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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **A high-quality *Baukultur* for Europe.**

#### **Examples from the Alpine and Mediterranean context**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Friday 18th October 2019, 10 am**  
**MUŽA - The Malta National Community Art Museum**  
Auberge d'Italie, Merchants Street, Valletta  
Malta

On 18th October at 10 am, Valletta's MUŽA - The Malta National Community Art Museum (Auberge d'Italie, Merchants Str.) will host the international conference "A high-quality *Baukultur* for Europe. Examples from the Alpine and Mediterranean context".

The event, promoted by the Ministry for Justice, Culture and Local Government in Malta and the Embassy of Switzerland to Italy, Malta and San Marino in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Culture and University of the Republic of San Marino, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Justice and Culture Liechtenstein and the Swiss Federal Office of Culture, Bern and with the support of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs | Presence Switzerland, is organized to discuss ways and challenges of implementing a high-quality *Baukultur* in Malta, San Marino, Liechtenstein and Switzerland.

In January 2018, the European Ministers of Culture convened in Davos, Switzerland, to adopt a declaration which highlights pathways for politically and strategically promoting the concept of a high-quality *Baukultur* in Europe. The **Davos Declaration 2018** marks the starting point of the ongoing **Davos Process**, which aims to continue the discourse on *Baukultur*.

After a welcome from Hon. Dr. **Owen Bonnici**, Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government in Malta, **Rita Adam**, Ambassador, Embassy of Switzerland to Italy, Malta and San Marino and **Augusto Michelotti**, Minister of Territory, Environment and Tourism, Republic of San Marino, the international conference will start. **Oliver Martin**, Swiss Federal Office of Culture, Bern will hold an introductory talk on "Baukultur/Davos Declaration" and **Architect Veronica Micallef B.E.& A.(Hons)(Melit)**, MSc (Edinburgh), MUŽA Project Manager will present "MUŽA an example of Baukultur".



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The introduction will be followed by four **Keynotes talks on different themes**: Keynote 1: Malta – Economy, **Joseph Magro Conti**, Superintendent of Cultural Heritage in Malta; Keynote 2: Switzerland – Planning, **Francesco Della Casa**, Cantonal architect, Geneva; Keynote 3 : San Marino – Tourism, **Silvia Santi**, Architect, Director, Territorial and Urban Planning Office of San Marino; Keynote 4: Liechtenstein - Culture/Education, **Celina Martinez-Cañavate**, Dr.sc., Architect and researcher in the fields of Baukultur, University of Liechtenstein.

At 3 pm will start the **Podium Learning Baukultur** with the following guests speakers: **Maarten Delbeke**, Prof. Dr., Professor of the History and Theory of Architecture, ETH Zürich; **Riccardo Varini**, Prof. Arch., Deputy Director of Design, University of the Republic of San Marino; **Peter Staub**, Prof. Arch., Head of Institute of Architecture and Planning at the University of Liechtenstein; **Alex Torpiano**, Prof. Dr., Dean Faculty for the Built Environment – University of Malta; **Simone Vella Lenicker**, Perit, President of the Chamber of Architects and Civil Engineers, Malta; **Sandro Chetcuti**, President of Malta Developers Association; **Joseph Gauci**, Unit Manager Strategic Planning, Planning Authority, Malta; **Norbert Gatt**, Perit, Director, Restoration Directorate, Malta.

The Podium will conclude with a open discussion and informal exchange.

The international conference, held in English, is organized with the patronage of SIA - The Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects, BSA | FAS - The Federation of Swiss Architects, the Embassy of the Republic of San Marino in Italy, the University of the Republic of San Marino and the University of Liechtenstein.

The Project coordinator of the event is the architect **Arianna Callocchia**.

To attend the international conference please register online on: [baukultur2019@gov.mt](mailto:baukultur2019@gov.mt)

Free entry. For more information, visit the website [www.baukultur2019.mt](http://www.baukultur2019.mt)

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