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Hey everyone!

Hello from us all at ACT! We are thrilled to launch our first-ever newsletter and share it with you, the members who help us achieve our vision. In this opening edition, we would like to update you on what we've been up to in recent months.



From left to right: Daniel Cassar, Samwel Grima, Carl Ebejer, Claude Ebejer, Gabriele Vella, Luke Bonavia

Last June, we held our annual general meeting and elected the board for the next two years. **Claude Ebejer** and **Samwel Grima** will retain their current positions in the organisation as president and general secretary respectively. They will be joined by **Daniel Cassar**, a long-time volunteer who will be filling in the position of treasurer. **Carl Ebejer** will continue assisting as a non-administrative board member, together with **Gabriele Vella**, another new addition to the organisation. Last but definitely not least, **Luke Bonavia** continues in his position as greenhouse manager.

During the next year, ACT will focus on **contingency**, **operational sustainability** and **growth**. Should you wish to learn more about updates and plans for this the next year, refer to the AGM minutes from the AGM are attached to this email.

We have been taking stock of our efforts over the past 6 years, and the results are impressive: around **20,000 individual plants** grown from **70 different species**, the refinement of **our processes** and continuous investment in **greenhouse infrastructure**. Many thanks to the **Malta Environment Foundation**, **Badur Foundation** and **Eden Foundation** for sponsoring such investments including irrigation, shading, compost, shelving and more - their support has made a world of difference.



Shelving units will accommodate our seeding trays in the next propagation season, freeing up space for more pots. The greenhouse is steadily filling up!

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The greenhouse is now fully covered thanks to an **investment in plastic sheeting**, which shields our plants from direct sunlight while increasing moisture retention. As a result, losses over the summer months have decreased.



This time of year ushers in the start of a busy period for ACT - **collecting seeds for the next round of propagation in October**. Daily watering in summer is also crucial. Luke Bonavia, our in-(green)house propagation manager, makes sure plants are well-watered and is also currently weeding and reorganizing pots.



Rhamnus alaternus | Alaternu | Mediterranean buckthorn



Jacobaea maritima | Kromb il-bahar | Sea ragwort



Anagallis foetida | Fula Tal Klieb | Stinking bean trefoil



Euphorbia dendroides | Tenghud tas-sigra | Tree Spurge

We've also kept busy collaborating with other organisations to fulfill their CSR requirements by carrying out workshops at the greenhouse.



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We sell plants and organise workshops at the greenhouse.

Reach out to us via the below channels and we'll get back to you!

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Facebook: [ACT Malta NGO](#)

Instagram: [@actmaltango](#)

As you might have guessed, ACT is growing and our next step involves better communicating our efforts to you. We are also striving to give back to our fellow hard-working volunteers and members. But more on this and future updates in the newsletters to come. Stay tuned!