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To support members of the profession in achieving excellence in their practice of architecture and engineering in the interest of the community

www.thebluebucket.org a website, set up by a group of young architects and supported by the Kamra tal-Periti was officially launched on Monday 6th March. The website is envisaged as a platform for architectural debate primarily focusing on the Maltese Islands and seeks to attract the involvement of all those with an interest in the quality of our built environment. In broad terms, the goal of the website is to provide a venue for and encourage users to engage in architectural debate with the aim of stimulating a collective effort to produce a higher quality built environment. The website's main feature will be a *Forum* where a topic of discussion will be floated for debate. Users can discuss this topic and also propose other topics for discussion. The website will also feature polls, interviews, a bulletin board and a space for photographs, articles or other items that provide new insights or food for thought.

The team at thebluebucket explained that the idea behind the website and its unlikely name originated some years ago at a university architecture students party and that they hoped it would serve as a stimulus for a greater and more open architectural debate amongst all those with an interest in the Maltese built environment, promoting architecture with a capital A as compared to the unbridled making of buildings that have largely characterized urban development in Malta as much as it has elsewhere. The first topic of debate in thebluebucket forum focuses on the recently launched National Policy for Architecture and ask 'Is it worth it?' - Will it achieve the desired results?

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