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## **HSBC Malta's sports challenge supports Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna**

HSBC Bank Malta is donating €4,400 to Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna (FWA) after 40 employees took part in the "Let's move together" fundraising sports challenge, which was held in late September as part of the European Week of Sport. The Foundation will use the funds in the development of its Rinella Coastal Nature Park, which will be the only nature park in the Harbour Region.

The challenge saw bank employees take to the roads and waters of Malta and Gozo, collectively cycling over 300 kilometers, running and walking nearly 800 kilometers, and swimming 8 kilometers. The points generated by employees during the challenge were converted into money and rounded up by the bank to make up the total donation.

The funds donated will support the ongoing harvesting, conserving and recycling of rain and storm water at the Rinella Coastal Nature Park. Funds will also help the FWA to push forward with its plans to build a pond area to attract sea birds and to encourage the propagation of insects, to establish a beehive and begin honey production, as well as to plant more trees.

Caroline Buhagiar Klass, Head of Human Resources and Corporate Sustainability at HSBC Malta, said: "Following the success of a similar event held last June which raised funds for the Malta Red Cross, HSBC decided to once again help employees in their efforts to support good local causes. Despite all the challenges which everyone has had to face this year, it's energising to see people keeping active and also still thinking about how we can contribute to our community."

Throughout the challenge, participants used activity tracking mobile applications to keep an accurate log of their exercise, and took screenshots to tally up the points, as well as to share their successes with each other.



**PHOTOCAPTION: Fondazzjoni Wirt Artna (FWA) will use the funds in the development of its Rinella Coastal Nature Park, which will be the only nature park in the Harbour Region**

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