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Unbelievable construction industry statistics

It's one of those flabbergasting statistics again. Despite being the minnows in the EU in terms of area, Malta registered the highest increase in construction production in the EU in the first three months of this year (+7%) and is one of the countries with the biggest construction industry performances on an annual basis (+12.8%), while, as an average, production in construction fell by 1.6% among the EU 25 member states in the first three months of this year.

Politicians on both sides of the fence must be patting each other on their backs, while our last remaining open spaces are encroached on. This administration, like all the previous ones in this country, can be assigned to local history books as having missed the opportunity to restructure our construction industry, which continued to register an unstoppable J curve.

Such an industry has been implicated time and time again in the ensuing scourge of our open spaces as successive governments fail to pick the nettle and find alternative employment for the industry's workers.