MALTA
HANDBALL
ASSOCIATION

26th June 2026

Dear members of MHA,

Today, as I conclude my final days as President of the Malta Handball Association, I write with a heart full of gratitude, pride, and humility. It has been an honor to serve this sport, this community, and all those who give their time, energy, and belief to Handball in Malta.

When I took on this responsibility, I did so with the conviction that Maltese handball deserved steady progress, stronger structures, and a clearer long-term vision. Together, we have worked to strengthen our foundations, grow our technical standards, widen international exposure, and invest in pathways that support the future of the game.

I am proud of what we have achieved together. We have taken important steps in the administration of the Association with the revamping of the Statute, legal regulations and competition structures. From a technical aspect we have worked extremely hard on coach education with 4 EHF experts visiting Malta, three of which came to Malta in the last 6 months.

The Women's National Team competed in an EHF competition after an absence of more than a decade. We have also managed to reactivate, in a professional manner, the Beach Handball sector with the men's national team achieving a historic qualification to the 2025 EUROs and finishing 16th in Europe. The Women's National Team was set up and the results achieved in the last two summers are extremely positive and augur well for the future. Apart from the efforts and commitment of coaches and players. I wish to personally thank the Maltese Olympic Committee for the yearly increase in funding and technical support for this important sector of handball. We look forward to the Mediterranean Beach Games scheduled for summer 2027.

Together with the European Handball Federation and clubs we have worked extremely hard on the Grassroots sector and through the continuous operation of the Master Plan post the initial 3-year agreement we have seen significant increase in participation in Mini Handball which augurs well for the future. An important milestone achieved was being the smallest European nation that signed the EHF Grassroots Charter in September 2025. This charter will help the Association further in the grassroots sector.

MALTA
HANDBALL
ASSOCIATION

Locally, together with the Government of Malta and Sport Malta we ensured the continued support by the respective entities for the execution of the Master Plan and the securing of fit for purpose facilities for clubs and national teams.

Of course, no presidency is without its difficulties. There were challenges, difficult decisions, and moments that tested all of us. Yet even in those moments, I believed that honesty, patience, and commitment to the greater good would serve the sport better than division or short-term thinking. I remain convinced that Maltese handball's future depends on unity, respect, and shared responsibility.

As I step away from this office, I do so with confidence in the resilience and potential of our handball community. Leadership changes, but the mission remains: to build a stronger, more inclusive, and more competitive future for handball in Malta. Following a through handover, that mission now belongs to all of you, and I wish the new president, Mr. Vladimiro Comodini and his team all the best.

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Management Board for their hard work. My family and friends who understood the long hours, and the local media who consistently put forward our messaging through their relevant channels.

Thank you for the privilege of serving. Thank you for the lessons, the challenges, the trust, and the memories. I will always remain a supporter of Maltese handball, and I leave with deep respect for everyone who continues to carry it forward.

Daniel