

AN proposes more marine activity in Sliema

Azzjoni Nazzjonali recently proposed the development of the Sliema Waterfront in an attempt to embellish the town and to bring out its true potential.

During a presentation of his party's proposals at The Palace hotel in Sliema, AN deputy leader Angelo Xuereb insisted that the commercial centre should remain based around the promenade of The Strand, Bisazza Street and Tower Road, and not directed to Tigné Point, where a massive project is underway.

He said his party was proposing to connect Sliema, Cottonera and Valletta to encourage more activities between these three major commercial zones.

To be able to plan ahead and create a sustainable master plan, AN looked at the Marsamxett Port, Valletta and the Grand Harbour.

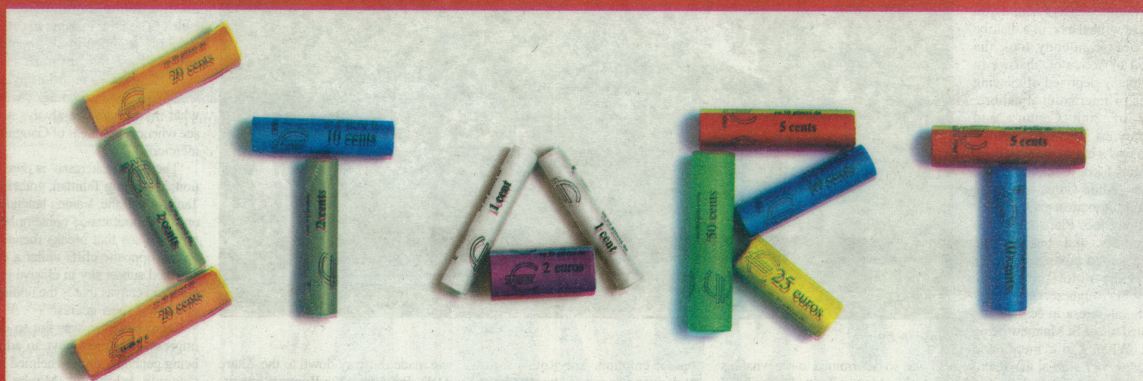
He also proposed the introduction of ferries, known as river boats, which are more appropriate for this type of service and can be found in other European cities.

The Sliema Waterfront being proposed includes over 1,000 parking bays for cars, 12 berths for super yachts, 110 berths for standard yachts, four berths for ferries running between Sliema, Valletta and Cottonera, eight berths for harbour and leisure cruise vessels, five berths for larger yachts, a number of pontoons for smaller sea vessels as well as a major water feature in the sea.

Once the entire Sliema Waterfront has been embellished together with quality finishes and services, it would definitely be attractive for the super yachts to have their base in Malta or serve as a port of call, Mr Xuereb said.

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