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University of Malta and AP Valletta Launch Urban Resilience Project with Support from HSBC Malta Foundation

A new initiative aimed at harnessing nature-based solutions to address local urban planning challenges has been unveiled by the University of Malta in partnership with architecture firm AP Valletta and with the support of the HSBC Malta Foundation.

The project, titled "Nature-Based Solutions for Urban Resilience," is spearheaded by the Institute for Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Its primary goal is to implement nature-based strategies to bolster Malta's urban resilience against climate-related challenges, including flooding and urban heat islands. The initiative will commence with a pilot at San Gorg Preca College in Hamrun, focusing on carbon sequestration and temperature regulation in urban settings. A key component of the project is the development of a toolkit designed to facilitate the replication of these solutions on a national scale.

Following the design phase of the pilot project, a partnership with Project Green will ensure the effective implementation of the strategies at the college, with a thorough assessment of the environmental impact and the level of community engagement.

The HSBC Malta Foundation is proud to be supporting the project, which resonates with its commitment to promoting environmental awareness and advancing sustainable practices across society.

"HSBC is keen to play an instrumental role in Malta's adaptation to climate change and in the creation of a resilient environment for present and future generations. By supporting the development of the urban resilience toolkit, we aim to encourage the widespread adoption of nature-based solutions throughout Malta, thereby enhancing the island's sustainability and resilience," commented HSBC Bank Malta CEO Geoffrey Fichte.

This initiative marks a significant step towards the integration of nature-based solutions into Malta's urban development strategies, establishing a model for future sustainable development projects.



Photo Caption: The proposed intervention at San Ġorġ Preca College in Hamrun

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