

LOCAL COUNCILS ISSUE

Date of Issue	November 20, 1993
Values	5c
Stamp Size	48mm x 39.5mm
Designer	Joseph Mizzi
Printers	Printex Ltd
Process	Lithography
Perforation	14 x 14
Watermark	Maltese Crosses Sideways
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours

This souvenir sheet was printed in the four-colour process using the standard process colours: magenta, cyan, yellow and black in that order.

The Department of Posts issued this souvenir sheet made up of a block of four stamps, each with a denomination of 5c, to commemorate the setting up of Local Councils.

Having said that, there is little else to be said. The margins of each souvenir sheet are very narrow and except for the top margin which is imperforate, the other three margins are perforated. No colour checks, values, Printers' Imprint or Pane numbers are seen on any of the margins.

The only other technical thing I can say about this souvenir sheet is, that the Printed Sheet contained twelve souvenir sheets made up of three rows of four.

Up to 12.45pm on the first day of issue, sales amounted to Lm13,600. This souvenir sheet was to remain on sale up to October 6, 1994, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

EUROPA 1994 ISSUE

Date of Issue	March 29, 1994
Values	14c, 30c
Stamp Size	31 mm x 44mm
Designer	Harry Borg
Printers	Printex Ltd
Process	Lithography
Perforation	14 x 13.9
Watermark	Maltese Crosses Upright
Paper	Chalk Surfaced
Gum	P.V.A.

Colours

This set was printed in the four-colour process. Progressive sheets of each value were printed in the following order: Black, Cyan, Magenta, Yellow.

Designs

The 14c stamp commemorates Sir Themistocles (Temi) Zammit, a much honoured scientist, professor of Chemistry and a man of letters.

The 30c stamp features a marble candelabrum, dating to the 2nd century BC preserved in the National Museum of Archaeology.

Both stamps are of the vertical format. A Pane of ten stamps, of each value, is divided into twelve spaces, three rows of four. In the first space of the top row, in each value, can be seen 'Europa 1994'. In the second space of the top row, can be seen an enlargement of part of the stamp in each value. The value of the whole Pane of stamps is seen in the middle of the top margin of each Pane, of both values, printed in black.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs, 3mm in diameter, are seen in the right hand margin of each Pane, of both values, next to the last stamp of the bottom row. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers from left to right, in all Panes of both values.

The Printed Sheet of each value, consisted of six Pnes of ten stamps, A to F.

Plate/Pane Numbers

These are seen under the first stamp, of the bottom row, in each Pane, of both values.

14c = 1A x 4 up to and including 1F x 4

30c = 1A x 4 up to and including 1F x 4

Perforation of Margins

PANE A Wmk	PANE B Wmk
PANE C Wmk	PANE D Wmk
PANE E Wmk	PANE F Wmk

The left hand margins of Panes A, C and E of both values, are imperforate. The other three margins of these same Panes, and the four margins of Panes B, D and F, of both values, are perforated. No other printing marks were seen.

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of each value, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown in the figure. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps of both values would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in both values is upright.

Perforator ran from left to right.

Imprint Blocks

The Imprint "Printex Limited Malta" is seen under the last stamp of the bottom

row, in each Pane, of both values. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks. A special handstamp, incorporating a motif, was used for cancellation on the first day of issue.

This set was to remain on sale up to March 29, 1995.

First day sales by 12.45pm amounted to Lm73,751