

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT 2050

WELLBEING FIRST

A Vision for Malta's Environment
Focus on N2K sites in Gozo & Comino



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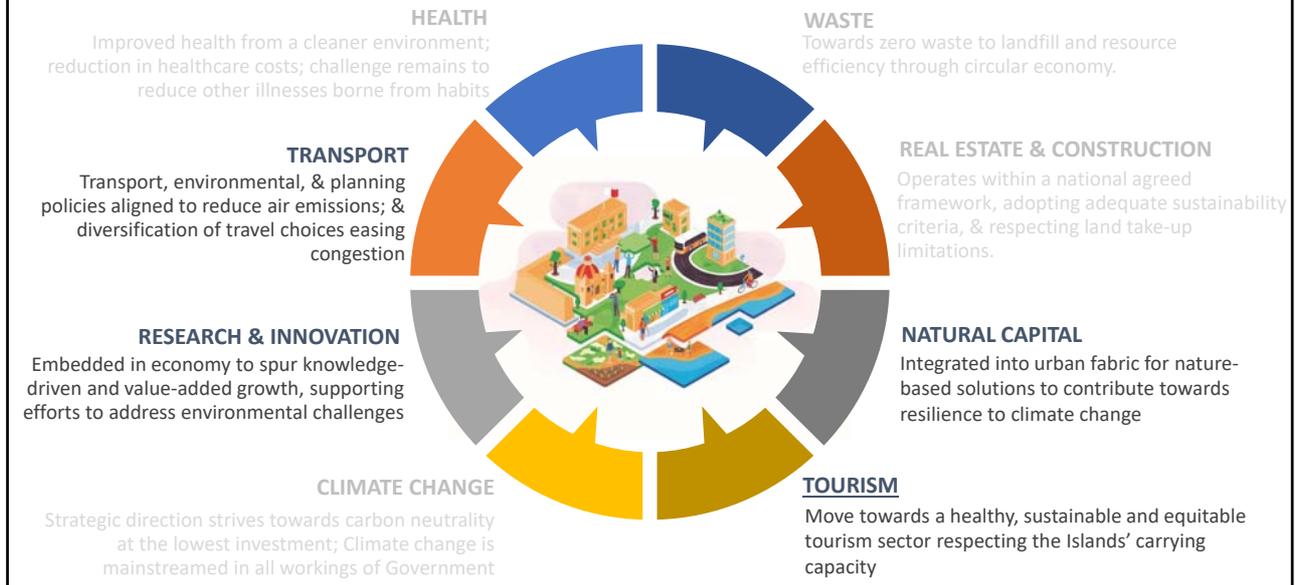
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- Will bring about **strategic alignment across Government & its entities**, to create a robust policy framework for an improved quality of life that endorses environmental limits.
- Removal of silos **improves environmental, social and economic dimensions of wellbeing at par** with each other.
- Strong political commitment for overall wellbeing, **measured beyond GDP**, supports a market that remains a priority and is directed towards environmental & social ethic.

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WELLBEING FIRST: What it means



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What this means for Tourism within Gozo and Comino Natura 2000 sites

- An opportunity to move towards a healthy, sustainable and equitable tourism sector respecting the Islands' carrying capacity;
- Focus on the ecosystem services that such sites may provide;
- Carry out maintenance works and embellishment projects to enhance the attractiveness of these sites;
- Improve site interpretation to increase awareness and appreciation of natural heritage.



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Changing this challenge into these opportunities:



- to prepare visitor plans to reduce environmental impacts and enhance visitors' experience



- to monitor the impacts usually attributed to tourism



- to gauge the extent of pressures resulting from the local population vis a vis those of foreign tourists

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NEXT STEPS

FOR A 2050 STRATEGY



CABINET

Presented 2050 Vision for the National Strategy for the Environment; to also serve as a shared vision and a common foundation across Government

PUBLICATION

Imminently to publish all documents with information that led to the identification of this Vision for consultation.

NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR 2050

In 2021 to develop actual Strategy with strategic environmental goals to 2050; followed by 10 year Action Plans for their achievement.

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Thank You