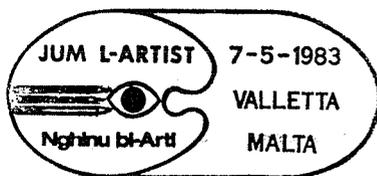
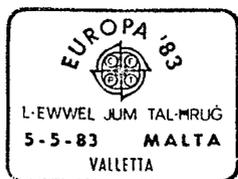


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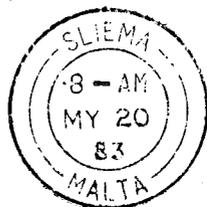
5-5-83 “Europa” set issued to-day. A special handstamp was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.



7-5-83 A special hand-postmark to mark “Jum L-Artist” was used on the 7th. May, 1983, from 8.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O and at the Central Mail Room. The postmark is inscribed “Jum L-Artist - Nghinu Bl-Arti - 7.5.1983 - Valletta - Malta”, meaning “Artist’s Day - Helping Through Art - 7.5.1983 - Valletta - Malta”. The logo of the Art Club is also incorporated in the postmark.

17-5-83 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading: “World - Telecommunication Day - One World - One Network” was used on Tuesday, 17th. May, 1983, at the Central Mail Room, Valletta.

20-5-83 The Acting Postmaster General notified that a new metal hand date-stamp was put in use at Sliema Branch Post Office as from Friday 20th May, 1983.  
The date-stamp is inscribed “Sliema -Malta”.

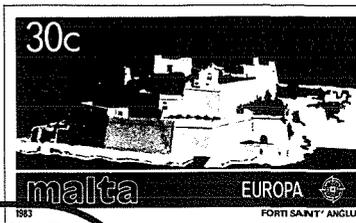
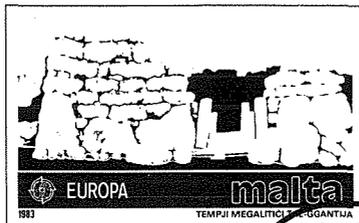


21-5-83 A commemorative postal card was issued on the occasion of the participation of the Malta Post Office in the “Tembal 1983” International Exhibition of Thematic Philately, which was held from the 21st to the 29th May 1983, in Basle, Switzerland. The Europa 1983 stamps and an appropriate motif were printed in multicolour on the postal card. The postal card was available for sale at 38 cents from the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O., Valletta, from the 21st to the 29th May, 1983, unless stocks were previously exhausted.

The postal card was available for sale with the stamps cancelled with a special hand-postmark inscribed:- “Post Office Malta - 21-29.V.83 - Tembal 1983” and incorporating the Emblem of Malta and the Postal Horn. The postal card was also available for sale in mint condition. In the case where the stamps on the postal card were cancelled with the special hand-postmark, it could have been sent through the post at no extra charge provided it was posted during the period 21st to 29th May, 1983.

Postal cards, cancelled with the “Tembal 1983” special hand-postmark posted after the 29th May, 1983, should have additional stamps for the proper postage affixed thereon. The stamps covering the postage were to be cancelled with the normal metal hand-postmark.

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- 1-6-83 A machine stamp cancelling slogan inscribed:-  
"1 Ta' Gunju 1983 - Jum Il-Konsumatur" meaning "1st June 1983 - Consumer's Day", was used on the 1st June, 1983, at the Central Mail Room, Valletta.
- 3-6-83 A machine stamp cancelling slogan marking World Environment Day was used on Friday and Saturday, 3rd and 4th June, 1983, at the Central Mail Room, Valletta.  
The slogan reads:- "Jum Dinji Ta' L-Ambjent - 5 Ta' Gunju" meaning "World Environment Day - 5th. June".
- 6-6-83 A machine stamp cancelling slogan reading:-  
"The Best Of Two Worlds - The Water's Edge - Let's Keep It That Way", was used from the 6th to the 11th June, 1983, at the Central Mail Room, Valletta.  
The logo of the European Information Centre for Nature Conservation of the Council of Europe is also incorporated in the slogan.
- 7-6-83 The acting P.M.G. notified that the 2c stamp of the current Definitive Postage Set has been reprinted by Printex Ltd. This stamp was available for sale at the Philatelic Counter of the G.P.O. Valletta.
- 14-7-83 "World Communication Year" set issued to-day. A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of philatelic mail on the first day of issue.

