

Preparatory work leading to  
Gozo's participation in the  
Climate Neutral and Smart  
Cities Mission

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Gozo Regional Development Authority

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The GRDA is interested in all aspects which in a way or another effect Gozo.

Shortly, the GRDA will publish the Regional Development Strategy as stipulated within Act XVIII of 2019, CAP 600.

This strategy consists of various measures which promote sustainable development on the island. Each Priority Area is linked with different SDG's. This strategy has 8 priority areas as follows:

Priority Area 1: Gozo Spatial Planning and Sustainable Urban Development

Priority Area 2: Infrastructure and Accessibility

Priority Area 3: Rural Development and Eco-Gozo

Priority Area 4: Economic and Human Capital Development

Priority Area 5: New Economy

Priority Area 6: Sustainable Tourism

Priority Area 7: Social Development

Priority Area 8: Culture, Heritage and Arts



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# Priority area in relation to the SDGs

Rural Development and  
Eco-Gozo

SDG7 - Affordable and Clean  
Energy

SDG8 - Decent Work and  
Economic Growth

SDG9 - Industry, Innovation and  
Infrastructure

SDG11 - Sustainable Cities and  
Communities

SDG12 - Responsible  
Consumption and Production

SDG13 - Climate Action

SDG14 - Life below Water

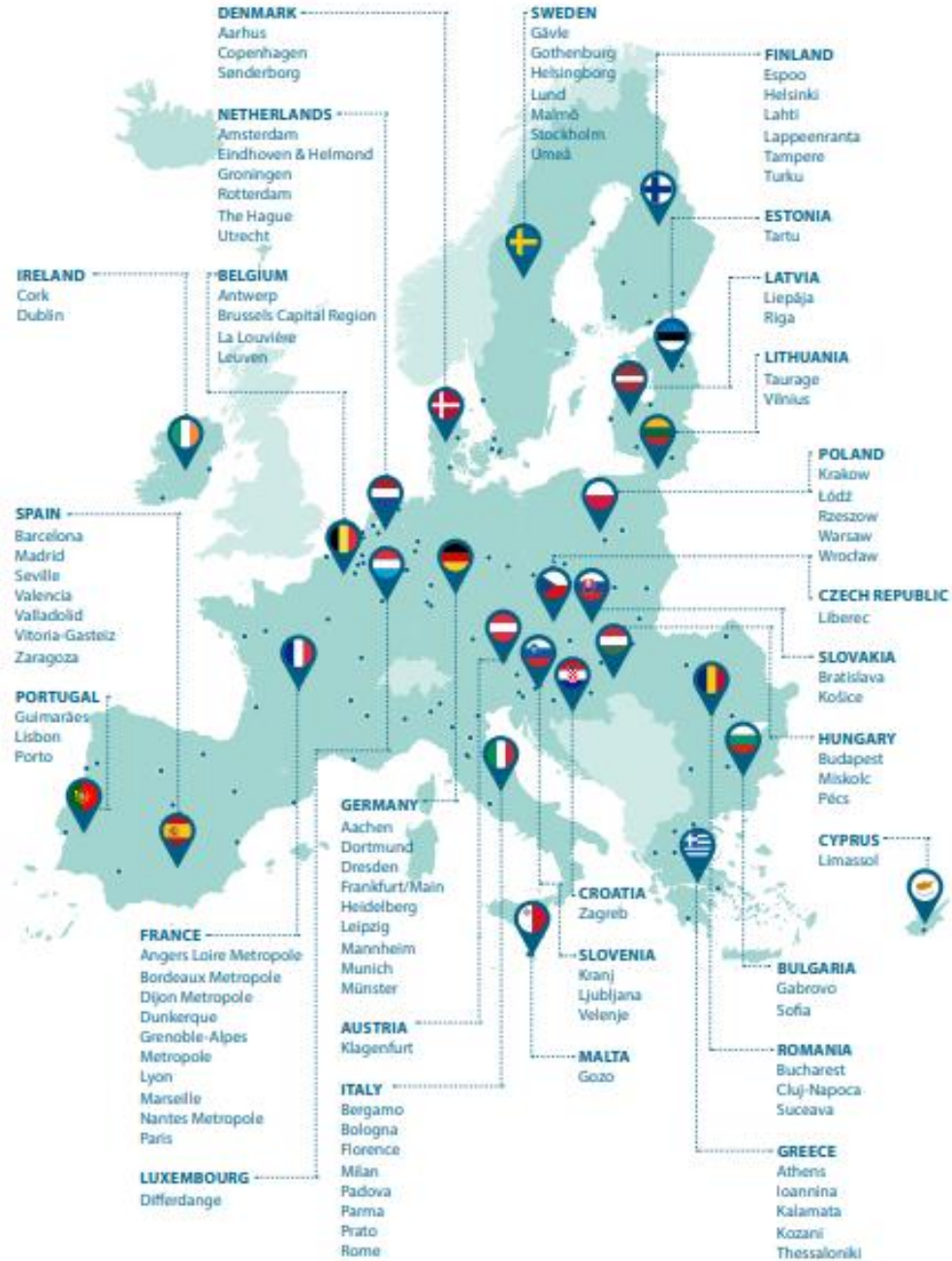
SDG15 - Life on Land

# Gozo as a participant in the Climate Neutral & Smart Cities Mission

Following the political commitments for Malta (and Gozo) to become climate neutral, Gozo has taken the first step in this direction.

Through this Mission, Gozo will do a climate city contract which involves an action plan, commitments and an investment plan. Eventually these will lead to Gozo in getting a mission's label.

## EU CITIES



## CITIES FROM ASSOCIATED COUNTRIES



\* The United Kingdom is expected to become associated to Horizon Europe and will therefore have the same rights and obligations as other associated countries.

# As a first step, a situational analysis for Gozo through the Clean Energy for EU Islands Project

Through the Clean Energy for EU Islands project, the baseline energy scenario for Gozo is going to be determined, hence we will have a full view of Gozo's current energy demand and supply structure.

# Gozo's Perspective

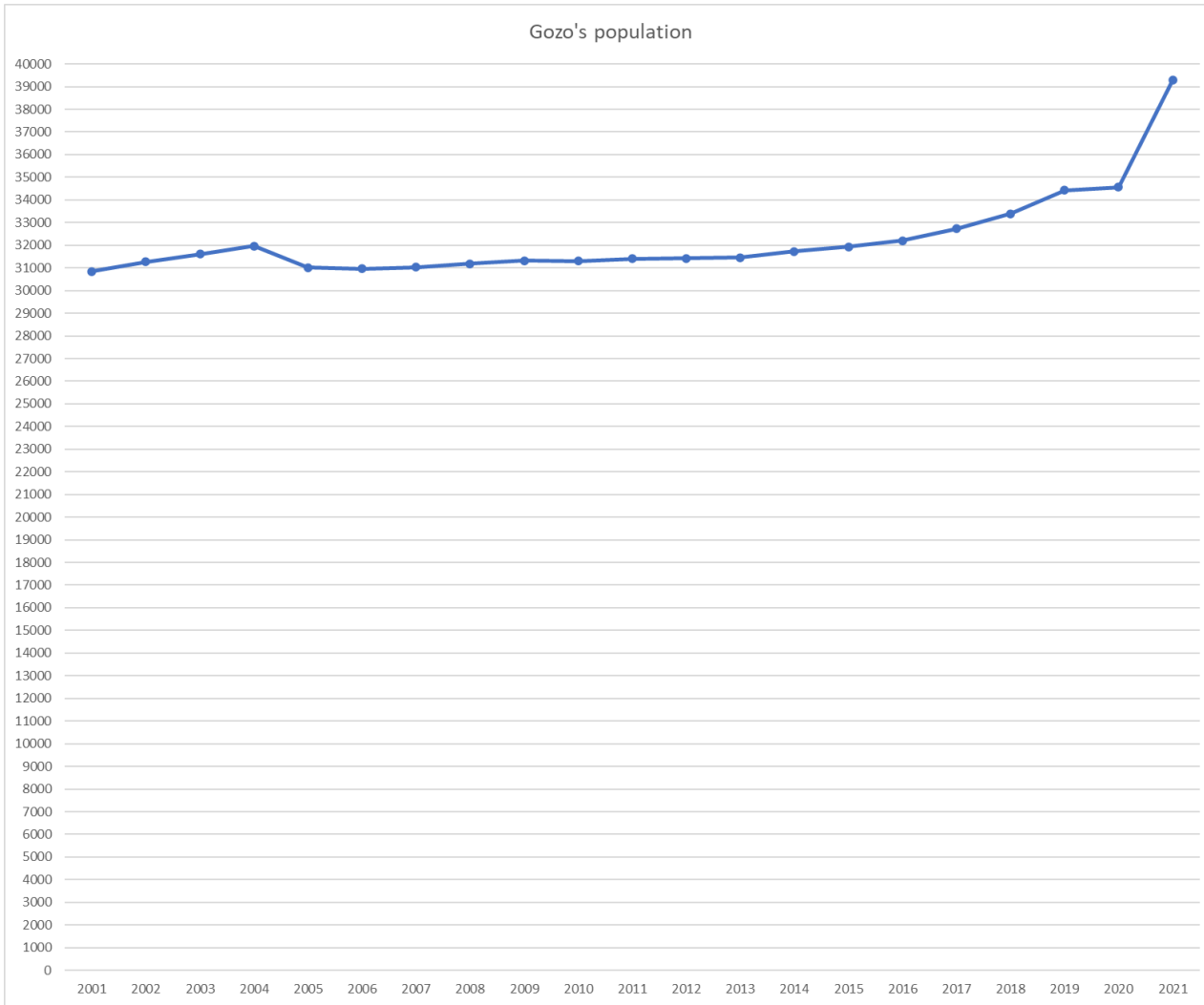
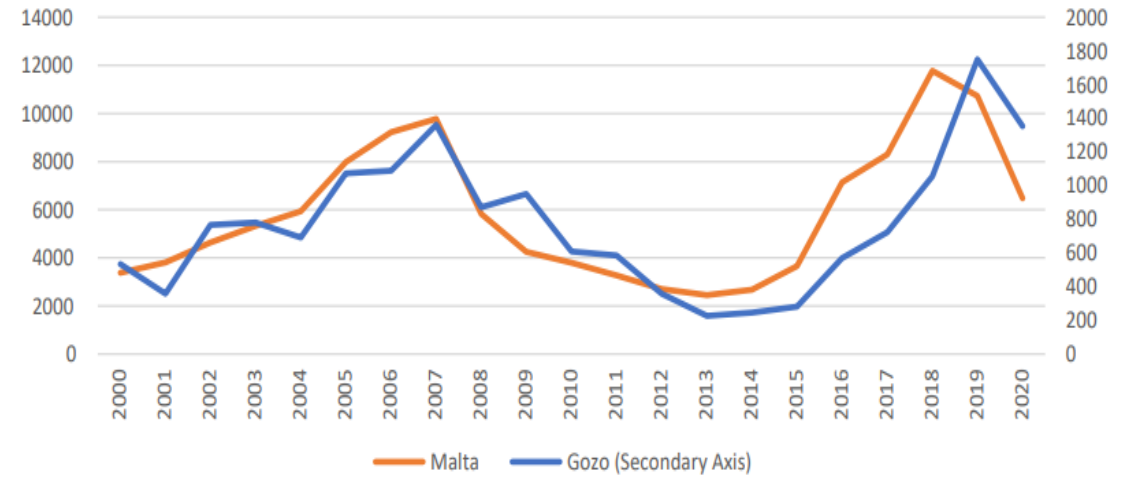


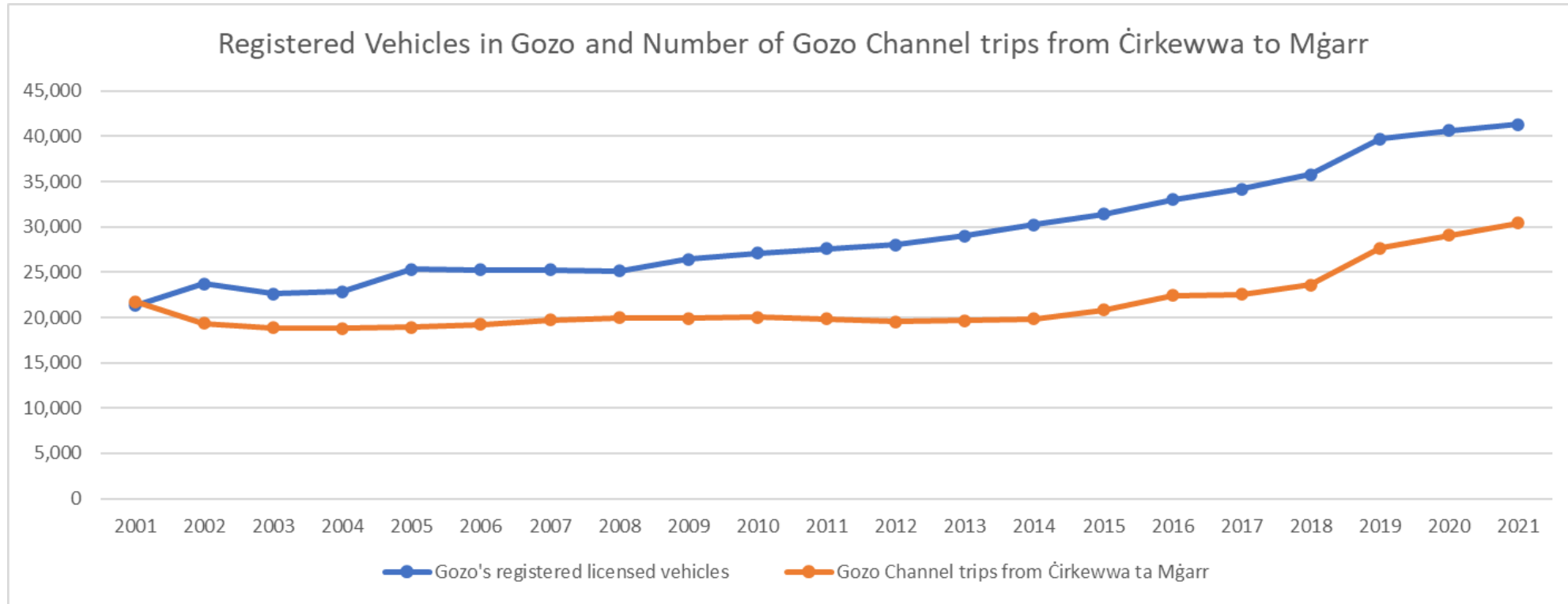
Chart 1

## Approvals of Residential Dwellings

(Data Source: Planning Authority)

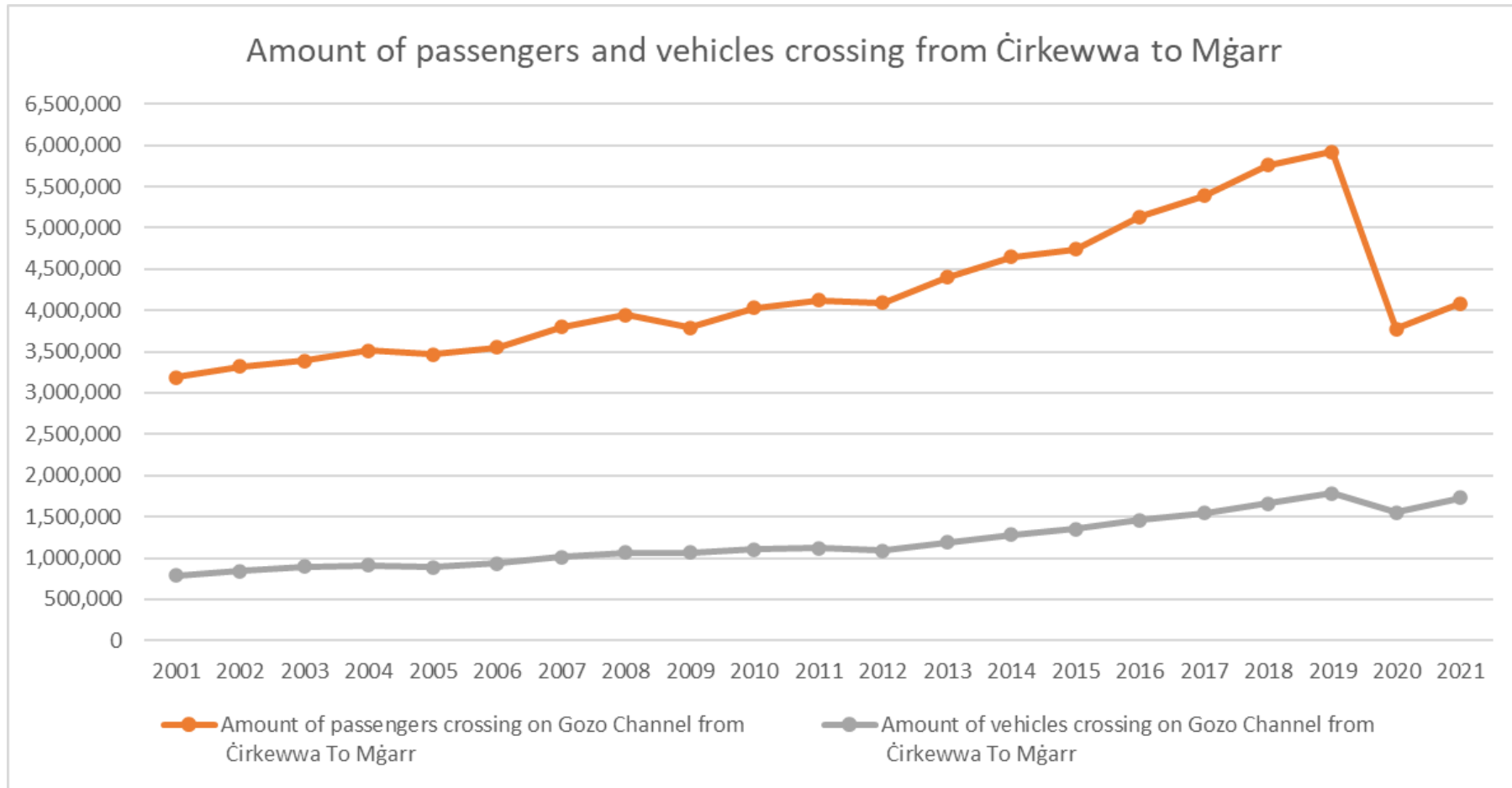


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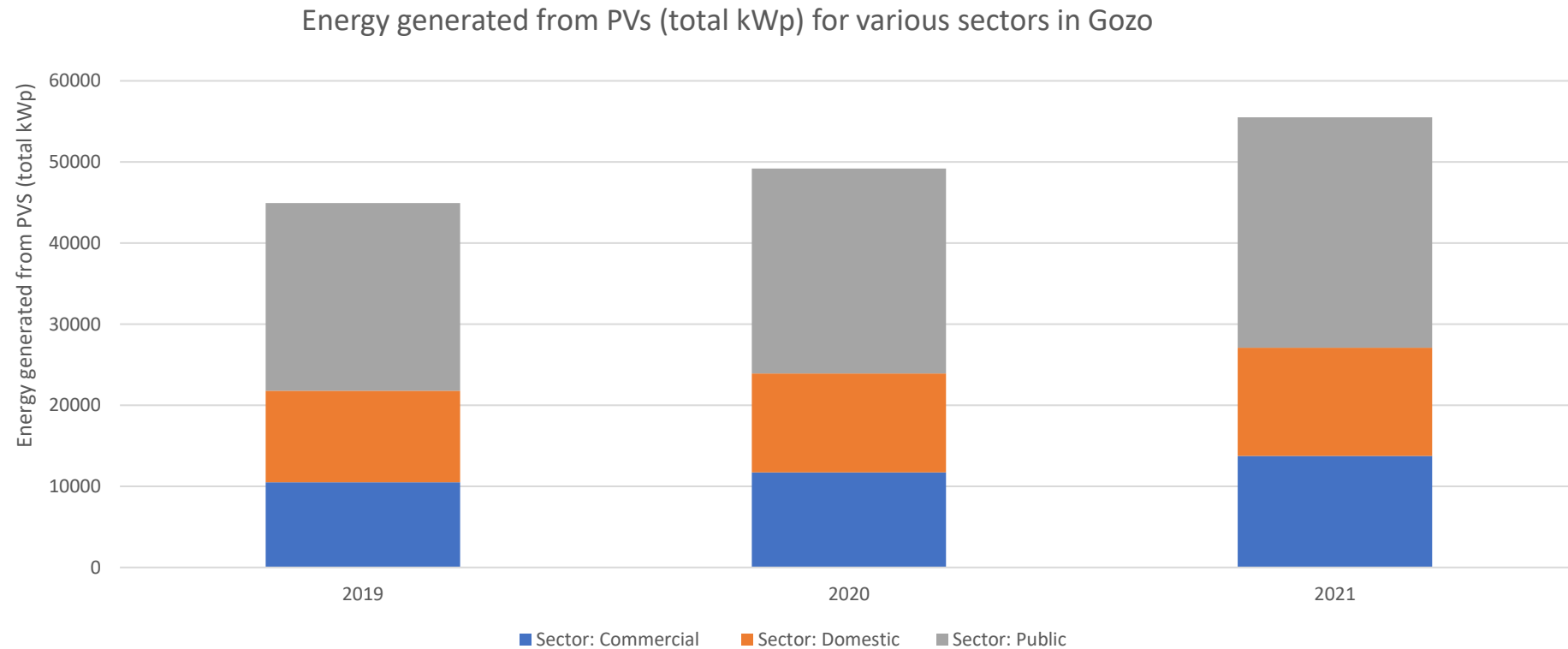
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# Climate mitigation pilot projects in Gozo

- Smart parking
- Energy efficient lighting
- Park and ride service using 6 electric buses
- Energy efficient reverse osmosis plant

# Generating renewable energy from PVs in Gozo



# Other incentives and projects which are assisting in this transition

- Government incentives, with incentives specifically focused on Gozo
- Other projects



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