



## **EUROPA 2018 – Postage stamp issue - “Bridges”**

On 3rd May 2018, MaltaPost will join other European postal administrations by the release of a philatelic stamp set bearing the theme “Bridges”.

EUROPA stamps underline cooperation between European postal administrations and seek to promote philately and build awareness of the common goals, roots, culture and history of Europe.

This issue features two bridges, The Madliena Bridge in Hal Għargħur and the Grand Harbour breakwater bridge. Both bridges were built when Malta was under the British Rule. The €0.59 stamp features the Madliena Bridge, also known as the Wied id-Dis Bridge, built in 1880 by the British military forces to facilitate transportation of military equipment and also servicemen along the Victoria Lines. The €2.19 stamp depicts the Grand Harbour Breakwater Bridge also known as the St. Elmo Bridge. Photographs: David P Attard.

The stamps will be issued in two sheetlets each bearing 11 stamps. Each stamp measures 44mm x 31mm, has a 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) perforation bearing the Maltese Crosses watermark. The sheetlets measure 158mm x 150mm. The stamps were produced by Printex Ltd in the offset process and the issue consists of 35,200 of the €0.59 stamp and 39,600 of the €2.19 stamp.

This stamp set will be Malta’s entry for the ‘2018 EUROPA Online Stamp Contest’. The contest is an annual online event where creative entries from across Europe compete for the best design.

This philatelic issue will be available from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo as from Thursday 3rd May 2018. Orders may be placed online at [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com) or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001; Telephone: 2596 1740, e-mail: [info@maltaphilately.com](mailto:info@maltaphilately.com)

## **EUROPA 2018 – ḥarġa ta’ bolli tal-Pustagġ - “Bridges”**

Fit-3 ta’ Mejju 2018, MaltaPost se tingħaqad mal-amministrazzjonijiet postali Ewropej bil-ħruġ ta’ sett ta’ bolli filatelici bit-tema “Bridges”.

Il-bolli tal-Ewropa jenfasizzaw il-koperazzjoni bejn l-amministrazzjonijiet postali Ewropej u jfittxu li jippromwovu l-filatelija u jibnu għarfien tal-miri komuni, għeruq, kultura u l-istorja tal-Ewropa.

Dil- ḥarġa ta’ bolli turi żewġ pontijiet, il-Pont tal-Madliena f’ Hal Għargħur u l- Pont tal-Breakwater tal-Port il-Kbir li nbnew meta Malta kienet għadha taħt l-Inglizi. Il-bolla tal-€0.59 turi il- pont tal-Madliena, magħruf ukoll bħala bħala 'Wied id-Dis Bridge ', li nbena fl-1880 mill-armata Inglīža sabiex jiffacilita’ it-trasport ta’ oggetti militari minn mal- Victoria Lines. Il-bolla taż- €2.19 turi l- ‘Grand Harbour Breakwater Bridge’ magħruf ukoll bħala ‘St. Elmo Bridge’. Is-sett se jinhareg f’folji ta’ ḥdax -il bolla. Kull bolla hija ta’ daqs 44mm x 31mm, b’perforazzjoni ta’ 13.9 x 14.0 (comb.) u l-folja hija ta’ daqs 158mm x 150mm. Il-bolli ġew stampati b’watermark tas-Salib ta’ Malta u Printex Limited ipproduċa dan is-sett b’metodu offset. Il-ħarġa tikkonsisti f’35,200 bolla tal- €0.59 u 39,600 bolla tat- €2.19. Ritratti: David P Attard.

Din il-ħarġa se tkun imdaħħla fil-kompetizzjoni għall-isbaħ bolla fl-Ewropa. Din hi kompetizzjoni annwali fejn xogħol kreattiv minn madwar l-Ewropa kollha jikkompeti għall-aħjar disinn.

Din il-ħarġa filatelika se tkun għall-bejgħ mill-Fergħat tal-MaltaPost f’ Malta u Għawdex minn nhar il-Ħamis 3 ta’ Mejju 2018. Ordniżiet jistgħu jsiru online fuq [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com) jew bilposta mill-Bureau Filateliku, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Hal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001 -Telephone 2596 1740 - e-mail: [info@maltaphilately.com](mailto:info@maltaphilately.com)