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The Gozo Tourism Association welcomes with satisfaction the inauguration of the second fibre optic cable between Malta and Gozo on Monday by Prime Minister Robert Abela and Economy Minister Silvio Schembri. The Association is confident that this long-awaited project will definitely enhance and increase the digital infrastructure in Gozo.

The GTA believes that Gozo's double insularity cannot be only mitigated through sea, air and permanent links. But also, with projects like this digital infrastructural investment that will augment Gozo's connectivity, opening up the island for potential private investment and job creation in the IT sector. This second fibre optic cable is another step in establishing a sound footing for digital economy for the Island Region of Gozo.

While the Gozo Tourism Association is satisfied that concrete and serious measures are being taken towards digital connectivity, the Association also urges Government to continue in its efforts to improve further the inter-island connectivity through, the sea link and the much needed airlink.

Furthermore the Gozo Tourism Association maintains that Gozo's Gross Domestic Product cannot remain so reliant on the tourism sector. Therefore the Association believes that more steps and initiatives are to be taken in order to diversify the Gozitan economy. This second fibre optic cable will support and facilitate the spread of the Gozitan economic activity, while creating new job opportunities.

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