -Setting up of Tourist Hub

411.A2 -Artisan and Agricultural Activities

413.A3 -Open Call - Voluntary organisations

413.A4 -Training for project managers

413.A5 -Embellishment projects

413.A6 -Cultural education / activities

413.A7 -Community support for children

413.A8 -Open Call - Sports activities

M125 -Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture

M313 -Encouragement of Tourism Activities

M421 -Transnational Cooperation

# MEASURES ISSUED SO FAR

- Measure 313 – Encouragement of Tourism Activities
- Measure 125 – Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture
- Measure 413.A3 – OPEN CALL – Voluntary Organisations
- Measure 413.A8 – OPEN CALL – Sports activities / Facilities
- Measure 413.A1A – Communication and Branding of the Region

LEADER





# Number of Entities who applied under this measure: (5 –public 1- private)

## PUBLIC ENTITIES:

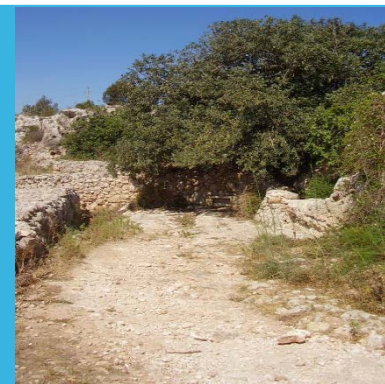
- GHAXAQ LC
- LUQA LC
- MARSASCALA LC
- QORMI LC
- ZEJTUN LC



## PRIVATE ENTITY:

- CHATEAUX HERITAGE

*Chateaux Heritage Limited*



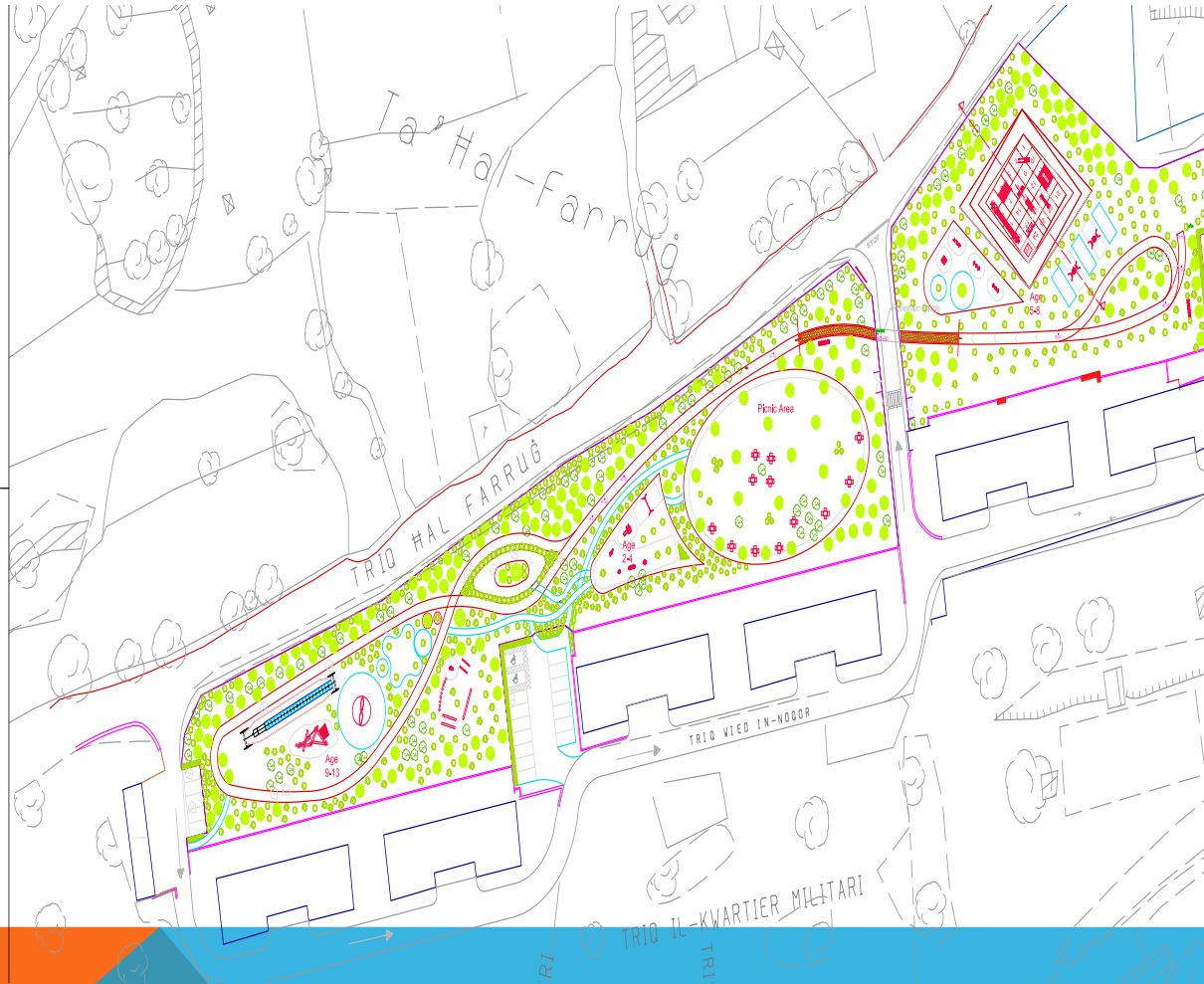


# Ghaxaq LC – A Leisure and Sporting Facility in Hal Ghaxaq





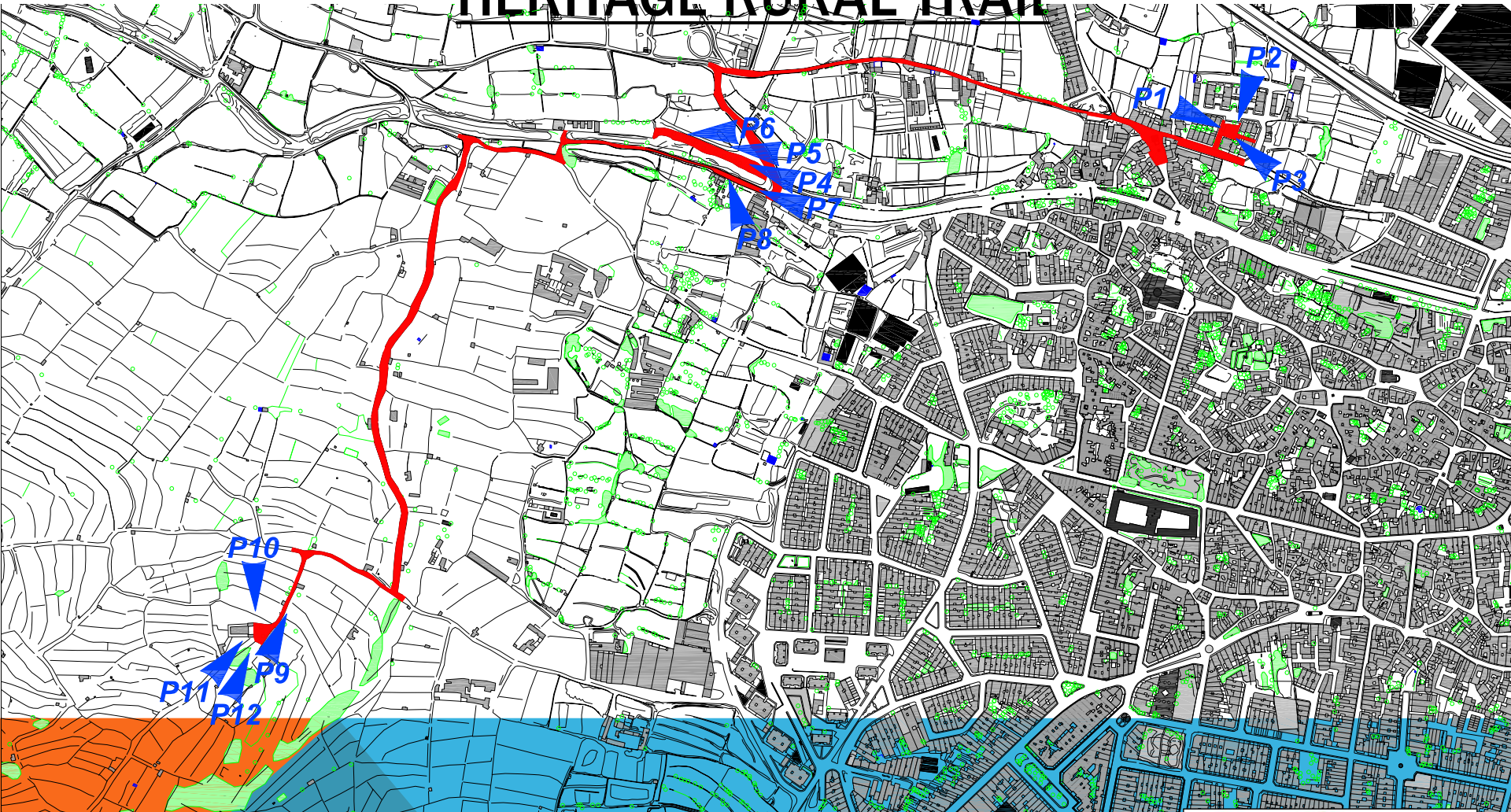
# LUQA LC - HAL FARRUG, FAMILY PARK





# QORMI LC - FROM TAL-BLAT TO TAL-HLAS

## HERITAGE RURAL TRAIL



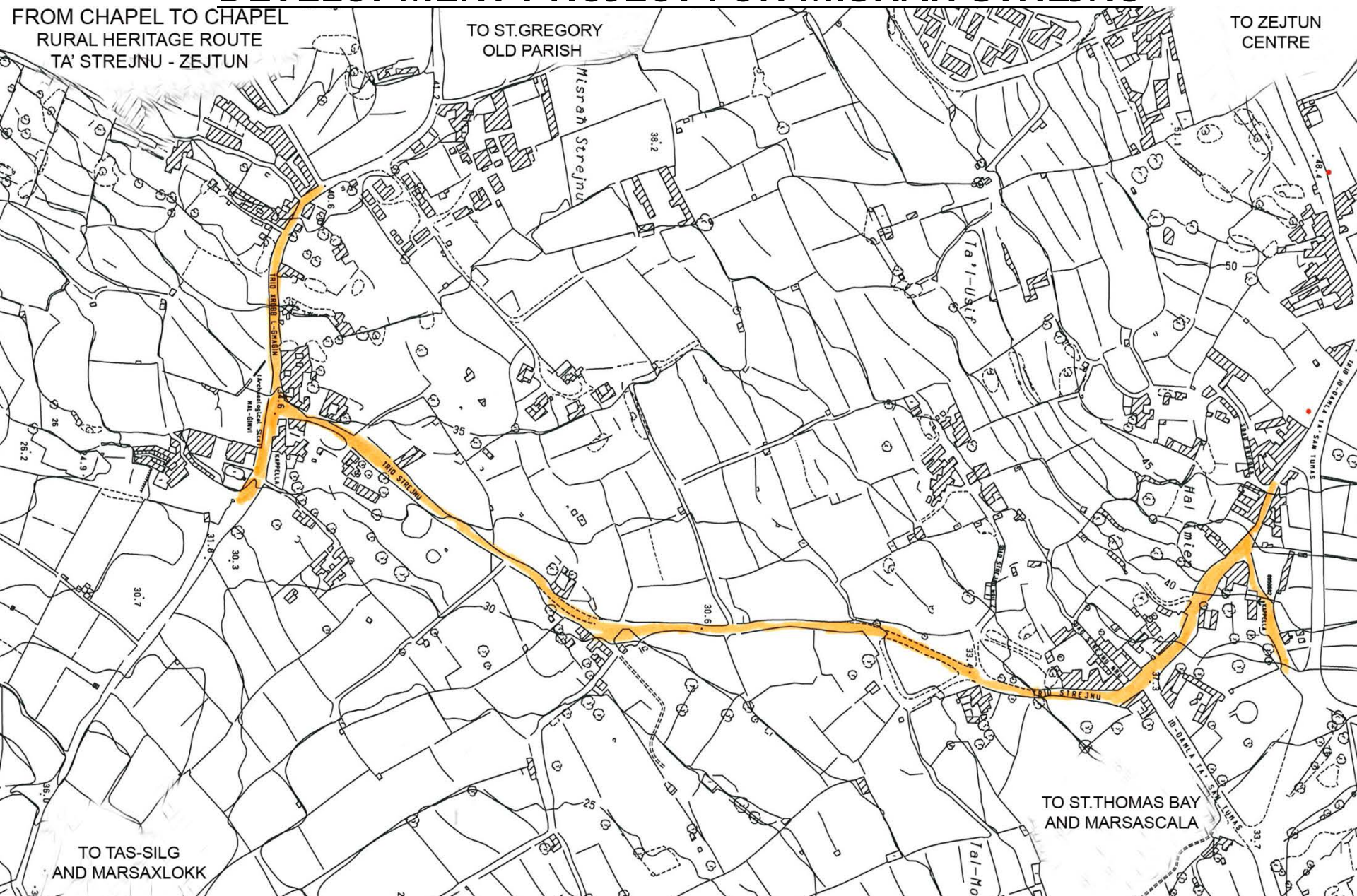


# ZEJTUN LC - FROM CHAPEL TO CHAPEL - A RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR MISRAH STREJNU

FROM CHAPEL TO CHAPEL  
RURAL HERITAGE ROUTE  
TA' STREJNU - ZEJTUN

TO ST.GREGORY  
OLD PARISH

TO ZEJTUN  
CENTRE



TO TAS-SILG  
AND MARSAXLOKK

TO ST.THOMAS BAY  
AND MARSASCALA



# MARSASCALA LC - LEISURE PARK IN RURAL SAN TUMAS

To include various activity areas such that the park may be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities simultaneously, encouraging social interaction and physical development by all visitors in a fun environment.

Gym areas are located next to kids areas such that parents may easily supervise their children while pursuing their own activities.

Health Trek and Fitness Trails are included to improve fitness levels through a combination of balance, strength, agility and coordination exercises, creating circuits that are ideal for group activity and competitions.

## HEALTH TREK (ADULT)



## GYM AREA 1



## KIDS AREA (AGE 2-8)



## GYM AREA 2



## PICNIC AREA



EXISTING PATHWAYS

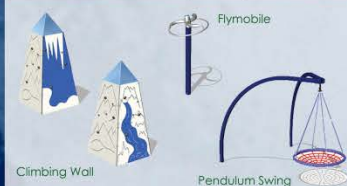
PROPOSED PATHWAYS

PROPOSED CLEARANCE

EXISTING PLAYGROUND

BIKE RACKS

## ADVENTURE ZONE (AGE 8-16)



## FITNESS TRAIL COMPONENTS



## FITNESS TRAIL (AGE 5-ADULT)








# THE XLOKK REGION MALTESE PALAZZO

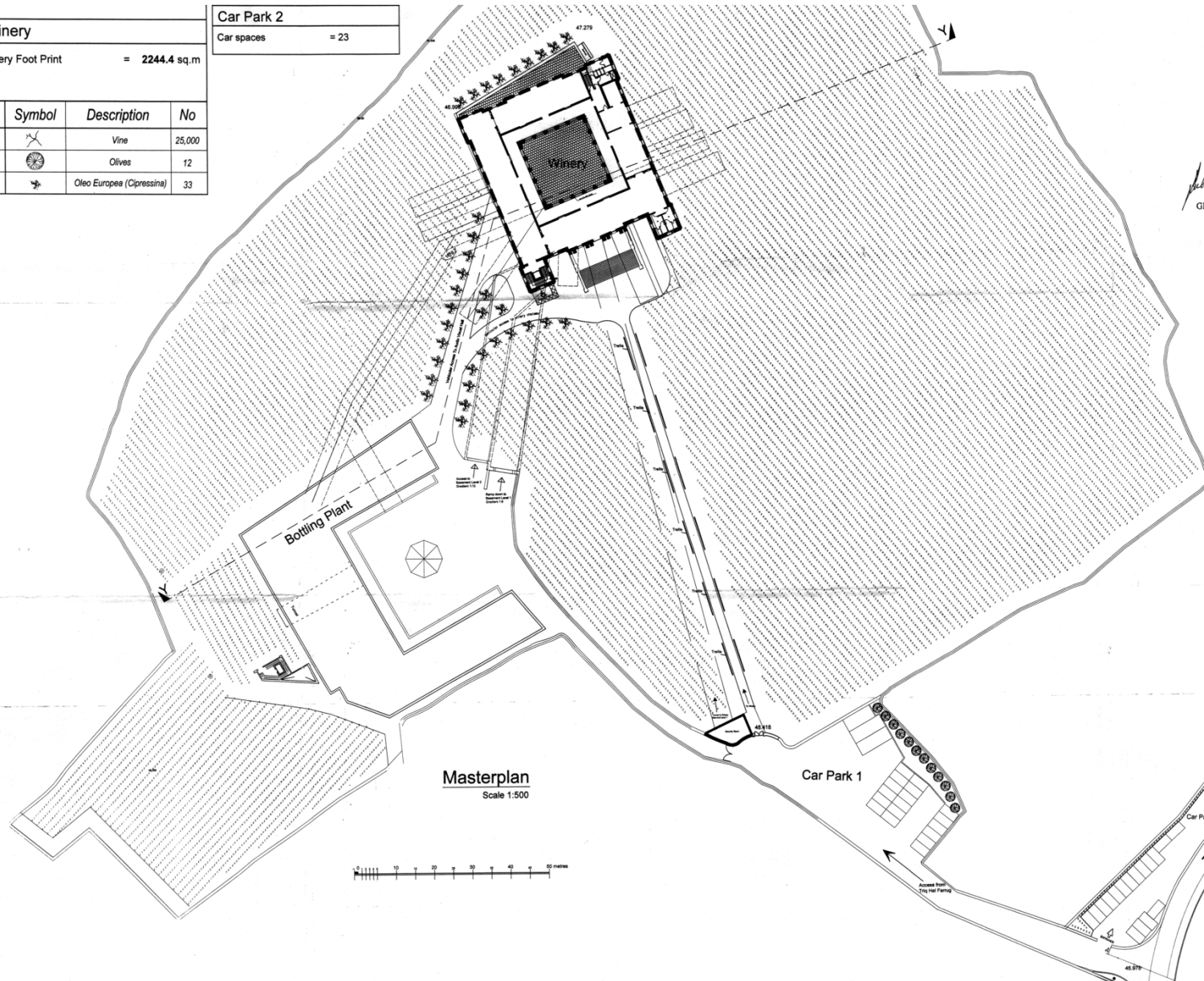
Winery

Winery Foot Print = 2244.4 sq.m

No	Symbol	Description	No
01		Vine	25,000
02		Olives	12
		Oleo Europea (Cipressina)	33

Car Park 2

Car spaces = 23



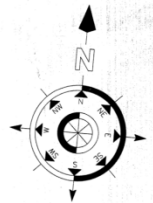
Masterplan  
Scale 1:500

Project Part sanctioning as soon as winery and adjacent vineyard incl alterations, extension and change of use of part basement into a tourist attraction area.	
Title:	Masterplan
Location:	Maltese Palazzo and Xlokk Region
Client:	Charles Parnis
Drawn By:	Ennio Ellul
Our Ref:	185.03
Scale:	1:500
Date:	29/09/06
Drawing No:	185.04.2006

Revised as per requirements of  
Fire Safety Report dated 4.10.06

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PLAN No. P.A. 144/06/20P  
D.C.C. Board No:

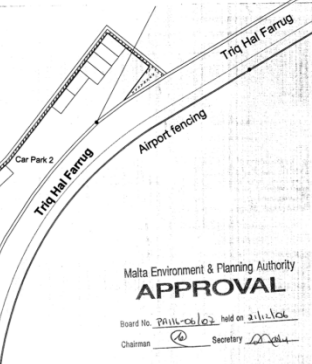


Trellis Elevation  
Scale 1:20



Trellis Section  
Scale 1:20

Low level rubble wall



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Chairman *[Signature]* Secretary *[Signature]*



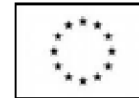
# M125 – application process regarding this measure

There were 2 processes regarding this measure:

## Process 1: Expression of Interest

Those potential beneficiaries who wish to apply for funds under M125 to improve access to their agricultural holdings must first apply for:

- The Expression of Interest Form issued by the GAL Xlokk Foundation



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European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

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2007 – 2013

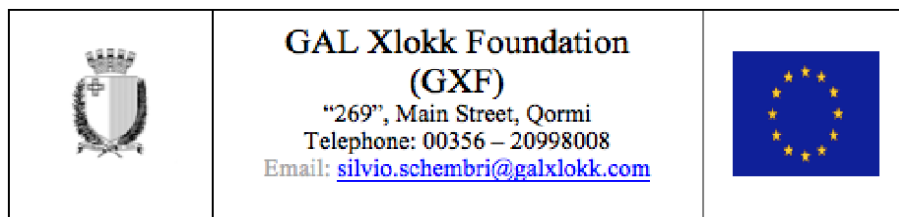
Expression of Interest Form



Measure 125 – Infrastructure related to the development and adaptation of agriculture

This Measure falls under the **PROJECT** category under Priority Axis 1 of Malta's Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2007 – 2013, and is part financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and falls under the responsibility of the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs (MRRA).

## PROCESS 2: FORMAL APPLICATION FOR FUNDING UNDER M125



European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

**Rural Development Programme for Malta  
2007 – 2013**

Application Form

Measure 125 – 'Infrastructure related to the development and  
adaptation of agriculture'

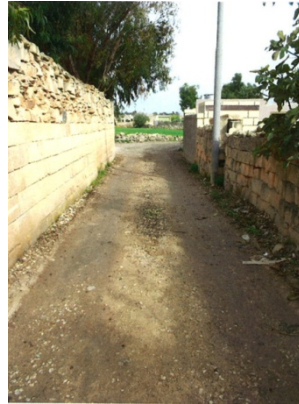
### Process 2: Formal Application for funding under M125

- Only applicants who had responded to the call for the expression of interest can apply at the 2nd stage
- In the formal application form, applicants will apply only for the projects that had been classified as eligible during the 1st stage (Expression of interest)
- The applicant will present the BOQ prepared by the architect in the first stage together with the relevant MEPA application or permit (if required)
- Preference shall be given to projects which do not require a MEPA permit

## M125 – number of entities who applied under this measure

### Public Entities:

- Birzebbugia LC
- Ghaxaq LC
- Kirkop LC
- Luqa LC
- Marsascula LC
- Qrendi LC
- Safi LC
- Zabbar LC
- Zejtun LC
- Zurrieq LC



### Private Entity:

- Mr. Horace Azzopardi



# Measure 413.a3 – open call

## *MEASURE 413.A3 – OPEN CALL – VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS*

This action issued by GAL XLOKK is intended to provide a colorful picture of the community by inducing interest among volunteers to contribute towards the well being of the citizens

### Eligible Beneficiaries are:

- NGOS
- VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS
- LOCAL CLUBS







# Measure 413.a8 – open call

## *MEASURE 413.A8 – OPEN CALL – SPORTS ORGANISATIONS*

This is an open call and beneficiaries can decide what type of activity they wish to pursue

Priority will be given to actions that promote community cohesiveness through sports initiatives that address children/youth

### *The main Beneficiaries under this action are:*

- *SPORTS ORGANISATIONS*

- *NGOS*

- *VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS*





# Measure 413.a1a – communication



An important aspect of the strategy is the promotion of the Xlokk Region

This will be completed by publishing information on the territory through different means such as:

- An interactive web-site
- Publishing of books
  - Brochures
- Calendar of events
- Dvd's on the region itself

The Beneficiary for this measure will be the:

LOCAL ACTION GROUP ITSELF





# Measure 413.a1a – communication



The GAL XLOKK so far has issued the *Adverts* regarding the invitations to tender on the local newspapers for those entities interested

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## Invitation To Tender

### Communication and Branding of the Region

The Xlokk Action Group Foundation need the service for the implimentation of a communication strategy and branding of the South East Region of Malta.

A hard copy of the document – ref GXR: M413.A1a may be obtained from 269, Main Street, Qormi between 8.00 am and 4.00pm on payment of ! 150. Any clarifications and addenda would be communicated on the website ONLY.

**Closing date for the above tender is scheduled for noon (CET) of 21st May 2012.**

For furter information contact us on [info@galxlokk.com](mailto:info@galxlokk.com) or on Tel: 20998008



Rural Development Programme for Malta 2007 – 2013  
*LEADER Programme*  
The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: !  
Europe Investing in Rural Areas  
Co-financing Rate: 80% European Union, 20% Government of Malta







THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
ATTENTION

