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## HSBC Malta reaffirms commitment to Earth Hour 2025

HSBC Bank Malta will once again join other HSBC Group sites worldwide in marking Earth Hour, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability. Organised by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Earth Hour is a global initiative encouraging individuals and organisations to switch off lights as a symbolic act to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation.

This year, Earth Hour took place on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025, from 20:30 to 21:30. HSBC Malta participated by turning off all external lighting at its landmark offices in Valletta and Qormi in alignment with the global initiative. The Ministry for the Environment, Energy & Public Cleanliness (MEEC) coordinated Malta's participation, with a central event scheduled at St. George's Square between 18:00 and 21:45. The event featured informational stalls, entertainment, and the lighting of a large '60' logo with candles which represents the one hour during which lights are switched off to highlight the importance of sustainability.

HSBC Malta has actively supported Earth Hour since its inception in 2009, recognising the importance of fostering long-term environmental awareness. The initiative serves as a reminder that sustainable practices should extend beyond just one hour and become part of daily life.

Glenn Bugeja on behalf of the HSBC Malta, commented: "As a responsible corporate entity, HSBC Malta remains dedicated to promoting sustainability and reducing environmental impact. By taking part in Earth Hour, we reaffirm our commitment to tackling climate change and inspiring positive action within our communities."

Beyond turning off lights at its buildings, HSBC Malta encouraged its people and the public to participate by switching off non-essential lighting and engaging in activities that contribute to a greener future. Whether it's reducing energy consumption at home, participating in clean-up initiatives, or adopting more sustainable lifestyle choices, every action counts.



***Photocaption: On the left HSBC Hub in Qormi on a regular evening and on the right the same building during Earth Hour***

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