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VALLETTA: A PEOPLE AND A PORT

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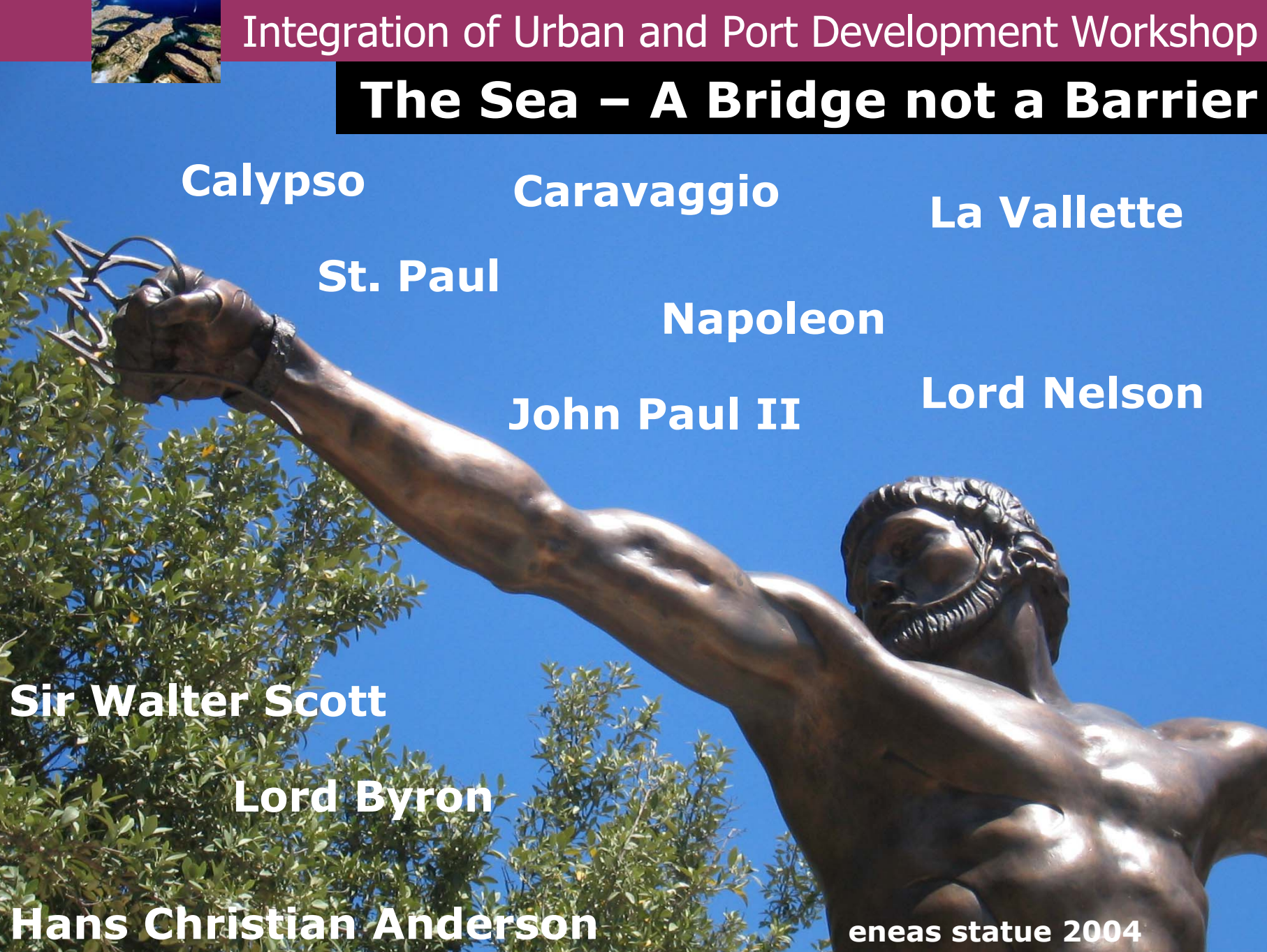
The Sea – A Bridge not a Barrier



History of a Port

- Evidence of a Fishing Village settlement;
- St. Angelo: the Harbour's first City;
- Older than Valletta;
- The 1565 Siege;
- Founded 1566;
- 440 Years Old;

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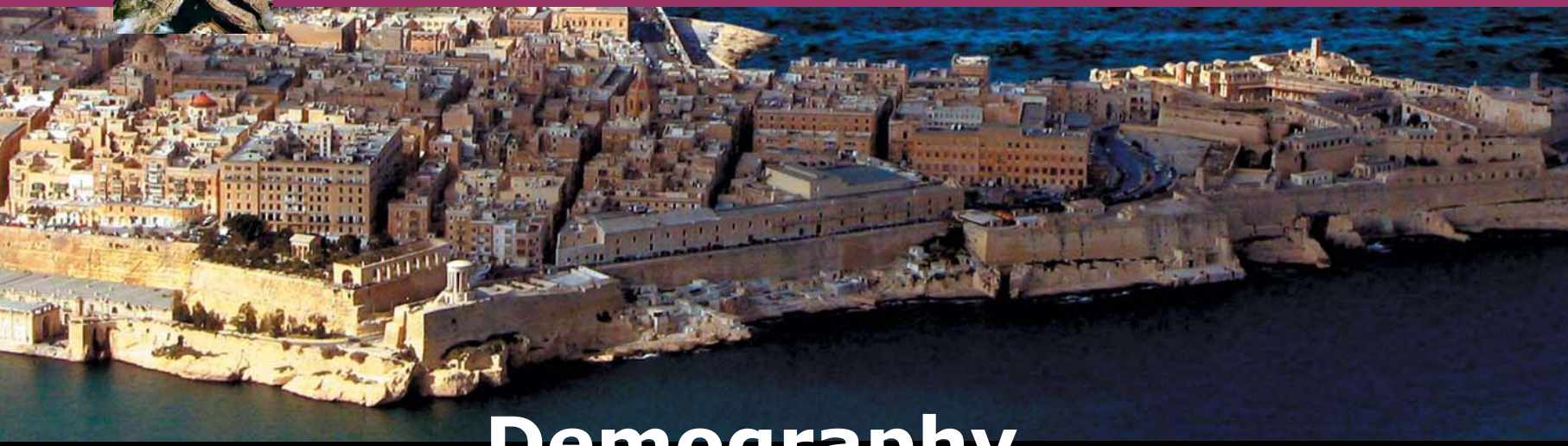
A People



Demography

- City built for 15,000 population
- 24,000 living before WWII,
- sub-standard housing
- densely populated
- 1940 Exodus from Valletta
- Post War Urban Regeneration
- Late 60s Exodus (economic boom)
- 7,500 current population
- 80,000 (20%) living in the immediate Harbour Areas from St. Julians to Kalkara
- Rehabilitation Policy in the 90s

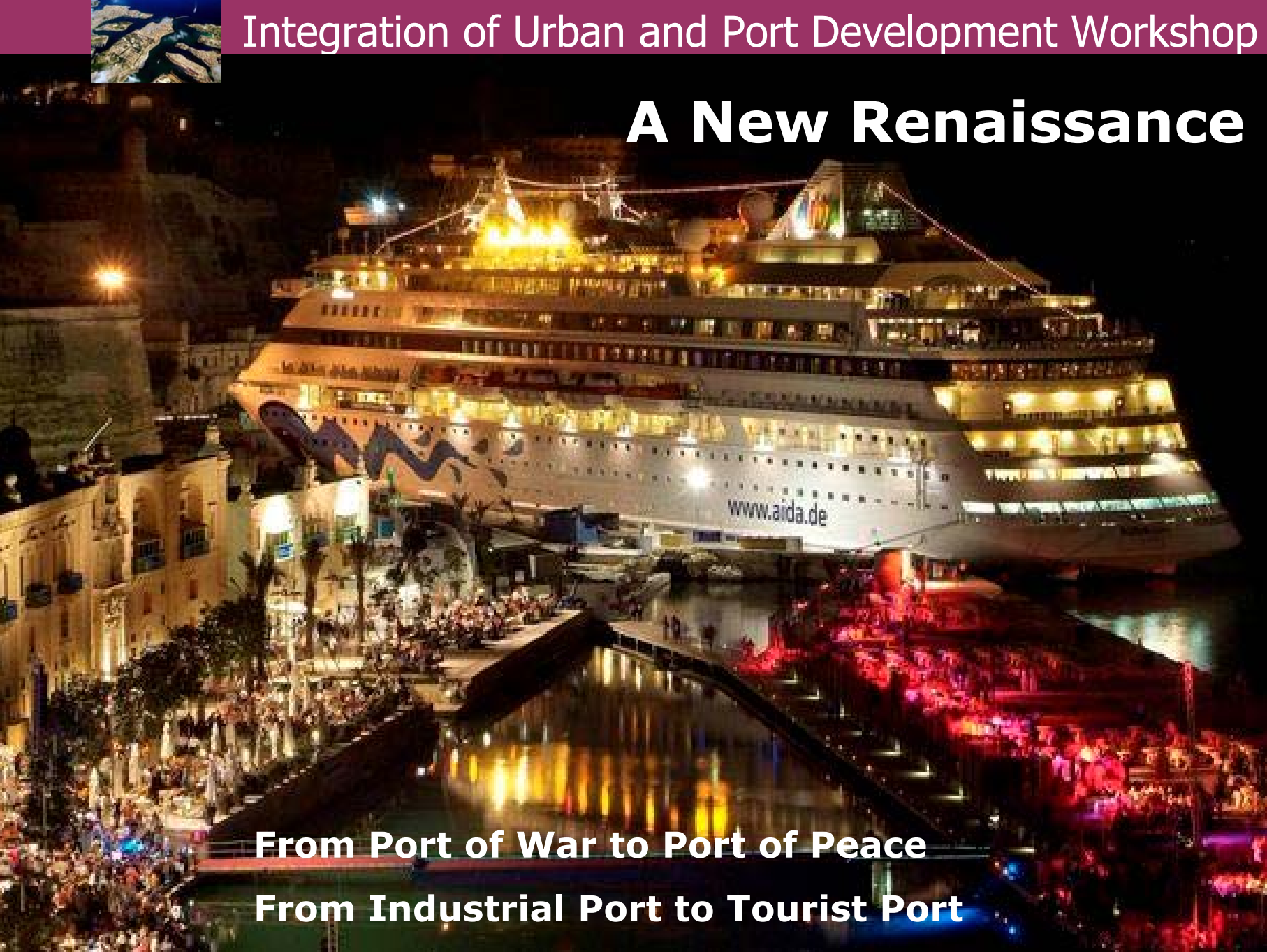
A City by an Order

- Founded 1566
- Rapid Construction of a Military and Fortified Port for the Knights
- Design and Build City
- 18th Century development from Military Port to Commercial Port
- Socio-Economic Flourish of the 18th Century (Pinto Stores)
- Development into a Cultural HUB in the Centre of Valletta
- Baroque Development of Valletta

Development of Port and Docks

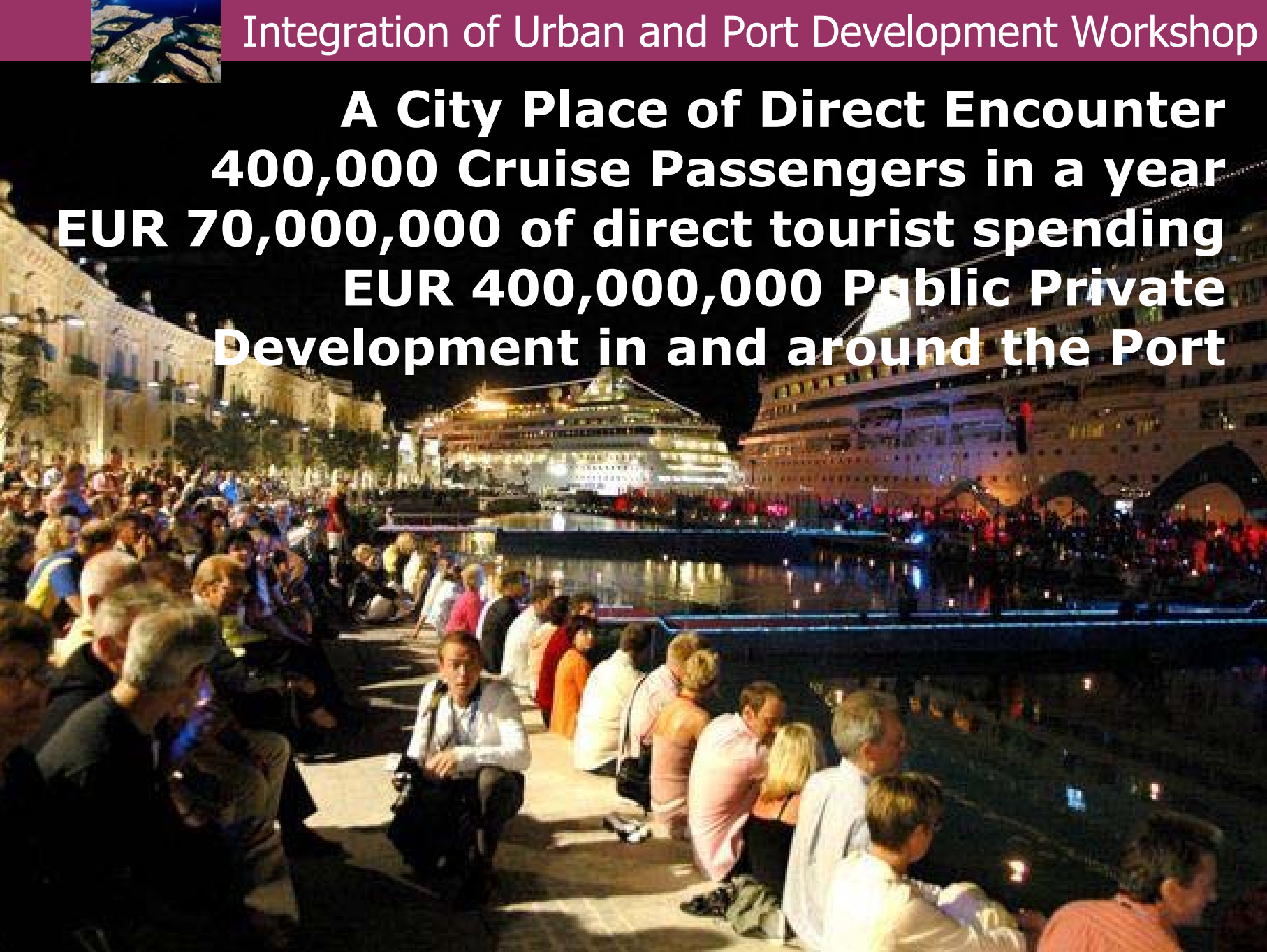
- A Maritime History
- A Naval Hub for the Knights for 250 years
- A Naval Hub for the British for 175 years
- 1979: The End of an Era
- Ship Register Increases
- Importance of Port Decreases
- 2000: A New Renaissance

A New Renaissance



From Port of War to Port of Peace

From Industrial Port to Tourist Port



A City Place of Direct Encounter
400,000 Cruise Passengers in a year
EUR 70,000,000 of direct tourist spending
EUR 400,000,000 Public Private Development in and around the Port

Quality of Life

Culture

Urban Regeneration Dynamics

Projects and Networks

Entrust VRP/VLC (Regenerating Neighbourhoods in Partnership)
InterregIII:Pagus (Socio-Economic Value of Historic Fortified Cities)
Port-Net (MMA) (Integrtion of Urban Port Development)
Interreg III: Archway (Walled Cities)
Urbact: Cit-u-m (Citizen Urban Mobility)
Urbact: Surch (Social Inclusion in Urban Regeneration)

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