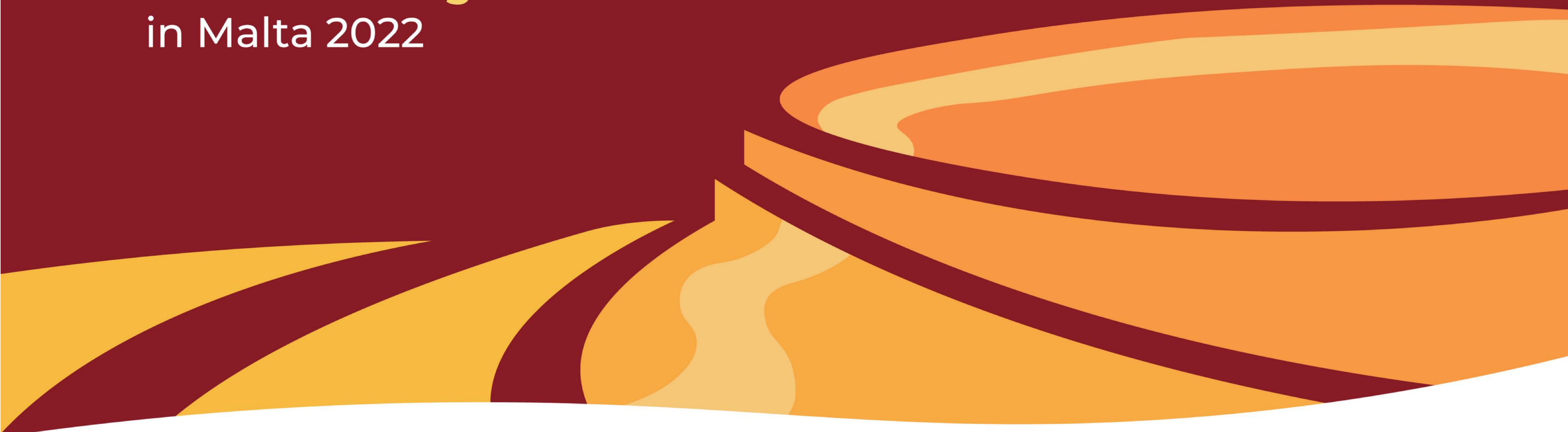


A Proposal Towards  
the Definition and  
Estimates of the  
**National Living Income**  
in Malta 2022



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# How did we get here?

Basis in International Literature

Qualitative stage – tested basket of basic needs

Quantitative Stage – 1000 respondent households

Patterns – the cost of a decent life

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# What is a National Living Income?

not simply an income level below which people risk further deprivation;

instead, it proposes that above a certain threshold, there should be a qualitative upward shift in human freedom and capability.



# Tested Basket of Basic Needs.

## 7 CATEGORIES IN RESEARCH SCHEDULE

### **Health:**

family doctor, chemist, private clinic, insurance

### **Food and drinks:**

groceries, health food, eating out, delivery food

### **Housing:**

insurance, rent, cleaning, decoration,  
maintenance, utilities, internet/mobile/tv

### **Education:**

schooling tuition, private lessons,  
uniform, internet, books, printing, etc.

### **Transport:**

petrol/diesel, insurance/licence,  
mechanic, new car, parking

### **Leisure:**

music, tv service streaming subscriptions, books,  
computers/electronics, holiday (internal, abroad), gym

### **Miscellaneous:**

life insurance, professional services,  
clothes (work / personal), hairdresser, facial, laser,  
nails, etc., gifts, pets – food and grooming



# Expenditure by household type.

	Couple, 65 years or older	Couple, under 65 years of age	Single Parent, one or more dependent children	Single, 65 years or older	Single, under 65 years of age	Two parents, one ore more dependent children
20th percentile	9,986	14,435	9,875	6,340	11,129	16,929
40th percentile	13,016	22,299	13,016	8,367	14,699	22,954
60th percentile	17,163	30,750	17,457	11,143	22,370	29,972
80th percentile	21,714	41,966	27,457	14,645	27,536	40,410

# Estimate of the National Living Income.

<b>TYPE OF HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>COST OF DECENT LIVING</b>		<b>NATIONAL LIVING INCOME</b>	
Single, no children	10,535	12,476	12,226	14,864
Single parent, one child	13,695	16,219	16,215	20,099
Single parent, two children	16,855	19,962	21,078	26,018
Couple, no children	15,802	18,715	17,704	21,316
Two parents, one child	18,962	22,457	21,084	25,746
Two parents, two children	22,123	26,200	25,300	30,734



# (NLI) compared to other Benchmarks

EXPENDITURE		SINGLE PARENT TWO CHILDREN	TWO PARENTS TWO CHILDREN	COUPLE OVER 65 YEARS
Basic needs	MEBDL	11,038	13,947	8,156
Augmented basket (exc. rent)*	MEBDL	12,820	15,850	9,500
Augmented basket (inc. rent)*	MEBDL	21,974	25,003	17,900
<b>Total (40<sup>th</sup> percentile)</b>	<b>NLI</b>	<b>16,855</b>	<b>22,123</b>	<b>15,802</b>
<b>Total (50<sup>th</sup> percentile)</b>	<b>NLI</b>	<b>19,962</b>	<b>26,200</b>	<b>18,715</b>

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Thank you.