

Pipe bowl found in rubble /soil/spoil being cleared from an old building in Birgu 2021.

This image could be a representation of Giuseppe Garibaldi the Italian general who contributed so much to Italian unification and the creation of the Kingdom of Italy



The pipe looks like a northern French product, since that is where they specialised in making figural pipes, especially those with enamelled decoration (although rather degraded, there are clearly traces of enamel on the eyes of this pipe). I have had a look at the online Gambier catalogue¹ and it is not their version of Garibaldi, but it could equally have been made by one of the other firms, such as Dumeril or Fiolet. Most likely date is c1860-1900.²

¹ <https://www.gambierpipes.com/fr/catalogue-numerique/>

² Pers. comm. Dr David Higgins, University of Liverpool.