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NEWSLETTER

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EUPA announces new National Coordinator - Chief Executive Officer

Mr Raphael Scerri is the new National Coordinator - Chief Executive Officer of EUPA, bringing expertise in European funds and previous experience as Head of Division, Employer Services at Jobsplus. Mr Scerri will oversee the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps (ESC) programmes, enhancing Malta's participation in these initiatives. His appointment signifies a renewed commitment to Malta's role in developing local talent and fostering international collaboration, with EUPA playing a central role in these initiatives.



Mr Raphael Scerri - EUPA's National Coordinator - Chief Executive Officer



**IChoose July 2024 -
Connecting with students**

I Choose Fair

Held on the 19th and 20th July at the Grand Hotel Excelsior the I Choose fair saw many students fresh from their O'level results contemplating the next steps in their educational journey. Thus, EUPA was there to talk to the eager young people on how the Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps programmes can help them advance their education. Additionally, many students got the chance to play the Europass Boardgame as they learned how to present their skills and qualifications in the most effective way possible.

DiscoverEU Pre-Departure Meeting

During this meeting, Maltese 18 years old attended the pre-departure meeting held by EUPA's Youth team in anticipation of their upcoming DiscoverEU journey. Here, participants got a rundown of the trip's agenda and got the chance to raise any queries they might have had. Such a meeting also provided them with the opportunity to learn more about the importance of the DiscoverEU priorities, such as the exploration of Europe's cultural heritage and history.



DiscoverEU Meeting - Preparations in full effect



EUPA's Communication's Team giving feedback to prospective applicants

October Deadline Project Labs

In anticipation of the October 1st, 2024 deadline for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps applications, EUPA organised two consecutive Project Labs. On September 5th, the Communications Team invited prospective applicants from the School Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education, and Sport sectors, while on September 6th, they hosted attendees from the Youth sector. Over the course of the two days, the EUPA Communications Team provided guidance on how organisations can improve their applications and organised workshops where beneficiaries could discuss and learn from each other. Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta also attended to offer their services to the beneficiaries.

Let's Talk Sports (with a Sports Ambassador)

In an effort to continue highlighting the importance of sport in the youth sector, on the 11th September, EUPA organised 'Let's Talk Sports'. Here, the world-record breaking long distance swimmer, Neil Agius held a thought provoking question and answer where he inspired many with his enthusiasm for sport. This was followed by a session from another sport ambassador Neil Abela, where he demonstrated what a powerful tool sports can be in non-formal education.



Neil Agius at 'Let's Talk Sports'



Youth professionals discussing '#Tech-tonic Motions in Learning'

National Tool Fair

The National Tool Fair saw youth professionals coming together to explore and present creative methods for formal and non-formal learning environments in relation to this year's theme, #Tech-tonic Motions in Learning. The two participants from Malta who captured the transformative impact of digital innovation the most were chosen to soon present their resourceful tools at this year's International Tool Fair in Reykjavík, Iceland, from November 4th to 8th, 2024.

Post-Travel Meeting for DiscoverEU Ambassadors

On the 20th September, EUPA's youth team organised a meetup for all past participants of the DiscoverEU programme. The ambassadors got the chance to share their various exciting stories with each other as they reconnected over shared experience. Additionally, during the meeting DiscoverEU's past participants got to see what other opportunities they can take part of under the Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps programmes.



Youths sharing their experiences with each other



Mr Raphael Scerri presenting the 2025 Work Plan

Stakeholder Work Plan 2025 Discussion (Youth)

To discuss the 2025 Work Plan, a meeting was held by EUPA's National Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Raphael Scerri, together with the Youth Sector Manager, for all relevant stakeholders. The meeting reviewed the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps goals that the agency aims to accomplish in the coming year. This was followed by valuable input from stakeholders to ensure the 2025 targets are achieved as successfully as possible.

Stakeholder Work Plan 2025 Discussion (School Education, Adult Education, Vocational Education and Training & Sport)

The National Agency held a meeting with all the relevant stakeholders in the School Education, Vocational Education and Training, Adult Education and Sport sector. Our National Coordinator - Chief Executive Officer, Mr Raphael Scerri together with the sector managers, presented the EUPA's 2025 Work Plan to them. Here, a range of topics were brought up, leading to a very productive discussion about the Erasmus+ programmes in Malta.



**EUPA stakeholders discussing
the 2025 Work Plan**



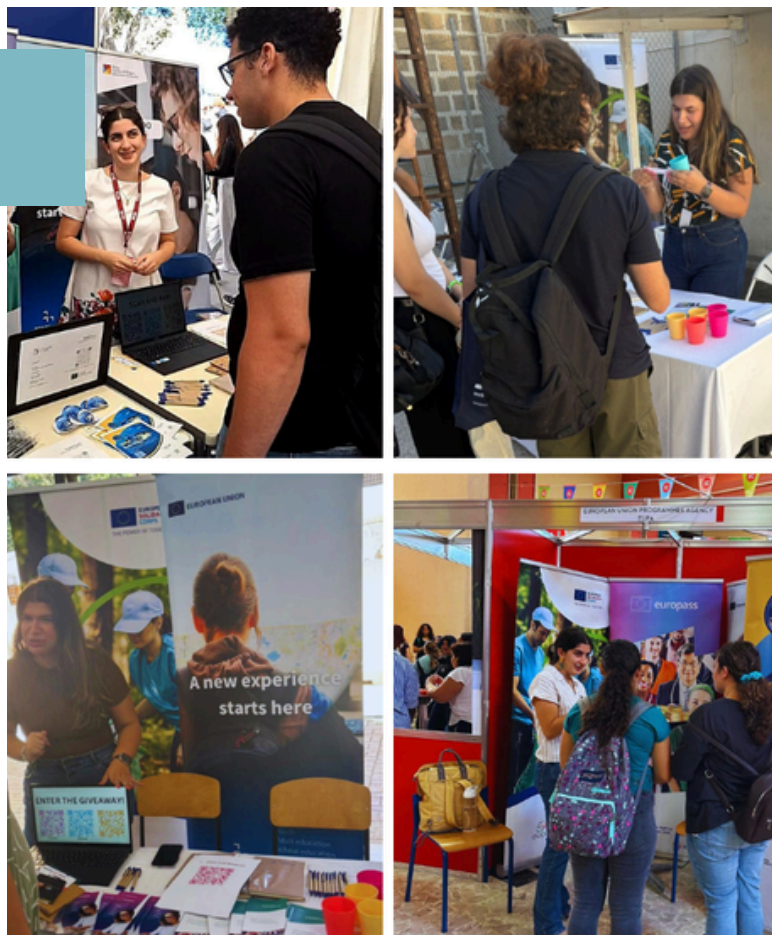
Science in the City

**EUPA's Communications Team creating
awareness with the general public about the
agency's programmes**

This year, EUPA once again participated in the annual Science in the City, an event that brings together various organisations to engage the public through science and innovation. The event transforms the streets of Valletta into an interactive science hub, offering hands-on experiments, exhibitions, and activities aimed at inspiring curiosity and awareness of scientific advancements. EUPA joined other European Union organisations in the 'EU Corner,' where the Communications Team had the opportunity to engage with the community and share information about the numerous opportunities available through the Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps programmes and Europass Network. Visitors to our stand could also pick up freebies, follow our social media for regular updates, and participate in giveaways.

Freshers' Week

The EUPA Communications Team is currently visiting schools across Malta and Gozo to promote Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, and Europass during Freshers' Week. So far, we've visited several institutions, including Junior College, the University of Malta, the Institute of Tourism Studies, and Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School. Next week, you can find us at MCAST Paola from October 7th to 9th, MCAST Mosta on October 10th, and MCAST Gozo on October 11th. Come join us for a chance to win fantastic prizes by entering our giveaways and enjoying some fun games!



Students learning about EUPA's programmes at University of Malta, Institute of Tourism Studies, Junior College, Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School during Freshers week

 EUROPEAN UNION

#ERASMUS DAYS

14 > 19
of October
2024

**6 days,
thousands of events
join us!**





#ErasmusDays

Malta, along with European Union countries is gearing up for the upcoming #ErasmusDays—a six-day celebration. Organisations participating in Erasmus+ are encouraged to host events that highlight and showcase the positive impact of the programme. The formats for #ErasmusDays events are endless, ranging from sharing testimonials to seminars, social media campaigns, exhibitions, and more. #ErasmusDays provide an excellent opportunity for organisations and their Erasmus+ projects to gain greater recognition. Visit the #ErasmusDays website to register your event!

Training Opportunities

If you wish to know more about how Erasmus+ works, Training and Cooperation Activities are the perfect chance to visit new countries, learn the intricacies the programme and find new organisations to collaborate with. These are the upcoming deadlines

- **TYE - Tools for Youth Exchanges - Reykjavík, Iceland** : A training course activity where youth leaders and workers will have the opportunity to explore, share, and adapt tools to enhance their youth exchange projects. (Deadline: 18th November).

