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STATISTICAL YEARBOOK 2019



MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION
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Executive Summary

The role of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion (MFTP) is to enact the Foreign Policy of Malta which is focused on the search for international peace and security, political dialogue and cooperation. The Ministry carries out Malta's foreign policy through bilateral, and multilateral relations as well as providing support to Maltese citizens who are abroad, via its network of missions.

This First Edition of the Ministry's Statistical Yearbook aims to give the reader an understanding of the functions and responsibilities of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion. The statistics contained in this Statistical Yearbook cover the period from 1 January to 10 December 2019.

At Head Office in Valletta, 172 persons contribute to attaining the strategic objectives of Malta's foreign policy. This number is constantly changing as staff is regularly recruited to enable the Ministry to reach its constantly growing goals. In this respect, in 2019, the Ministry recruited 9 Second Secretaries into the Diplomatic Corps and 9 Civil Service Officers.

A further 231 persons work at our 36 missions overseas, in 29 countries spread across 5 continents. Their primary focus is to promote Malta and to assist the Maltese overseas. They also represent Malta in bilateral and multilateral fora, help to foster and promote Malta's relations with other countries and to attract investment and tourism to Malta. In 2019, we opened a new mission in Ghana and we are working towards opening new missions in Morocco, Tokyo and in South America.

The Budget afforded to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion in 2019, was of approximately € 37.6 Million. 40.7% of this Annual Budget is used for and by our missions overseas. The 2019 budget was 4.8% more than the previous year, however this was not sufficient to meet all the Ministry's ambitions.

Notwithstanding the limited financial and human resources, the Ministry was able to proceed with a number of programmes and initiatives. 13 bilateral agreements and 25 memorandums of understanding were signed and the Ministry coordinated 66 high level visits to Malta and 26 high level visits overseas. The Ministry supported the Minister for Foreign Affairs for his 74 visits overseas. We were also able to process 653 diplomatic clearances for state aircraft and vessels, fund 8 overseas projects from our Overseas Development Assistance and 17 projects overseas from our Cultural Diplomacy Fund. The Ministry's Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad Directorate addressed 1573 general consular enquires, legalized 39,144 documents; and answered 3097 visa-related enquires. It was also able to tackle 140 consular cases and pursued 344 legal matters that derived from the Vienna Convention on Consular relations. The Ministry's new Situation Centre issued 225 crisis alerts and 273 travel advices in its first year of service.

The above figures express the volume of work undertaken by the personnel at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion. It is to be noted that this is not

exhaustive and indeed some of the most important functions undertaken by the Ministry at head office.

I hope that this Statistical Yearbook will help the reader better understand our work to implement Malta's foreign policy. Considering the volume of work that the Ministry undertakes with its very limited resources and considering that it has to keep up with international dossiers tackled just as much as larger countries with bigger resources, the Ministry does a good job indeed.

December 2019

List of Abbreviations

CDF -	Cultural Diplomacy Fund
COTM -	Consul on the Move
DCS -	Directorate for Corporate Services
EDF -	European Development Fund
EMC -	Estate Management Committee
ETD -	Emergency Travel Documents
EU-Las -	European Commission – League of Arab States Liaison Office
FRIT -	Facility for Refugees in Turkey
GI, ID & EA -	Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs
ICRC -	International Committee of the Red Cross
IFRC -	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IJ -	International Institution for Justice and the Rule of Law
IMU -	Information Management Unit
LEP's -	Locally Engaged Personnel
MFTP -	Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion
MoU -	Memorandum of Understanding
NRA -	Non Resident Ambassadors
OCHA -	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
ODA -	Official Development Assistance
TCN -	Third Country Nationals
UNAOC -	United Nations Alliance of Civilizations
UNHCR -	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNICEF - United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund

UNRWA - United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

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Chapter 1

Organisation and Human Resources

Organisation

The Organisational Structure of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion as at October 2019 is explained in the chart below:

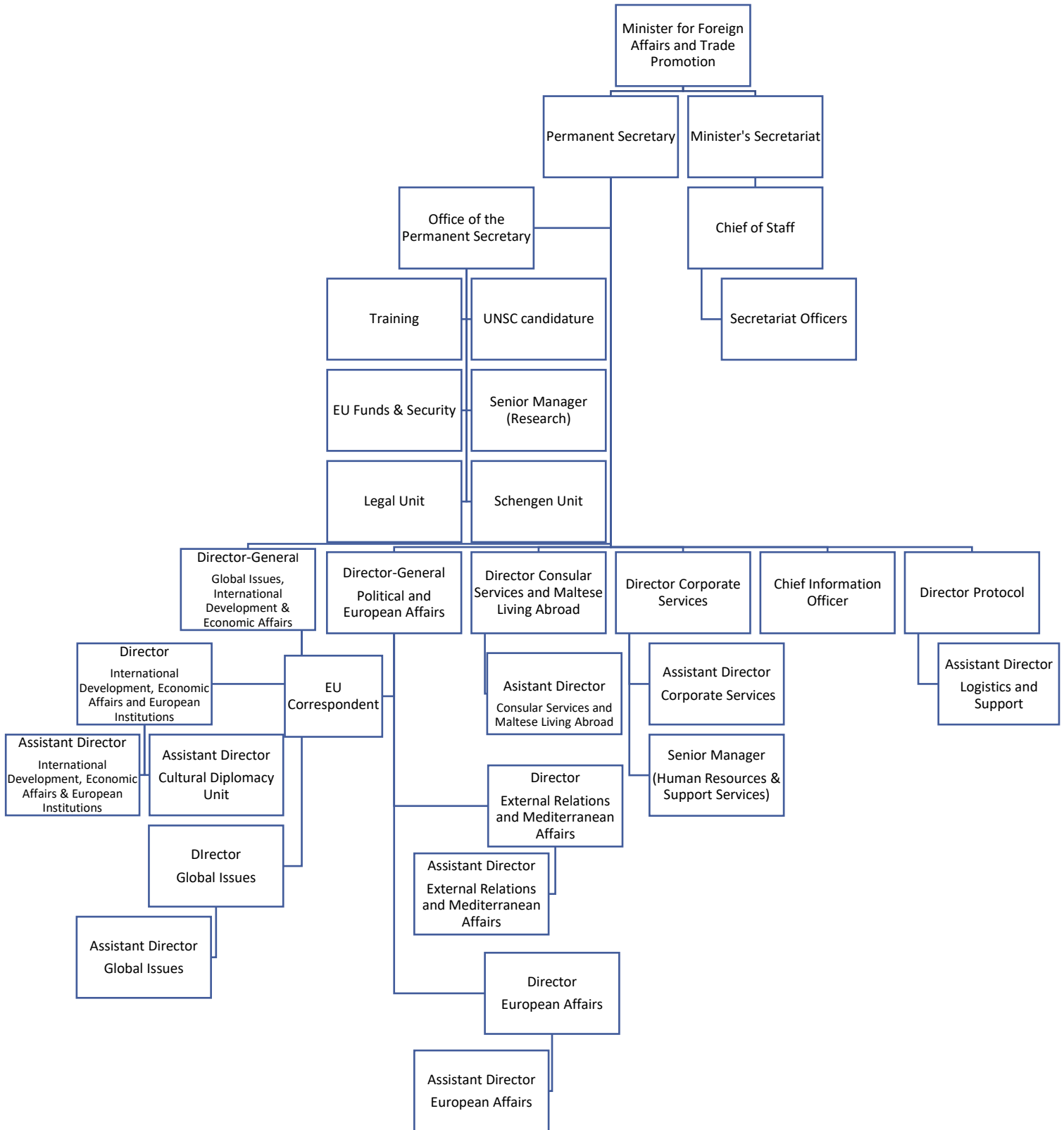


Table 1.1 *Network of Missions abroad by type*

TYPE	2019
Embassies	22
Permanent Missions	3
High Commissions	4
Consulates	6
Total	35

Source: Office of the Permanent Secretary

Table 1.2 *Missions by geographical area*

GEORGRAPHICAL AREA	2019
Europe	14
Africa	3
Asia	9
North America	2
South America	
Australia	1
Total	29

Source: Office of the Permanent Secretary

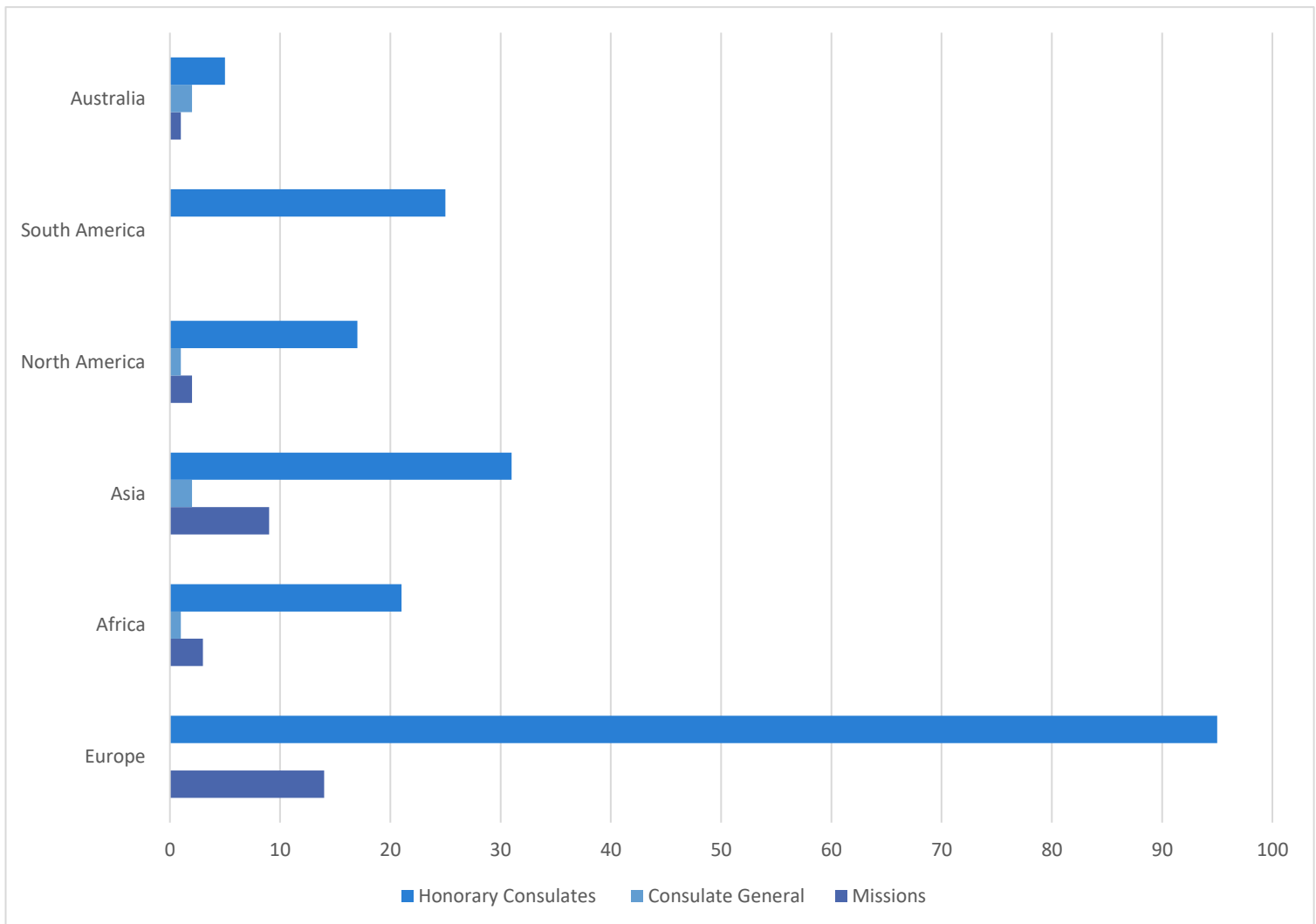
Table 1.3 *Consulate General by geographical area*

GEORGRAPHICAL AREA	2019
Europe	
Africa	1
Asia	2
North America	1
South America	
Australia	2
Total	6

Table 1.4 Honorary Consulates by geographical area

GEORGRAPHICAL AREA	2019
Europe	95
Africa	21
Asia	31
North America	17
South America	25
Australia	5
Total	194

Table 1.5 Network abroad by type and Geographical Locations



Human Resources

Table 1.6 Human Resources

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Head Office	77	95	172
Abroad	52	24	76
LEP's	49	106	155
Total	178	225	403

Source: Directorate for Corporate Services

Table 1.7 Total of Staff by Directorate

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Perm Sec Office	3	5	8
EU Funds & Security Unit		4	4
Schengen & Visa Unit	1	1	2
Legal		3	3
DCS	27	37	64
Political & EU Affairs	14	13	27
GI, ID & EA	15	15	30
IMU	6	3	9
Protocol	4	6	10
Consular & Living Abroad	7	6	13
Paid Leave		1	1
EU-Las		1	1
Total	94	102	172

Source: Directorate for Corporate Services

Table 1.8 Total Staff at missions abroad

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Diplomatic Corps	27	16	43
Civil Service	6	6	12
LEPs	49	106	155
On contract	19	2	21
total	52	24	231

Source: Directorate for Corporate Services

Recruitment

Table 1.9 Recruitments for diplomats – thro' External Calls

The table below considers new recruits of Second Secretaries in 2019

		2019
Applicants		18
Candidates that passed the test		10
Candidates that passed but did not accept the appointment	3 (1 of the candidates who refused appointment was postponed from 2018)	
Recruited	9 (1 of the recruited candidates was postponed from 2018)	

Source: Human Resources Department within the Directorate for Corporate Services

Table 1.10 Recruitment of diplomats – thro' Service-Wide Calls

The table below considers appointed Counsellors through a Service-Wide Call

		2019
Applicants		25
Candidates at the end of pre-testing		20
Recruited		19

Source: Human Resources Department within the Directorate for Corporate Services

Table 1.11 Recruitment of civil servant grades – New Recruits (external)

The table below considers **only externally new recruits** appointed within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion during 2019

	2019
Vacancies	5
Recruited	5

Source: Human Resources Department within the Directorate for Corporate Services

Table 1.12 Recruitment of civil servant grades – New Recruits (public sector/public service)

The table below considers **only new officers who were already employed in the public service/ public sector** appointed within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion during 2019

	2019
Vacancies	6
Recruited	6

Source: Human Resources Department within the Directorate for Corporate Services

Table 1.13 Recruitment of diplomats by University Degree and by Spoken Languages

The table below considers new recruits of Second Secretaries by University Degree and by Spoken Languages

	2019
Recruited	9
Recruited by Bachelor of Arts (Hons) International Relations	3
Recruited by Bachelor of Arts (Hons) European Studies	4
Recruited by Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Recruited by Bachelor of Laws	1
Italian and French as Languages	7
Italian and Spanish as Languages	2

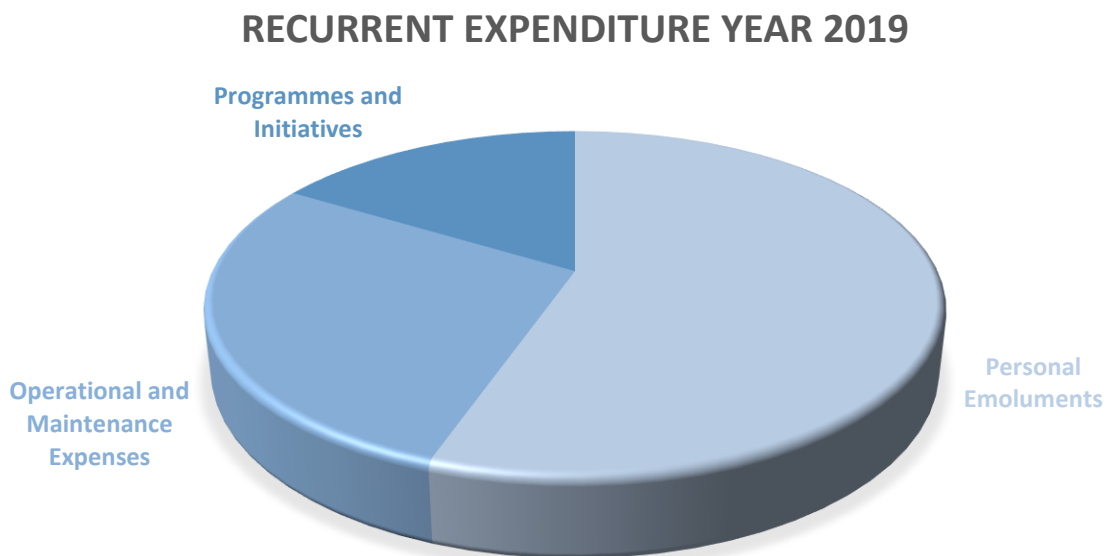
Source: Human Resources Department within the Directorate for Corporate Services

Financial Resources

Table 1.14 Annual Budget

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE YEAR 2019	
Personal Emoluments	€19,318,000.00
Operational and Maintenance Expenses	€9,848,000.00
Programmes and Initiatives	€5,709,000.00
Total:	€34,875,000.00
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Capital Expenditure	€2,780,000.00

Source: Finance Department within the Directorate for Corporate Services

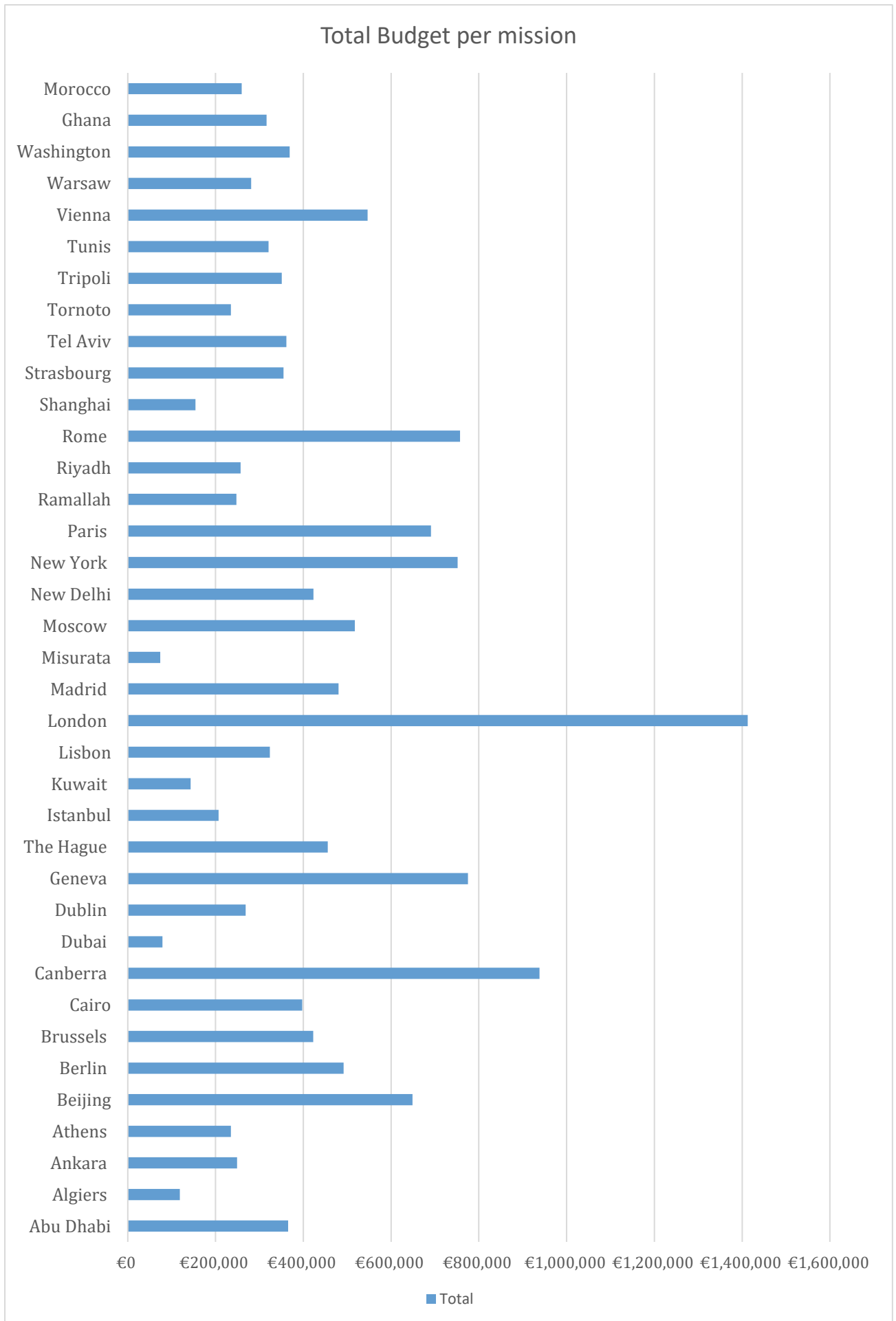


The total of the recurrent Expenditure for the year 2019 was that of **€34,875,000.00**

Table 1.15 Budget per Mission

2019					
	Abu Dhabi	Algiers	Ankara	Athens	Beijing
Total:	€365,350	€118,850	€248,850	€235,250	€648,900
	Berlin	Brussels	Cairo	Canberra	Dubai
Total:	€491,650	€422,650	€397,750	€938,500	€79,200
	Dublin	Geneva	The Hague	Istanbul	Kuwait
Total:	€268,450	€775,200	€455,600	€207,050	€143,250
	Lisbon	London	Madrid	Misurata	Moscow
Total:	€323,950	€1,412,900	€480,350	€73,900	€517,500
	New Delhi	New York	Paris	Ramallah	Riyadh
Total:	€423,100	€751,600	€690,750	€247,450	€257,050
	Rome	Shanghai	Strasbourg	Tel Aviv	Toronto
Total:	€757,100	€154,150	€355,050	€361,350	€234,900
	Tripoli	Tunis	Vienna	Warsaw	Washington
Total:	€350,700	€320,950	€546,650	€280,950	€369,000
	Ghana	Morocco			
Total:	€316,350	€259,650			

Source: Directorate for Corporate Services



Chapter 2

Activities

Agreements

Table 2.1 *Agreements signed*

2019	
Bilateral Agreements	
Signed	13
In Force	13
Pending	80
Multilateral Agreements	
Accession	2
Ratified	2
Total Signed	17
Total in Force	13
Total Pending	80

Source: Directorate General for Political and EU Affairs and Directorate General for Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs

Table 2.2 *MoUs Signed*

2019	
MoU	
Total Signed	25
Total In Force	25
Total Pending	52

Source: Directorate General for Political and EU Affairs

Visits

Table 2.3 Incoming State / Official Visits to Malta by Geographical Area

	EUROPE	AMERICA	MEDITERRANEAN	AFRICA	ASIA	TOTAL
President of Malta	2		1	1		4
Prime Minister	6		1			7
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion	19	2	7	1	3	32
Others	20	1	1		1	23

Source: Protocol Directorate

Table 2.4 State / Official Visits abroad by Geographical Location (outgoing visits)

	AFRICA	NORTH AMERICA	SOUTH AMERICA	EUROPE	ASIA	AUSTRALIA	TOTAL
President of Malta				10	1		11
Prime Minister			1	2			3
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion			1	6	5		12
Total			1	18	6		26

Source: Directorate General for Political and EU Affairs

Table 2.5 High Level Meetings Abroad by Foreign Minister by geographic area

	AFRICA	AMERICA	EUROPE	GULF	MAGHREB	MASHREQ	OCEANIA & ASIA	RUSSIA & THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES	TOTAL
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion	/	9	60	/	/	5	/	/	74

Table 2.6 Joint Commissions and Political Consultations

AFRICA	AMERICA	EUROPE	GULF	MAGHREB	MASHREQ	OCEANIA & ASIA	RUSSIA & THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES	TOTAL
/	5	/	2	1		1	1	10

Source: Directorate General Political and EU Affairs

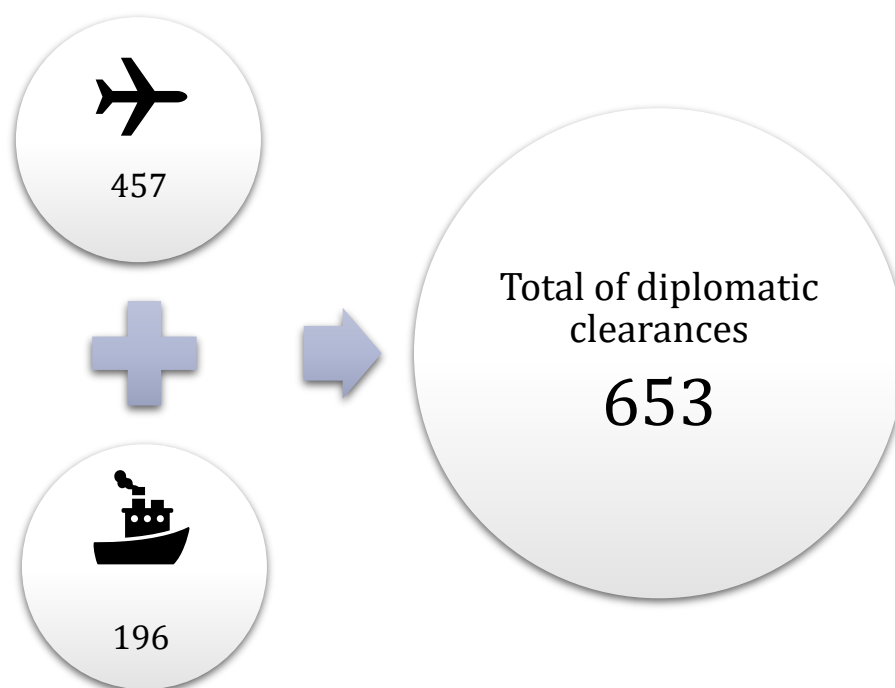
Diplomatic Activities

Table 2.7 Diplomatic Representations accredited to Malta or International Organisation in Malta

ACCREDITATION	AMBASSADOR IN MALTA	AMBASSADOR ABROAD	TOTAL
To Malta	22	85	107
To International Organisation in Malta	14		14
Total	36	85	121

Source: Protocol Directorate

Table 2.8 Diplomatic clearances by type



Source: Protocol Directorate

International contributions

Table 2.9 Contributions related to Global Issues, International Development & Economic Affairs

COUNTRY/INT. AGENCY	AMOUNT
United Nations, including Peacekeeping Missions	€1,530,722
United Nations Agencies	€39,461
International Organisations	€1,035,086

Source: Directorate General for Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs

Table 2.10 Contributions by International Development & Economic Affairs

COUNTRY/INT. AGENCY	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Facility for Refugees in Turkey	(FRIT) for both FRIT 1 (2016-2019) and FRIT II (2019-2023).	€1,796,818
EDF	Malta 2019 contribution to the European Development Fund	€1,762,440

Table 2.11 *Voluntary Contributions by International Development & Economic Affairs*

COUNTRY/INT. AGENCY	DESCRIPTION
UNHCR	Syria Conference II 2nd Tranche 2019
UNRWA	Malta 2019 contribution
UNHCR	Global Appeal
UNHCR	Central Mediterranean Route
OCHA	UN Conference on Yemen
Mozambique	Humanitarian contribution towards Mozambique Cyclone Appeal
ICRC	ICRC Appeal towards Libya
UNICEF	International Solidarity Conference on the Venezuela Refugee and Migrant Crisis
UNHCR	Jordan Za'atari Camp
IFRC	IFRC Appeal for Bahamas hurricane Dorian
EU Emergency Trust Fund	2019 (annual contribution)
European Investment Bank	Gaza Desalination Plant
IJ	General Contribution towards the International Institution for Justice and the Rule of Law
UNAOC	Youth Solidarity Fund
Tunisia	Contribution towards for facilities in children's hospital
Capacity Building/Scholarships	To a number of countries in Africa and Palestine

Source: Directorate General for Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs

Projects

Table 2.12 Overseas Projects



Source: Directorate for Corporate Services

An intra-Ministerial Estate Management Committee (EMC) is entrusted with evaluating requests for refurbishment works, as well as ad hoc maintenance projects submitted by Missions abroad. The EMC works in direct consultation with the Permanent Secretary for necessary financial approvals and with the Director Corporate Services for necessary compliance with Financial and Procurement Regulations as updated from time to time. Once a project is approved, the EMC works in close collaboration with the respective Mission to ensure that progress is monitored and that all suppliers and contractors fulfil their obligations within the approved budgetary allocation.

Table 2.13 Local Projects



Source: Directorate for Corporate Services

Local projects undertaken by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion:

1. The Ministry is currently working on a refurbishment programme of the historical place, Palazzo Parisio in Valletta, which houses the administrative offices of the Ministry. There are two projects underway: first, the refurbishment of the basement area to house the Ministry's archive files, and second, the refurbishment of the upper floor intender to house more adequate spacing for diplomats and employees of the Ministry;
2. The Ministry has engaged on a refurbishment programme of Palazzo Spinola, in St Julians, which includes restoration works being done in collaboration with the Ministry for Infrastructure and Capital Projects;
3. Another project which the Ministry is currently working on is the refurbishment of premises in Zachary Street in Valletta, which will be housing the Confidential Registry of the Ministry. Action has been taken to procure CCTV and engage security personnel to man the premises;
4. Refurbishment works are currently undergoing in Allied House in Valletta, which houses the Corporate Services Directorate of the Ministry, with the aim of improving the spacing capacity of the building;
5. A meeting was held with the owner of the premises in Melita Street Valletta in order to refurbish such premises which need an overhaul. The Ministry is compiling a list of requirements for the owner's approval and consideration;
6. The premises rented for ECLASO required minor electrical issues which were solved. The Ministry is awaiting proposals from ECLASO for the choice of furniture to be installed in the premises.

EU Funds

Table 2.14 EU Funded Projects

<p>Training of 120 staff members 6 Modules 3-5 day sessions per module In collaboration with Malta Police Force and Central Visa Unit</p> <p>Budget: €721,057.12</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">7.01: Training in Schengen and Immigration Matters</p>	<p>Reimbursement of Staff costs working on Schengen matters Salaries of a total 30 staff members</p> <p>Budget: €1,213,364</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">7.02: Operation Cost</p>	<p>New backend Synergies with other immigration systems More efficient</p> <p>Budget Operational Costs: €958,960 Budget Re-engineering Costs: €1,064,000.01</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">7.03: Re-Engineering and operating costs of the National Visa System</p>	<p>Refurbishment and Upgrade Cairo Tunis Beijing Washington Istanbul New Consular Posts Ghana Morocco</p> <p>Total EU Budget €5,100,000</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">8.03: Upgrade and Refurbishment of Consular Posts</p>
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Source: EU funds and Security Department within the Office of the Permanent Secretary

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion has four (4) projects, which are benefitting from European Union funds under the Internal Security Fund (Borders and Visas) 2014-2020 Programme.

Chapter 3

Services

Table 3.1 ODA by type of project, country

Malta's Official Development Assistance policy is in line with the 2006 Strategic Objective 18 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which states that Malta will "Elaborate and action a policy and work programme of humanitarian and development assistance, based on the value of solidarity". A total of 8 projects were funded in 2019

Ghana (1 project)

- Opening of a new Endoscopy Department within the HopeXChange Medical Centre by Ghana Mission Foundation

Kenya (3 projects)

- HUGE – Holistic Uwezo Girls Empowerment in Kibera by KOPIN
- Agriculture and water security project in the Rift valley by Right to Smile Foundation
- A girls' secondary school in the Ruiru region by Mission Fund

Ethiopia (2 projects)

- Water project for Arramo, to facilitate water access for 3000 people living in the area of Arramo by Tabgha Foundation
- ECCE Gelan: The extension of a primary in Akaki Kality, to improve access to and the quality of education by KOPIN

Madagascar (1 project)

La Maison d'Arnaud: Providing long-term housing, health services, specialist mental health care, education and a home for abandoned children by Arnaud Guesry Foundation

Uganda (1 project)

Building of a new Kankuji School, Luwero district by Rotary Club Malta

Official Development Assistance 2019

Source: Directorate General for Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs

Table 3.2 Cultural Diplomacy fund events by country

The Cultural Diplomacy Unit (CDF) was established in 2013 with the intention to implement the Ministry's Cultural Policy. The main purpose of the Unit is to promote Maltese culture and identity abroad through the creation of networks that focus on Malta's importance as a country in the midst of the Mediterranean and member of the European Union. A total of 17 project were funded by the Cultural Diplomacy Fund.

Vienna

Sandro Zerafa – More Light (Jazz Music)

Athens

Cappella Diacono – (Liturgical and Classical Music)

Dublin

Karl Fiorini and Karina Gallagher and Charlene Farrugia (Piano Recital)

Strasbourg

Rene Casha – Art Exhibition at the Parliamentary Assembly Building (Art)

Washington DC

Star of Strait Street Performance (Theatre)

Rome

1. Elizabeth Grech (Poetry Recital)
2. Beland Band Club in Conservatorio Cecilia (Band Concert)
3. Concert and Crib Exhibition (Music Concert and Crib Exhibition)

Moscow

Simon Schembri – Concert Warmth (Musical Concert)

Ramallah

1. Johanne Cassabene – Dancing for a free and better life (Ballet)
2. M. Cassar /Art (Art Exhibition)

India

Participation in the 24th Edition of the EU Film fesitval in India (Film)

France

1. Visions de Tiffany (Artificial Intelligence Exhibition)
2. Storeroom the live music venue – Carlo Muscat (Musical Concert)

Berlin

Screening of the Limestone Cowboy (Film)

Cairo

Zejtun Band – Beland in Concert (Band Concert)

Toronto

Participation in the Literature Festival – Teodor Reljic (Literature)

Source: Directorate General for Global Issues, International Development and Economic Affairs

Client Service Office*Table 3.3 General Consular Enquiries*

MONTH	QUERIES
January	111
February	133
March	135
April	123
May	148
June	116
July	162
August	110
September	142
October	142
November	184
December (up till 10 th)	67
TOTAL	1573

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Ministry receives daily requests for Consular assistance by email, telephone and walk-ins. The Ministry ensures that all cases are dealt with within a reasonable timeframe and when this is not possible due to the complexity of the issues, clients are kept informed with developments.

Table 3.4 *Legalisation of signatures on public documents*

MONTH	NO OF PERSONS	NO OF DOCUMENTS
January	1189	3268
February	1193	3767
March	1144	3529
April	1248	3971
May	1258	3603
June	1076	3332
July	1192	3680
August	992	2875
September	1011	3100
October	1198	3363
November	1224	3572
December (up till 10 th)	429	1084
TOTAL	13154	39144

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Ministry is responsible for the legalisation of signatures on public documents intended for use abroad. There are two types of legalisations:

1. Apostillation on documents intended to be used in countries that are signatories of the Hague Convention abolishing the requirement of legalisation for foreign public documents; and
2. Legalisation for public documents intended to be used in countries not signatories to the Apostille Convention.

Table 3.5 *Daily Enquiries related with Visa Advice*

MONTH	NO. OF ENQUIRIES
January	341
February	311
March	299
April	183
May	296
June	215
July	254
August	252
September	253
October	293
November	317
December (up till 10 th)	83
TOTAL	3097

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

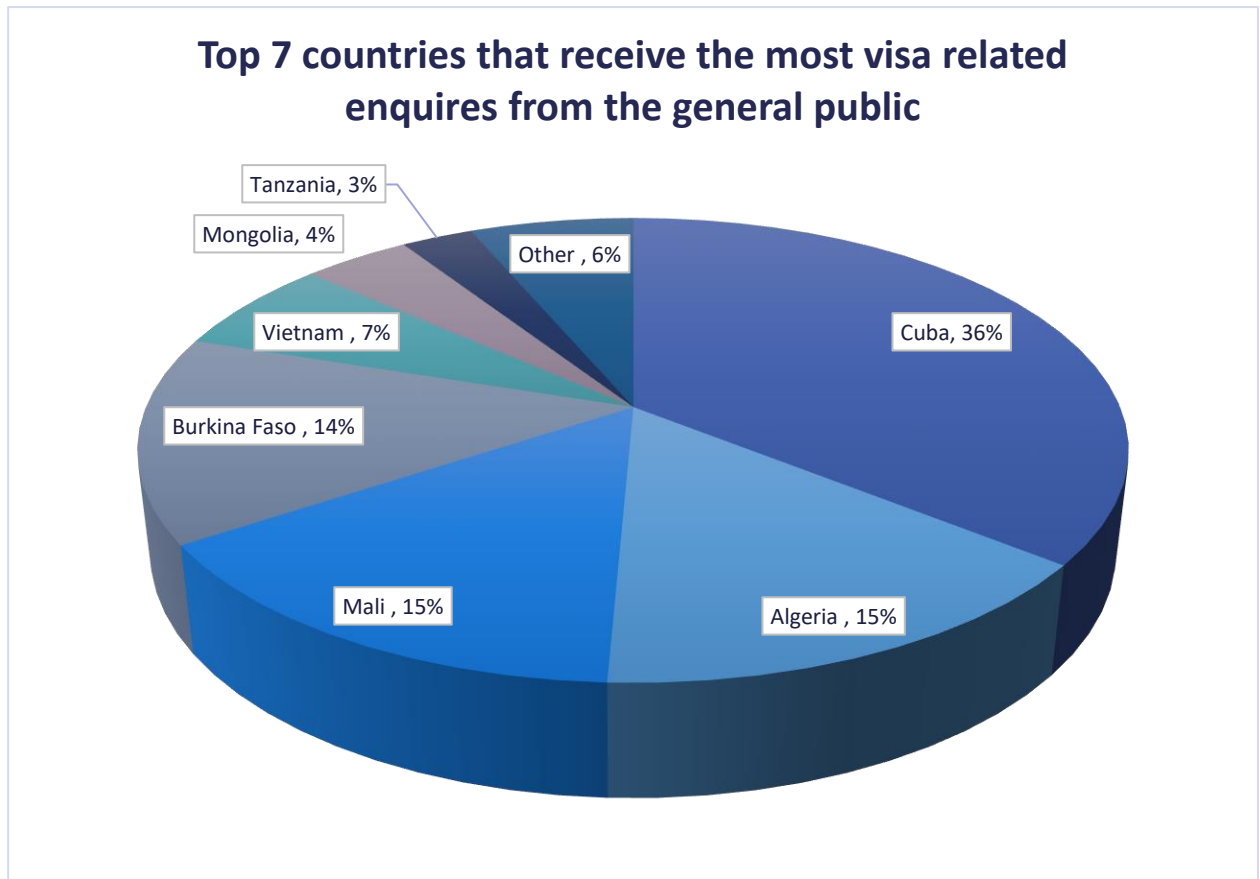
Visa enquiries are received by email, telephone and visits to the office from Maltese nationals who require visa-related information about travelling abroad to specific countries. This is a service that goes beyond the usual duties of the Directorate and one is always advised to check with the authorities of the country they intend to visit prior to travel on any visa or other requirements.

Table 3.6 *VISA related requests from the general public by Country of destination*

COUNTRY	NO. OF APPLICATIONS
Cuba	193
Algeria	79
Mali	77
Burkina Faso	74
Vietnam	33
Mongolia	21
Tanzania	14
Indonesia	8
Japan	5
Cameroon	4
Cape Verde	4
Ethiopia	3
Belarus	2
Republic of Guinea	2
Republic of Korea	2
Senegal	2
Israel	1
Kazakhstan	1
Namibia	1
Niger	1
Saudi Arabia	1
TOTAL	528

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The above table reflects the monthly number of visas handled by the Visa Advisory Unit when the public asks for assistance due to non-diplomatic representation of the country where the applicant intends to travel.



Requests for Assistance by Maltese Public Officials for the obtainment of a Visa for Official duty abroad

The Visa Advisory Unit handles visas for Government officials travelling on official duty. The requirements for submitting the required visa application are communicated with the official who is expected to provide all the required documentation to be sent to the accredited Embassy undercover of a Note Verbale.

Table 3.7 *VISA applications by Public Officials, submitted by Month*

MONTH	NO. OF REQUESTS
January	7
February	10
March	11
April	3
May	5
June	5
July	4
August	10
September	10
October	6
November	9
December (up till the 10 th)	1
TOTAL	81

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

Table 3.8 VISA Applications submitted by country of destination

COUNTRY	NO. OF REQUESTS
Algeria	3
Australia	1
Azerbaijan	1
Bangladesh	3
Burkina Faso	1
Canada	1
China	4
Cuba	1
Egypt	16
Ethiopia	1
Ghana	6
India	3
Japan	1
Lebanon	2
Libya	2
Malawi	1
Russian Federation	7
Singapore	1
Turkey	2
USA	23
Vietnam	1
TOTAL	81

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

Table 3.9 Scholarships for Maltese nationals

MONTH	COUNTRY OR INSTITUTION	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED
January	College of Europe		
	Poland	1	0
	Turkey	0	0
February	Czech Republic	7	2
	Spain	0	0
	Singapore	3	2
March	IMLI	5	3
	China	1	1
	Singapore	2	0
April	Singapore	1	1
May	Japan	0	0
	Italy	0	0
	Singapore	4	3
June	Saudi Arabia	0	0
	Singapore	1	1
July	Singapore	5	1
August	Singapore	1	1
September	Singapore	2	0
October	Singapore	2	0
November	Singapore	1	1
December (up till 10 th)	-	-	-
TOTAL		36	16

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Scholarship Unit handles applications for scholarships awarded by foreign Governments to Maltese nationals. Scholarships are available either through bilateral agreements between Malta and third countries, or upon invitations received from countries inviting Maltese nationals to apply for specific bursaries.

Table 3.10 *Lost and Found Personal Items*

MONTH	LOST FOREIGN PERSONAL DOCUMENTS IN MALTA	LOST MALTESE PERSONAL ITEMS ABROAD
January	64	24
February	19	4
March	40	11
April	3	16
May	24	2
June	65	5
July	40	3
August	22	16
September	43	6
October	6	7
November	54	11
December (up till 10 th)	14	0
Total	394	85

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Client Service Office receives information via Malta Missions abroad and other sources of found lost items by Maltese citizens abroad. In such cases the Office coordinates with the entity abroad to send the items either directly to their owner or else via the Ministry for onward transmission to the owner.

Table 3.11 Seized Documents

MONTH	SEIZED FOREIGN DOCUMENTS IN MALTA	SEIZED MALTESE DOCUMENTS ABROAD
January	0	0
February	0	3
March	0	3
April	1	3
May	0	0
June	6	0
July	2	0
August	1	1
September	0	3
October	0	0
November	0	4
December (up till 10 th)	-	-
Total	10	17

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

Seized documents consist of travel documents which are either considered not genuine or were retained by the police authorities abroad due to investigation or other related issues. Seized documents also include Identity Cards and Work Permit Cards. In such cases, the Office informs the Police and Identity Malta with the details of the seized documents and once in hand send them to Passport Office/Identity Malta.

Table 3.12 Requests for Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs)

MONTH	COUNTRY	REQUESTS
January	Nigeria	1
February	-	0
March	Algeria	1
	India	1
April	Morocco	40
	Nigeria	1
May	Bangladesh	3
	Chad	1
	Morocco	1
	Nigeria	2
	Sudan	1
June	-	0
July	Algeria	1
	Morocco	1
	Sudan	1
August	Chad	2
	Tunisia	21
September	Bangladesh	1
October	Bangladesh	6
November	0	0
December (up till 10 th)	0	0
TOTAL		83

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Ministry receives requests for Emergency Travel Documents (ETDs) by the Malta Police authorities for the repatriation of third country nationals (TCNs), due to them being either illegal immigrants, whose request for asylum has not been approved or TCNs who have been sentenced for a crime committed and need to be repatriated, but are not in a possession of a valid travel document. In this regard, the Ministry sends a Note Verbale to the Embassies of the nationalities concerned to issue a travel document for the concerned nationals. During the year 2019, from these 83 requests, **only 2 requests were accepted by the country of origin**: One (1) for the issuance of an ETD to a Moroccan national and one (1) for a Nigerian national respectively.

Table 3.13 Consular Cases

MONTH	HOSPITALISATION	DEATHS	ARRESTS/DETAINED	VICTIMS OF CRIME	ALLEGED MISSING PERSONS	ISSUES RELATED WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENT			FAMILY DISPUTES	MISCELLANEOUS	EVENTS ¹	TOTAL
						Stolen	Lost	Invalid/ Expired/No docs				
Others ²	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	3	9
January	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	8
February	0	3	3	1	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	13
March	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	0	11
April	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	10
May	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	8
June	2	1	2	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	0	13
July	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	9
August	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	0	14
September	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	3	1	0	0	14
October	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	9
November	2	1	0	0	2	0	4	6	0	1	0	16
December	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	6
TOTAL	13	13	13	3	10	15	17	29	11	13	3	140

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

¹ These included facilitation of documents for the organisation of specific events [Alive Charity, Eurovision 2019, Life Cycle 2019]² **Others** relate to those cases that occurred prior to 2019 but were still ongoing during 2019

Consular cases consist of an array of consular issues related but not limited to cases taking place abroad and involving Maltese nationals. The issues range from loss/stolen or expired passports to hospitalisation and deaths, violence and criminal offence, family disputes and deportation of Maltese nationals.

Table 3.14 Legal Matters

MONTH	REPORTED DEATHS OF FOREIGNERS IN MALTA	MARITIME CONTRAVENTIONS	INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE/ SERVICE OF DOCS	EXTRADITIONS	POLLING STATIONS	IN-MATE VISITS	OTHERS ³
Jan	7	1	4	0	1	0	17
Feb	7	1	4	1	2	0	22
Mar	1	2	3	0	4	2	20
Apr	3	2	4	0	5	6	15
May	5	3	7	1	5	6	11
Jun	1	0	2	0	1	2	8
Jul	4	0	6	0	0	4	7
Aug	3	3	4	1	3	3	8
Sept	2	2	2	0	1	9	10
Oct	3	3	7	1	2	5	19
Nov	5	3	9	0	1	7	10
Dec	2	2	2	0	0	2	3
TOTAL	43	22	54	4	25	46	150
TOTAL (YEARLY)							344

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

Consular assistance is regulated by the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations (1963), which also include legal matters in the form of notifications on maritime contraventions, transmission and processing of rogatory letters, EFTA Court documentation, information related to deaths/incidents of foreign nationals, documentation for request for transfer of sentenced persons, transfer or request for extradition of local/foreign nationals. The Unit also handles requests for visiting foreign inmates at Corradino Correctional Facility (CCF) and the setting up of polling stations in Malta by Embassies to enable foreigners living in Malta to vote in elections taking place in their homeland.

³ from Embassies, Law Courts, Attorney General Office, Consulates and Police

Visa Applications Received at Missions Abroad

Table 3.15 – Top 10 Entry Visas Issued

NATIONALITY	ISSUED
RUSSIA	7871
CHINA	6458
INDIA	5230
TURKEY	4752
PHILIPPINES	3060
NEPAL	1799
BANGLADESH	1261
EGYPT	1005
PAKISTAN	991
TUNISIA	914

Source: Schengen Unit within the Office of the Permanent Secretary

Total applications received by Malta's missions abroad is of 49,287 total number of visas issued is of 45,498 total number of visas refused 8,996

Situation Centre

Table 3.16 Crisis Alerts

MONTH	NO. OF ALERTS
January	10
February	13
March	15
April	24
May	21
June	9
July	23
August	28
September	16
October	26
November	27
December (up till 10 th)	14
Total	225

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Situation Centre within the Ministry monitors crisis occurrences happening worldwide. Crisis situations include natural disasters, terrorist attacks, pandemics, civil unrest, etc. In such situations the Centre establish immediate contact with Maltese diplomatic representations abroad to verify whether any Maltese nationals have been affected.

Table 3.17 *Travel Advice*

MONTH	NO. OF TRAVEL ADVICES ISSUED
January	16
February	44
March	22
April	10
May	20
June	12
July	17
August	19
September	15
October	47
November	37
December (up till 10 th)	14
Total	273

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

Travel Advices are a good source of information available on the Ministry's website and the Malta Travel Point mobile application for the public to consult with prior to travel. The Travel Advices are regularly updated to reflect the current situation in the different countries. Travel Advices include safety and security information, health issues, natural hazards and other useful guidance and contact details.

Table 3.18 *Consul-on-the-Move*

MONTH	NO. OF VISITS	COUNTRY	REGION	NO. OF APPOINTMENTS	PASSPORTS	CITIZENSHIPS	CERTIFICATE REGISTRATIONS
January	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	1	Australia	Brisbane, Queensland	66	56	10	40
March	2	Australia	Mackay, Queensland	36	12	24	13
		Australia	Cairns, Queensland	8	6	2	1
April	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	2	Canada	Prince George	11	7	4	4
		Canada	Vancouver	46	21	25	10
June	1	United Kingdom	Edinburgh	11	11	7	3
July	1	Australia	Perth	29	28	1	14
August	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	5	Australia	Cairns, Queensland	9	5	4	5
		Australia	Mackay, Queensland	19	10	8	11
		Australia	Brisbane, Queensland	47	34	11	27
		United Kingdom	Cardiff	9	9	4	4
		Australia	Adelaide	25	24	0	19
October	1	United Kingdom	Manchester	6	4	3	2
November	1	New Zealand	Wellington	11	10	1	12
December	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	14			333	237	104	165

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Consul-on-the Move (COTM) was launched in 2016 in collaboration with Passports Office within Identity Malta Agency. The need for the Programme was felt with the introduction of biometric passports. The Programme conforms with the Government's vision to have governmental services brought closer to citizens. In fact, it provides a number of consular services in different locations where Maltese communities reside abroad. Currently it is available in five countries, namely: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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Table 3.19 Notification Forms – Received Applications

Table 3.19.1 Forms D

COUNTRY	YEAR	
	2013 - 2018	2019
Albania	4	0
Algeria	1	0
Angola	1	0
Argentina	0	1
Australia	2708	831
Bahamas	2	0
Bangladesh	1	0
Belgium	22	1
Bolivia	3	0
Brazil	7	1
Bulgaria	1	0
Burundi	1	0
Canada	1	247
Cameroon	0	1
Chile	2	0
China	0	1
Costa Rica	1	0
Cuba	8	0
Cyprus	11	0
Czech Republic	17	2
Denmark	3	1
Egypt	13	0
Estonia	1	0
Finland	3	0
Fiji	2	0
France	32	1
Germany	6	0
Ghana	1	0
Gibraltar	1	0
Greece	10	0
Guatemala	1	0
Hungary	3	0
Honduras	1	0
Hong Kong	6	0

India	10	3
Indonesia	1	0
Iraq	1	0
Ireland	5	2
Isle of Man	1	0
Israel	5	0
Italy	43	2
Japan	5	0
Jordan	1	2
Kenya	11	0
Korea	1	0
Kuwait	2	0
Lebanon	6	0
Libya	8	0
Luxembourg	1	0
Mongolia	1	0
New Zealand	22	1
Nigeria	1	0
Pakistan	28	1
Peru'	2	0
Poland	156	0
Portugal	9	0
Qatar	1	0
Russia	1	4
Ruanda	7	0
Saudi Arabia	0	1
Seychelles	1	0
Singapore	7	5
South Africa	21	0
Spain	4	0
Sweden	1	0
Switzerland	0	2
Thailand	0	1
The Netherlands	3	0
The Philippines	75	0
Turkey	3	0
UAE	3	0
Uganda	2	0
United Kingdom	768	78
USA	63	4
Uzbekistan	1	0
Vietnam	8	0
Unknown Destination	63	0
TOTAL	4226	1193

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Notification Form D is a voluntary form intended for registration by Maltese living abroad and is downloadable from the Ministry's website.

Table 3.19.2 Forms O

COUNTRY	YEAR	
	2018	2019
Australia	0	3
Belgium	0	1
Canada	3	14
TOTAL	3	18

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Notification Form O is a voluntary form for active Maltese Voluntary Organisations based abroad, which are involved in the promotion and protection of the interests of Maltese living abroad.

Table 3.19.3 Forms P

COUNTRY	YEAR	
	2018	2019
Barbados	0	1
Canada	1	39
France	1	0
The Netherlands	1	0
United Kingdom	2	0
TOTAL	5	40

Source: Directorate for Consular Services and Maltese Living Abroad

The Notification Form P is a voluntary form intended for registration by Maltese nationals living abroad who are considered Prominent Persons, i.e. Maltese nationals who have distinguished themselves in their respective profession, vocation or work outside Malta.

