

Volt Malta Manifesto 2022

**Construction &
Development**



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New Developments

Lack of insulation in homes means the building can not maintain a consistent temperature. So when temperatures peak (heat or cold) so does the temperature inside buildings. This as a result causes people to spend money on heating (electric, gas, air conditioning) or cooling (air conditioning).

- **Require insulated walls & windows** for new developments, which ensure a more stable temperature during the cold winter and hot summer months, reducing energy consumption, and therefore expenses.
 - **Failure to include insulation results in a substantive fine** to the developers equivalent to the cost of insulating the property.

Refurbishments

- **Provide Grants** for insulation for households that want to and are eligible to insulate their homes.
 - For buildings built in 2021 and earlier.
- **Provide Grants** for insulation for developers who choose to refurbish a property.

Framework

- **Revise the 2006 Local Plans** in collaboration with various stakeholders, including civil society & locality representatives.
 - Ensure the Local Plans are in line with the present realities and environmental objectives of the European Union.
- **Create and enforce strict rules** for new developments, regarding where, when and how they are to be built, and, taking into account the following conditions among others;
 - Ensure there is a design style implemented for localities and streets which must be adhered to;
 - Stricter & lower ceiling levels to ensure a more consistent style;
 - Stricter protections for village cores;
 - Incentivise refurbishment & punish unreasonable demolition
- **Create additional safeguards against expropriation.** The landowner/s and occupier/s must be given at least a 2 months notice before expropriation starts.
 - If the land is farmland, then at least 4 months' notice must be given.
 - If an appeal is filed, any work must be halted until the appeal has been resolved.
 - Any plans for expropriation must fairly compensate the landowners in advance.
 - If the occupier is a farmer then they must also receive fair compensation.
- **ODZ land must remain ODZ land.** Any developer breaching the integrity of ODZ land will be greylisted from being able to take on any new development projects for 1 year.
 - A repeated breach blacklists the developer from public procurement for 10 years.