



**PAOLA INTEGRATION SEMINAR  
16-17 DECEMBER 2013**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Event Opening: 18th December 2013 Business Breakfast 9:00-9:30 Grand Hotel Excelsoir Valletta**

**Opening: Parliamentary Secretary Dr Jose Herrera Local Councils and Culture**

**Paola International Conference Integrated Heritage Management 2013**

**Organised co-jointly by Paola Local Council and the European Walled Towns**

### **The participation of UN Global Cities Compact**

The Paola Local Council, the Valletta local Council and the European Walled Towns through this year's presidency have signed to the UN Global Cities compact. The signatories to UN Global Cities compact are dedicated to the promotion and adoption of the Global Compact's ten principles by cities, and provides a framework for translating the principles into day-to-day urban governance and management.

The Cities Programme focuses on collaboration between all levels of government, business and civil society in order to enhance sustainability, resilience, diversity and adaptation within cities and in the face of complex urban challenges.

The Global Compact Cities Programme is the urban component of the United Nations Global Compact; the world's largest corporate responsibility initiative.

The Cities Programme supports a holistic approach to sustainability that considers, plans for and measures impact across four social domains: the economic; ecological; political; and cultural.

Currently and during the Conference UN Global Cities Advisor will be promoting best practice examples and adopting cultural assessments for the Malta Maritime Fortified Cities and members of European Walled Towns. Professor Paul James is Director of the Global Cities Institute (RMIT) and Director of the United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme will be addressing the Maltese and European Walled Towns representatives. Dr Malcolm Borg UN Global Cities advisor will be coordinating workshops to promote the assessment and in a bid to direct the cities to become innovative cities. Local and foreign experts will be presenting various aspects of integrated heritage and cultural management in cities.

The workshops will also include networking sessions on funding to promote best practice in city management.

**Event Opening: 19th December 2013 9:00-9:30 Grand Hotel Excelsior Valletta**

**Opening: Chairman Consultative Council for the South Mr Silvio Parnis**

**Launch of the Corradino Lines Recreational Park Management Plan**

Organised by **Paola Local Council**

As part of the ATFORT Interreg IV C project the Paola Local Council is hosting this year a second seminar with reference to fortification management in all its aspects. The AT Fort project leader decided to organise the Integrated Seminar in Malta where all the partner representatives will be working on the 10 workshops organised through the year based on various themes to develop a series of management guidelines.

As part of the process Paola Local Council and experts have been working for the past two years on the possibility of restoring, rehabilitating and conserving the Corradino Lines. The ATFORT project has partly funded surveys and the compilation of the draft consultation document which will be circulated for feedback to the stakeholders in the area and the experts at the Integrated Heritage Management Conference.

The Management Plan refers to various dimensions of recreation, tourism and culture and is part of a series of projects which fall under the Paola REPAIR Action Plan. The Action Plan (2010-2015) refers to diverse multi-speed projects which Paola Local Council is currently engaged in or has promoted with partners. Four of these projects had also successful EU funding; namely the Corradino Royal Navy

Prison and Military Detention Barracks which is being restored and transformed into a Prison Museum; through ESF a series of courses are being developed with Malta College for Arts, Science and Technology for the Corradino Correctional facilities, the drawing up of management plans for the Corradino Lines and Gardens and Parks in Paola are also being supported by two Interreg IV C Projects; AT Fort and Hybrid Parks.