

# Information Release

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## Subject: State of the Heritage Report 2010 now on line

The Superintendence of Cultural Heritage has published *The State of the Heritage Report for 2010* on its website. Dr Anthony Pace, Superintendent of Cultural Heritage stated that the report will be highlighted in this years National Forum on Cultural Heritage. The forum will be convened by Parliamentary Secretary Dr Mario De Marco next week, on Thursday 17 November.

The report will form part of a round table discussion in which leading heritage organisations will discuss aspects of the State of the Heritage Report.

The report is a compilation of information provided by government entities, NGOs, Local Councils and stakeholders operating in the field of cultural heritage. Dr Pace stated that for the 2010 edition, questionnaires were enhanced to increase both coverage of heritage activities and statistical accuracy.

For the first time, all Local Councils have contributed information about their cultural heritage. Trends show that thanks to Local Councils, cultural heritage initiatives are on the increase across all local councils. The report also discusses trends in educational activities and public outreach programmes.

The State of the Heritage Report also dedicates a section on funding. The report links up with the creative economies studies of the Ministries of Tourism and of Finance which highlight the steady growth of Malta's creative and cultural sector. Clearly, the consumption of cultural services is a broadening economic sector. Its role is no longer marginal. The creative industries give added value to Malta as an investment and touristic attraction. At the same time, creative and heritage oriented activities stand to gain if they are allowed to develop their particular economic dynamics.

The National Forum on Cultural Heritage is an annual event. It will be addressed by the Hon. Dr Mario De Marco and leading practitioners in Malta's heritage sector.