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TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
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Property Name	Porta del Soccorso – Fort Ricasoli		
Address	Fort St Elmo, Valletta		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	Local Council Valletta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Heritage Malta / Police Academy
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (16th to 18th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (16th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	

Outline Description	Gateway
Property Description	Originally the main gate (or Porta Marina) of Fort St Elmo, it acquired the title Porta del Soccorso after the Great Siege when it was used to allow reinforcements to enter the fort during the Turkish investment of the place in May/June 1565. The gateway, which is crowned by three heavily consumed escutcheons, is known to have been altered and perhaps enlarged in the course of the late seventeenth century as part of larger reconstruction works which were undertaken by the Knights. originally the gate way was fronted by a drop ditch and served with a wooden drawbridge. A well-head lies immediately inside the gateway passage.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	133	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta,2001), 252-61
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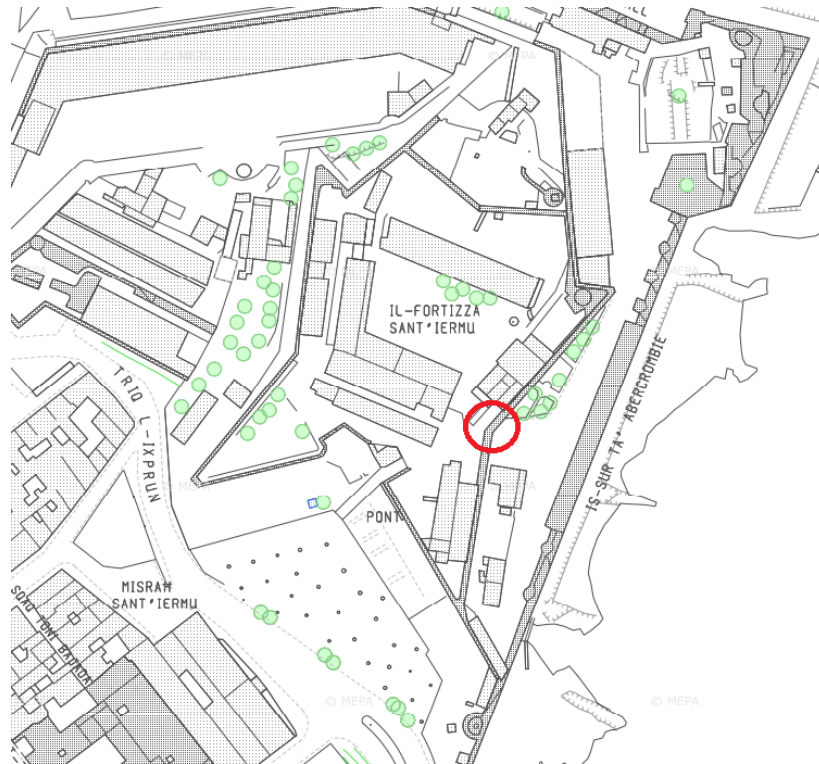
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Property Plan



Property Images

