

I have a dream

The country today is eagerly awaiting the outcome of the European Parliament elections, so some conjuring on my part will do no harm. I dream that the political parties which perform green washing on a routine basis and which join the green bandwagon only in times of need/elections are snubbed, as well as those who are the authors of hilarious billboards, such as the one featuring the phrase "Ghozz il-kultura u t-tradizzjonijiet ta' Malta" (Cherish the culture and traditions of Malta) while conveying a pro-hunting message, and who organise a mass rally on the eve of the elections at Buskett (which is strictly off-limits to hunters) are consigned to the history books once and for all.

I dream that the EP elections help to iron out the fact that the environment in our islands is a five-year issue, with successive legislatures leaving some issues half-baked. I dream that finally the two major political parties serve the building industry some cold turkey by declaring any party campaign funding from it and start decreasing the number of people actually employed in the industry so they will no longer need to justify so many mega-projects in these islands.

I dream that the recent upswing in support for AD does not wane, even though the party is the victim of a scaremongering campaign, by parties and individuals alike. And finally, being an incurable optimist, I dream that my dreams do not fall by the wayside.