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22 January 2022

Dear Mr Camilleri,

Attached please find a signed copy of the Audited Financial Statements of Partit Nazzjonalista as at 31 December 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Custo
Finance Director



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**ANNUAL REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the year ended

31 December 2020



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Partit Nazzjonalista

GENERAL INFORMATION

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Governance of the Party

The Administrative Council presents its report of Partit Nazzjonalista (the "Party") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The statutory officials of the Administrative Council during the year are:

Dr Bernard Grech (Leader of Party)
Mr Robert Arrigo (Deputy Leader for Party Affairs)
Mr David Agius (Deputy Leader for Parliamentary Affairs)
Dr Michael Piccinino (Secretary General) appointed on 29 July 2021
Dr Francis Zammit Dimech (Secretary General) resigned on 28 July 2021
Ing. Mark Anthony Sammut (President General Council) appointed on 17 July 2021
Mr Vincent Galea (President General Council) resigned on 16 July 2021
Dr Joseph Grech (President Executive Committee) appointed on 29 July 2021
Dr Alex Perici Calascione (President Executive Committee) resigned on 28 July 2021
Mr Graham Bencini (President Administrative Council) appointed on 29 July 2021
Dr Carm Mifsud Bonnici (President Administrative Council) resigned on 28 July 2021
Mr Mario Ellul (Treasurer)
Dr Roslyn Borg Knight (International Secretary)
Dr Karol Aquilina (Secretary Parliamentary Group)

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Structure of the Party

The Statute of Partit Nazzjonalista is the constituting document of the Party and lays down its aims and principles, its governing and administrative structure and also the regulation of its membership.

The organisational structure of the Party is composed of the following bodies:

The General Council; The General Convention; The Executive Committee; The Administrative Council; The Parliamentary Group; The District Fora and The Sectional Committees, with the first four bodies being those providing the Party direction.

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Structure of the Party (continued)

In accordance with the Party's statute, the Officials of the Party are elected to carry out their respective functions. The elected Officials of the Party who carried out their respective functions in accordance with the Statute during the year and the period up to the date of signing of these financial statements are those listed in Page 1 above.

The General Council is the highest body of the Party. It has the authority, inter alia, to approve the electoral manifesto; approve the annual report of the Secretary General; decide on any matter proposed by the Executive Committee; decide on any matter brought before it by a request of such number of members as is detailed in the Statute and to amend the Statute itself.

The General Convention is made up of all the registered members of the Party. It discusses matters of policy; elects the Party Leader and the two Deputy Leaders and is called upon to confirm or otherwise these three top officials within three months from the start of every Legislature.

The Executive Committee is the body of the Party which is charged with the general political debate of the Party and with the subsequent formulation and adoption of the policies of the Party and their implementation. The Executive Committee, inter alia, also convenes the General Council; decides on any matter concerning membership; approves the electoral manifesto; approves Party candidates for all elections; decides on all matters not specifically reserved for other bodies; and approves the statutes of all branches and sections of the Party.

The Administrative Council has the overall responsibility for the general administration of the Party. Its remit includes the approval of all Party employees; the appointment of representatives of the Party on any entity in which the Party has an interest; the general organisation of Party workings and activities; all matters connected with the Sectional Committees of the Party; the overseeing of cases of a disciplinary nature and the appointment of representatives of the Secretary General on the Sectional Committees.

Scope of the financial statements

The scope of the financial statements is to provide information regarding the financial performance of the party during the year and of its status at the end of the year. The Financial Statements include the results, cash flows and financial position of the Party. The results of the Party's controlled entities are included using the Equity method.

Approved by the Administrative Council and signed on its behalf by:



Dr Michael Piccinino
Secretary General



Mr Mario Ellul
Treasurer

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GENERAL INFORMATION

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The Administrative Council presents its report and the audited financial statements of Partit Nazzjonalista (the "Party") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Principal activities

The Party's principal activity is to operate as a Political organisation.

Review of business

During the year the Party registered a surplus of €128,202 (2019: €326,132) before taking into account the impairment of €644,409 (2019: €928,258) on amounts advanced to its controlled entities and related parties and the fair value movement on equity shares €10,442 (2019: €5,153). The deficit for the year amounted to €526,649 (2019: €607,279).

Events after the reporting period

On 29th July 2021, Dr Michael Piccinino was appointed as Secretary General of the Party replacing Dr. Francis Zammit Dimech.

COVID-19

In early 2020, the existence of a new virus, now known as COVID-19, was confirmed and since this time COVID-19 has spread across a significant number of countries. COVID-19 has caused disruption to businesses and economic activity which has also been reflected in recent fluctuations in the stock markets.

The effect of COVID-19 did not spare the Party either and had a negative effect on donations, income from fund raising activities and rental income. Following an assessment carried out by the administrators of the Party, the administrators considers the emergence and spread of COVID-19 to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event.

Future developments

The Administrative Council considers that its resources at 31 December 2020 positioned the Party to sustain its operations in 2021. The Council continues to expect positive results for the foreseeable future.

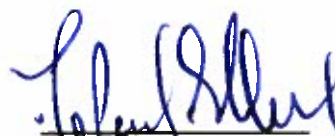
Administrative Council

The statutory officials of the Administrative Council are as listed on Page 1 under General Information.

Approved by the Administrative Council and signed on its behalf by:



Dr. Michael Piccinino
Secretary General


Mr Mario Ellul
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ADMINISTRATORS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

The Administrative Council is required by the Financing of the Political Parties Act (Cap.544) ('the Act') to prepare annual financial statements of Partit Nazzjonalista presenting the Party's finances in accordance with Article 13(3) of the Act.

In preparing the financial statements, the administrators are responsible for:

- ensuring that the financial statements have been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Financing of Political Parties Act (Cap. 544) enacted in Malta, the guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission and in accordance with the Accountancy Profession (General Principles for Small and Medium-Sized Entities) Regulations (S.L. 281.03) and the Schedule accompanying and forming an integral part of those Regulations as amended by the notes in these financial statements;
- selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies;
- making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances;
- ensuring that the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Party will continue as a going concern.

The administrators are also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control as the administrators determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and that comply with the Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Party and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The financial statements of the Party for the year ended 31 December 2020 are included in the Annual Report 2020, which is published in hard-copy printed form and may be made available on the Party's website. The administrators are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the Annual Report on the website in view of their responsibility for the controls over, and the security of, the website. Access to information published on the Party's website is available in other countries and jurisdictions, where legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from requirements or practice in Malta.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

		2020	2019
	Note	€	€
Income			
Membership and subscriptions	2	173,425	106,435
Monetary donations	3	1,013,270	1,398,747
Income from fundraising activities	4	47,955	155,901
Interest income	6	1,176	2,735
Profit on sale of property		30,000	52,360
Other income	5	255,446	384,403
Total income		1,521,272	2,100,581
Expenditure			
Staff costs	8	426,048	465,469
Administrative expenses	9	348,432	321,662
Cost of fundraising activities and public events	4	96,211	191,088
Campaign and election costs	10	24,249	316,612
Depreciation and amortisation	11	100,268	99,754
Interest payable	17	397,862	379,864
Total expenditure		1,393,070	1,774,449
Surplus from operations for the financial year		128,202	326,132
Impairment expense	12/14	(644,409)	(928,258)
Fair value movement on equity shares	13	(10,442)	(5,153)
Deficit for the year	7	(526,649)	(607,279)

The notes on pages 9 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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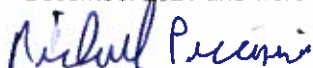
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
ASSETS		€	€
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	11	15,696,336	15,892,084
Investment in controlled entities	12	-	-
Financial investments	13	114,257	122,217
		<u>15,810,593</u>	<u>16,014,301</u>
Current assets			
Other receivables	14	299,953	213,537
Cash and cash equivalents	15	1,982,068	1,404,430
		<u>2,282,021</u>	<u>1,617,967</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		18,092,614	17,632,268
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated fund		(7,964,979)	(7,438,330)
Revaluation reserve	16	15,252,042	15,252,042
TOTAL EQUITY		7,287,063	7,813,712
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	17	9,517,779	8,661,847
Payables	18	142,352	184,016
		<u>9,660,131</u>	<u>8,845,863</u>
Current liabilities			
Borrowings	17	222,765	128,593
Payables	18	922,655	844,100
		<u>1,145,420</u>	<u>972,693</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		10,805,551	9,818,556
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		18,092,614	17,632,268

The notes on pages 9 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements in this document have been authorised for issue by the Administrative Council on 30 December 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:


Dr. Michael Piccinino
Secretary General


Mr. Mario Ellul
Treasurer

Partit Nazzjonalista

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	Accumulated Fund	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	€	€	€
At 1 January 2019	(7,343,439)	14,229,894	6,886,455
Deficit for the year	(607,279)	-	(607,279)
Increase in Revaluation reserve	-	1,534,536	1,534,53
Transfer from revaluation reserve	512,388	(512,388)	-
At 31 December 2019	(7,438,330)	15,252,042	7,813,712
At 1 January 2020	(7,438,330)	15,252,042	7,813,712
Deficit for the year	(526,649)	-	(526,649)
At 31 December 2020	(7,964,979)	15,252,042	7,287,063

The notes on pages 9 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities		
Deficit for the year	(526,649)	(607,279)
Adjustment for:		
Depreciation	100,267	99,754
Impairment	644,409	928,258
Profit on sale of property	(30,000)	(52,360)
Net interest payable	397,862	379,864
Surplus before working capital changes	585,889	753,390
Movement in receivables	(86,414)	(163,342)
Movement in payables	36,891	71,255
Cash generated from operating activities	536,366	661,303
Interest paid	(397,862)	(379,864)
Net cash from operating activities	138,504	281,439
Cash flows from investing activities		
Sale of property, plant & equipment	180,000	275,000
Decrease/ (Increase) in Investments	7,960	(36,830)
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(54,521)	(33,159)
Net cash from investing activities	133,439	205,011
Cash flows from financing activities		
Advances to related party	(644,409)	(928,258)
Repayment of bank loans	(127,795)	(444,196)
Proceeds from borrowings	1,077,899	485,300
Net cash used in financing activities	305,695	(887,155)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	577,638	(400,705)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,404,430	1,805,134
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	15 1,982,068	1,404,430

The notes on pages 9 to 25 are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these individual financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Financing of Political Parties Act (Cap. 544) enacted in Malta, the guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission and also in accordance with the Accountancy Profession (General Principles for Small and Medium-Sized Entities) Regulations (S.L. 281.03) and the Schedule accompanying and forming an integral part of those Regulations as amended by the notes in these financial statements.

1.2 Functional and presentation currency

(a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates ('the functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in euro, which is the Party's functional and presentation currency.

(b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are remeasured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in income and expenditure.

1.3 Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is initially recorded at historical cost. Land and buildings are shown at fair value based on periodic, but at least triennial, valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings. Valuations are carried out on a regular basis such that the carrying amount of property does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair values at the end of the reporting period. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset, and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. All other property, plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Party and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to income and expenditure during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited directly to a revaluation reserve in equity. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against the revaluation reserve directly in equity; all other decreases are charged to income and expenditure. Each year the difference between depreciation based on the revalued carrying amount of the asset charged to income and expenditure and depreciation based on the asset's original cost is transferred from the revaluation reserve to accumulated fund.

Land is not depreciated as it is deemed to have an indefinite life. Depreciation on other assets is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their cost or revalued amounts to their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

	%
Buildings	2
Office furniture and equipment	20

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with carrying amount and are recognised in income and expenditure. When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to the assets are transferred to accumulated fund.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.4 Investments in controlled entities

1.4.1 Investments in controlled entities are accounted for by the equity method of accounting and are initially recognised at cost.

Equity accounting involves recognising in the statement of income and expenditure, the controlled entity's share of profit or loss for the year and the share of post-acquisition movements in reserves is recognised in equity. The cumulative post-acquisition movements are adjusted against the cost of the investment.

The Party's investment in controlled entities is carried in the balance sheet at an amount that reflects its share of the net assets of the associate and includes goodwill (net of any accumulated impairment loss) on acquisition. Equity accounting is discontinued when the carrying amount of an investment in a controlled entity reaches zero, unless the Party has incurred obligations or guaranteed obligations in respect of the controlled entity. On disposal of an investment, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount is charged or credited to the statement of income and expenditure.

1.4.2 Contributions

Contributions advanced by the Party to its controlled entities for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future, are treated as an extension to the Party's net investment in those controlled entities and included as part of the carrying amount of investments in controlled entities.

1.5 Financial instruments

Financial instruments, other than investments in controlled entities, are classified in the following categories: loans and receivables and available for-sale. The classification depends on the purpose for which the financial assets were acquired. The Administrators determine the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at every reporting date.

(a) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the reporting date. These are classified as non-current assets.

(b) Available-for-sale financial assets

Investments intended to be held for an indefinite period of time, which may be sold in response to needs for liquidity or changes in interest rates, are classified as available-for-sale. They are included in non-current assets unless management intends to dispose of the investment within 12 months of the reporting date. In the latter instance, the investment is classified within current assets.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Financial instruments (continued)

1.5.1 Recognition and measurement

All investment securities are initially recognised at cost. Available-for-sale securities are subsequently re-measured at fair value based on the price appearing to be the latest available dealing price based on market quotations. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of securities classified as available-for-sale are recognised in equity. When the securities are disposed of or impaired, the related accumulated fair value adjustments, are included in the statement of income and expenditure as gains and losses from investment securities.

All purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date, which is the date that the entity commits itself to purchase or sell the asset. Cost of purchase includes transaction costs. A financial asset is impaired if its carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. The amount of the impairment loss for assets carried at fair value is calculated as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of interest of similar financial assets.

1.5.2 Impairment of financial assets

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired and impairment losses are incurred if there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss on financial assets carried at amortised cost has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows (excluding future credit losses that have not been incurred) discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate (i.e. the effective interest rate computed at initial recognition). The amount of the loss shall be recognised in the statement of income and expenditure. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the impairment loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the previously recognised impairment loss shall be reversed. The reversal shall not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the amortised cost would have been had the impairment not been recognised at the date the impairment is reversed. The amount of the reversal shall be recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.5 Financial instruments (continued)

1.5.2 Impairment of financial assets (continued)

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred on an unquoted equity instrument that is not carried at fair value because its fair value cannot be reliably measured, the amount of the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount of the financial asset and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the current market rate of return for a similar financial asset. Such impairment losses shall not be reversed.

When a decline in the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset has been recognised directly in equity and there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired, the cumulative loss that had been recognised directly in equity shall be reclassified from equity to the statement of income and expenditure as a reclassification adjustment even though the financial asset has not been derecognised.

The amount of the cumulative loss that is removed from equity and recognised in the statement of income and expenditure shall be the difference between the acquisition cost (net of any principal repayment and amortisation) and current fair value, less any impairment loss on that financial asset previously recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

Impairment losses recognised in the statement of income and expenditure for an investment in an equity instrument classified as available-for-sale shall not be reversed through the statement of income and expenditure. If, in a subsequent period, the fair value of a debt instrument classified as available-for-sale increases and the increase can be objectively related to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised in the statement of income and expenditure, the impairment loss shall be reversed, with the amount of the reversal recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

1.6 Receivables and loan to controlled entities

Receivables comprise amounts due for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of operations. If collection is expected in one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer), they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

Receivables and the loan to controlled entities are recognised initially at cost. After initial recognition, these are accounted for at amortised cost and remeasured to take cognisance of impairment losses. Amortised cost is the initial measurement amount adjusted for the amortisation of any difference between the initial and maturity amounts using the effective interest method.

A provision for impairment is established when there is objective evidence that the party will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Receivables and loan to controlled entities (continued)

Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation, and default or delinquency in payments are considered indicators that the receivable is impaired. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognised in income and expenditure. When a receivable is uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account for trade and other receivables. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against income and expenditure.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash on hand and demand deposits. Cash equivalents are short-term investments that are held to meet short-term cash commitments rather than for investment or other purposes. Bank overdrafts, which are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Party's cash management, are a component of cash and cash equivalents.

1.8 Financial liabilities

The Party recognises a financial liability in its statement of financial position when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities are recognised initially at cost, net of transaction costs. These liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. The Party derecognises a financial liability from its statement of financial position when the obligation specified in the contract or arrangement is discharged, is cancelled or expires.

1.9 Other payables

Payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the operations if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at cost, net of transaction costs incurred, and subsequently measured in accordance with the policy described above. On derecognition, any difference between the carrying amount and the redemption or settlement amount is recognised in income and expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.10 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognised initially at cost, net of transaction costs incurred, and subsequently measured in accordance with the policy described in note Financial Liabilities. On derecognition, any difference between the carrying amount and the redemption or settlement amount is recognised in the statement of income and expenditure.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Party has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the end of the reporting period.

1.11 Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is a currently legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

1.12 Leases

1.12.1 *The Party is the lessee*

Leases of assets in which a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are effectively retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received from the lessor) are charged to the statement of income and expenditure on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

1.12.2 *The Party is the lessor*

Assets leased out under operating leases are included in property, plant and equipment in the statement of financial position and are accounted for in accordance with accounting policy Property Plant and Equipment. These are depreciated over their expected useful lives on a basis consistent with similar owned property, plant and equipment. Rental income from operating leases is recognised in the statement of income and expenditure on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Partit Nazzjonalista

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

1.13 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs which are incurred for the purpose of acquiring or constructing qualifying property, plant and equipment, investment property or property held for development and resale are capitalised as part of its cost. Qualifying assets are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale. Borrowing costs are capitalised while acquisition or construction is actively underway, during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is ceased once the asset is substantially ready for its intended use or sale is complete and is suspended if the development of the asset is suspended. All other borrowing costs are expensed. Borrowing costs are recognised for all interest-bearing instruments on an accrual basis using the effective interest method. Interest costs include the effect of amortising any difference between initial net proceeds and redemption value in respect of the Party's interest-bearing borrowings.

1.14 Income recognition

Income is recognised in the financial statements when there is reasonable certainty that particular resource is receivable, the Party's right to it becomes legally enforceable and when its monetary value can be determined.

Monetary donations and membership income are accounted for when the funds are received which, in view of the nature of such income, is determined by the Party to be the point in time when there is a probability that the economic benefits associated with the revenue will flow to the entity.

When the risk and rewards pertaining to events of a fundraising nature do not attach to the Party, only the net surplus or deficit is accounted under the respective title in the financial statements.

Legacies are accounted for as income, during the period when the right to the asset transferred to the party by way of legacy becomes enforceable by the Party.

Loans payable that are waived are accounted for as donations in the period when such waiver becomes effective and enforceable by the party.

When a third party bears the cost or refrains from charging part or all the fees connected to a commercial supply of a good or service that the Party would otherwise been liable for, the fair value attached to the commercial transaction which does not constitute an obligation for payment to the Party, is deemed as notional income and accounted under income in the Statement of Income and Expenditure. Services of volunteers and party members who provide the services free of charge is not treated as notional income, and accordingly not accounted for.

Interest income is recognised on a time-proportion basis using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

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2 Membership and subscriptions

Membership and subscriptions is made up of:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Individual subscriptions	<u>173,425</u>	<u>106,435</u>

3 Monetary donations

Total donations reported comprise:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Corporate donations	49,125	230,705
Individual donations	964,145	1,168,042
	<u>1,013,270</u>	<u>1,398,747</u>

All donations, including donations in kind, are subject to further reporting requirements as described in the Financing of Political Parties Act (Cap. 544).

4 Fundraising

Total main sources of fundraising income in the year were as follows:

	2020	2019
	€	€
<i>Income</i>		
Fund Raising Events	<u>47,955</u>	<u>155,901</u>
<i>Expenditure</i>		
Fund Raising Events and public events	<u>96,211</u>	<u>191,088</u>

4.1 Fundraising activities are principally organised with the objective of promulgating Party campaigns, and as a result, losses may be incurred on a number of organised events.

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5 Commercial activities

The source of total commercial income, included within *Other Income*, organised by the Party during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
	€	€
<i>Income</i>		
Sale of Merchandise	<u>62</u>	<u>451</u>

6 Interest income

	2020	2019
	€	€
Interest receivable on bank deposits	<u>1,176</u>	<u>2,735</u>

7 Deficit

The deficit is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Staff costs (Note 8)	426,048	465,469
Depreciation of property, plant & equipment (Note 11)	100,268	99,754

8 Staff costs

The staff costs incurred during the year were as follows:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Wages and salaries	395,025	430,217
Social security costs	31,023	35,252

The average number of persons employed by the Party during the year was 19 (2019: 20).

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9 Administrative expenses

	2020	2019
	€	€
Communication expenses	19,866	25,228
Travelling and entertainment	163	15,087
Legal and professional expenses	16,283	39,029
Rental charges	18,109	23,106
Water and electricity	82,701	79,523
Auditors' remuneration	5,000	7,500
Postages, printing and stationery	3,103	16,261
Repairs & maintenance	83,796	28,888
Donations	-	3,740
Bank Charges	3,712	7,430
Subscription fees	11,182	11,075
IT Costs	34,987	19,773
Other administrative expenses	69,530	45,022
	<u>348,432</u>	<u>321,662</u>

10 Campaign and election costs

Campaign costs include election expenses and other expenses incurred in relation to elections or referendum campaigns, or party/policy promotion and comprise:

	2020	2019
	€	€
General Council expenses	<u>24,249</u>	<u>316,612</u>

11 Property, plant and equipment

	Land & Buildings	Office fixtures & fittings	Total
	€	€	€
31 December 2019			
Cost or Valuation	16,338,879	21,416	16,360,295
Accumulated depreciation	(458,881)	(9,330)	(468,211)
Net book amount	<u>15,879,998</u>	<u>12,086</u>	<u>15,892,084</u>

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11 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

	Land & Buildings	Office fixtures & fittings	Total
	€	€	€
At 31 December 2020			
Opening net book	15,879,998	12,086	15,892,084
Additions	47,950	6,570	54,521
Revaluation	-	-	-
Disposals	(150,000)		(150,000)
Depreciation charge	(94,671)	(5,597)	(100,268)
Closing net book	15,683,277	13,059	15,696,336
At 31 December 2020			
Cost or valuation	16,236,829	27,986	16,264,815
Accumulated depreciation	(553,552)	(14,927)	(568,479)
Net book amount	15,683,277	13,059	15,696,336

- 11.1 Certain Land and Buildings are subject to special hypothecs in favour of the lenders of the Party (see note 17.2 and 17.3) and its controlled entities (see note 12).

12 Investment in controlled entities

- 12.1 As at 31 December 2020 and 2019, the Party held the following investments in controlled entities.

Entity	Registration number	Registered office	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held
Media.Link Communications Company Limited	C 6170	Dar Centrali, Triq Herbert Ganado, Pieta	Ordinary	99.99%

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12 Investment in controlled entities (continued)

12.1 (continued)

	Registration number	Registered office	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held
Euro Tours Company Limited (note 12.2)	C 9059	Dar Centrali, Triq Herbert Ganado, Pieta	Ordinary	99.99% being indirectly held through Media.Link

12.2 Euro Tours Company Limited is controlled by the Party but the shares are held through Media.Link Communications Limited, with the latter being directly owned by the Party.

12.3 Media.Link Communications Company Limited

	2020	2019
Carrying amount	€	€
At the beginning of the year	-	-
Contributions advanced during the year	644,409	919,965
Movement in impairment for the year	<u>(644,409)</u>	<u>(919,965)</u>
At the end of the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
At 31 December		
Cost	7,686,929	7,686,929
Contribution by shareholder	14,918,452	14,320,318
Share of results	(7,686,929)	(7,686,929)
Impairment	<u>(14,918,452)</u>	<u>(14,320,318)</u>
Closing net book amount	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

12.4 The contributions are not subject to any restrictions or the fulfilment of any conditions or requirements on the part of the controlled entity.

12.5 The party accounts for its investments in controlled entities using the equity method whereby the share of results are recognised in the income and expenditure account against the investment in said investment. In view of the fact that the controlled entity is loss-making and that the investment in the controlled entity has been fully impaired, no further share of losses are being recognised by the Party, beyond the actual contributions as shown above.

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13 Financial investments

The movements in investments which are classified as available for sale are summarised as follows:

13.1	2020	2019
	€	€
Carrying amount		
At the beginning of year	122,217	90,540
Additions	2,482	36,830
Net fair value movements	<u>(10,442)</u>	<u>(5,153)</u>
At the end of the year	<u>114,257</u>	<u>122,217</u>

13.2	2020	2019
	€	€
At 31 December		
Cost	124,699	127,370
Accumulated net fair value movement	<u>(10,442)</u>	<u>(5,153)</u>
Net book amount	<u>114,257</u>	<u>122,217</u>

14 Other receivables

	2020	2019
	€	€
Prepayments	134,601	108,537
Other receivables	<u>165,352</u>	<u>105,000</u>
	<u>299,953</u>	<u>213,537</u>

15 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in hand and balances with banks. Cash and cash equivalents reconcile to the amounts shown in the balance sheet as follows:

	2020	2019
	€	€
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>1,982,068</u>	<u>1,404,430</u>

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16 Reserves

Revaluation reserve

The revaluation reserve comprises net revaluation gains on the Party's property.

17 Borrowings

17.1

	Note	2020 €	2019 €
Falling due within one year			
Bank loan	17.2	<u>222,765</u>	<u>128,593</u>
Falling due after one year			
Bank loan	17.2	2,231,479	2,453,447
Borrowings from other related parties	17.3	1,130,000	1,130,000
Borrowings from third parties	17.3	<u>6,156,300</u>	<u>5,078,400</u>
		<u>9,517,779</u>	<u>8,661,847</u>

17.2 The Party has two bank loans as follows:

Loan 1: The bank loan was primarily obtained to restructure facilities previously enjoyed by the controlled entity. The loan currently bears interest at 4.15% per annum and is secured by special hypothecs over a number of the Party's property and a general hypothec issued by the Party over all of its assets, present and future. It is repayable within 10 years from drawdown through monthly capital and interest repayments of €16,500. The loan is to be settled by September 2034.

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17 Borrowings (continued)

17.2 (continued)

Loan 2: The Party obtained this loan to enable it to restructure the operations of the Party and its controlled entities. The loan currently bears interest at 3.5% per annum on amounts that are pledged. The loan is secured by special hypothecs over a number of the Party's property and a general hypothec issued by the Party over all of its assets, present and future. It is repayable by monthly instalments of €10,000 inclusive of interest and is to clear in full by January 2025.

17.3 Other borrowings are analysed as follows:

- Borrowing from other related party amounting to €1,130,000, bear interest at 5.6% per annum. Interest is payable annually whilst the principal is payable in one bullet payment in 2025. These borrowings are secured through a hypothec over a number of properties owned by the Party.
- Other Borrowings amounting to €6,156,300 are from other third parties. These bear interest at the rate of 4% and are repayable in full at the expiration of a ten year period commencing from the date of signing of the loan agreement. These start maturing as from 2026.

17.4	2020	2019
	€	€
<i>Maturity of Loans falling due after one year</i>		
Between 1 and 2 years	471,972	222,809
Later than 2 years but not later than 5 years	1,473,901	691,284
Later than 5 years	7,571,906	7,747,754
	<u>9,517,779</u>	<u>8,661,847</u>

18 Payables

18.1	2020	2019
	€	€
Falling due within one year		
Trade payables	150,982	622,880
Accruals	193,033	172,561
Social security contributions and other taxes	41,644	41,663
Other Creditors	536,996	6,996
	<u>922,655</u>	<u>844,100</u>

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18 Payables

18.2 Falling due after one year

	2020	2019
	€	€
Social security contributions and other taxes	<u>142,352</u>	<u>184,016</u>

19 Commitments and contingencies

19.2 As at 31 December 2020, the Party had no contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment.

19.3 The Party provides the Bankers of the controlled entities (see note 12) with a first general hypothecary guarantee over all assets, present and future, of the Party up to an amount of €4,106,278.

20 Related party transactions

The Party has a related party relationship with its controlled entities (see note 12) and with entities under common direction ('Other Related Parties'). During the year, the Party has contributed a net amount of €644,409 (2019: €919,965) to the directly controlled entity.

Furthermore, the Party effected net principal bank loan repayments on behalf of the directly controlled entity amounting to € 262,724 (2019: €507,936). The Party has been granted a 6 month moratorium period on the bank loans.

The outstanding amounts arising from transactions with controlled entities, and the terms relating to these balances are disclosed in Notes 12 and 14 to these financial statements.

21 Subsequent Events

On 29th July 2021, Dr Michael Piccinino was appointed as Secretary General of the Party replacing Dr. Francis Zammit Dimech.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
To the General Council of the Nationalist Party

Report to the audit of the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, the Nationalist Party's (the "Party") statements give a true and fair view of the Party's financial position as at 31 December 2020, and the Party's financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Provisions of the Financing of Political Parties Act, 1995 (Chapter 544, Laws of Malta) (the 'Act'), the guidelines issued by the Electoral Commission and also in accordance with the Accountancy Profession (General Accounting Principles for Small and Medium-sized Entities) Regulations (S.L. 281.03) and the Schedule accompanying and forming an integral part of those Regulations as amended by the notes to the financial statements.

What we have audited

The Party's Financial statements, set out on pages 5 to 25, comprise:

- the statement of income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 December 2020;
- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020;
- statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- statement of cash flow for the year then ended;
- the notes to the financial statements, which include the summary of significant policies.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report.

Independence

We are independent of the Party in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in accordance with the Accountancy Profession (Code of Ethics for Warrant Holders) Directive issued in terms of the Accountancy Profession Act (Cap. 281, Laws of Malta), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT To the General Council of the Nationalist Party

Report to the audit of the financial statements

Responsibilities of the Administrative Council for the financial statements

The Council Members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Provisions of the Financing of Political Parties Act, 1995 (Chapter 544, Laws of Malta) (the "Act"), the guidelines issued by Electoral Commission and also in accordance with the Accountancy Profession (General Principles for Small and Medium-Sized Entities) Regulations (S.L. 281.03) and the Schedule accompanying and forming an integral party of those Regulations as amended by the notes to the financial statements; and for such internal control as the Council Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Council Members are responsible for assessing the Party's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Council Members either intend to liquidate the Party or to cease operations; or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Council Members are responsible for overseeing the Party's financial reporting process.

Other Information

The Council members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the General Information, the Administrative Council's Report and the Statement of Responsibilities of the Administrators' Report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover this information, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information; we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - continued
To the General Council of the Nationalist Party

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. 'Reasonable assurance' is a high level of assurance; but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Party's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the council members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Administrative Council's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Party's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Party to cease to continue as a going concern.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT - continued
To the General Council of the Nationalist Party

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements - continued

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Council Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Stuart Urpani, ACCA, CPA
Director
For and On Behalf Of
ZET Audit Limited
Registered Auditors

30 December 2021