



## **Media Release**

## **New Platform to empower Maltese NGOs launched**

**26th March 2015, Valletta** – The TerraFirma Collective, a newly established NGO Platform, as part of the "Empowering Maltese NGOs" project was launched in Valletta today.

The Collective is the first step of the project being implemented by Flimkien għal Ambjent Aħjar (FAA), in partnership with Friends of the Earth Malta and the Malta Organic Agriculture Movement (MOAM). The project, *Empowering Maltese NGOs*, is funded through the EEA Grants.

The official launch of the NGO platform was attended by the Minister Helena Dalli and representatives of the founding members of the TerraFirma Collective.

TerraFirma aims to encourage better collaboration between the Maltese NGOs and offer its members effective representation on a national and EU level.

JD Farrugia, the Project Manager, said: "There are many environmental problems NGOs in Malta are facing. TerraFirma Collective aims to bring these NGOs together for a stronger and unified position to address these challenges. Terrafirma however is not limited to environmental groups only as we encourage other organisations whose work is related to health, women and youth."

TerraFirma will offer free training to all NGOs in Malta and Gozo on key issues such as fund-raising, campaigning, communications and board management.

NGOs are encouraged to join the Collective and contact the project manager in obtaining more information.

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