

March 2025

## Bridging eTwinning and Erasmus+

EUPA started off 2025 with its first event on 16<sup>th</sup> January. The Bridging eTwinning and Erasmus+ had the aim of informing Erasmus+ applicants coming from the school sector about how they can use eTwinning and its platform to get ideas and find partners for their Erasmus+ projects. This event was organised in collaboration with the Directorate for Digital Literacy and Transversal Skills. Dr Rose Anna Camilleri delivered tips on how to use the eTwinning platform while EUPA staff delivered tips for a successful project.



Dr Rose Anna Camilleri delivering her presentation

## Junior College Career Expo

On 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> January, EUPA participated in the Junior College Career Expo with the aim of informing students about opportunities available for them under Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. and how these opportunities can boost their employability skills. Besides setting up an information stand, EUPA also delivered two talks, one about EU funding opportunities for youth and another focusing on Europass and how the Europass platform and its tools is a one stop shop for new job seekers.



During one of the talks delivered during Junior College Career Expo

## Youthpass Seminar

On 18<sup>th</sup> January, EUPA organised a Youth Pass Seminar, a half-day seminar with the theme of increasing understanding in relation to YouthPass.

YouthPass is a primary tool that enables participants and youth workers involved in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps to recognise and present their mobility experience and their acquisition of skills and competences derived from their involvement in projects financed through the Programmes.

To explore the opportunities that this process provides, EUPA invited those who were responsible for coordinating the YouthPass process in beneficiary organisations active in the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes to attend this seminar, where the potential of using YouthPass as a tool for recognition of non-formal and informal learning holds was explored in greater detail.



Participants during the Youth Pass Seminar

## Get Set Write Erasmus+

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January, EUPA organised Get Set Write, a hands-on workshop particularly aimed at potential applicants intending to submit a project under Key Action 1. During this session, EUPA staff provided attendees with practical tips on how to write a successful project, EUPA also provided advice on how to avoid pitfalls, based on feedback derived from assessment of past applications.

## From Concept to Collaboration

In order to prepare for the upcoming Key Action 2 deadline in March, on 31<sup>st</sup> January, EUPA organised From Concept to Collaboration, Starting Strong with Key Action 2, a workshop aimed at Key Action 2 applicants to help them develop a strong proposal.



Participants during one of the sessions

## DiscoverEU Inclusion Action Information Session

In an effort to continue promoting the DiscoverEU Inclusion Action, on 1<sup>st</sup> February, EUPA organised an information session targeting organisations active in the field of disability to inform them about this scheme which gives young people with fewer opportunities the chance to explore Europe through short-term individual or group travel experiences by rail or other modes of transport where necessary.



**Representatives from organisations active in the field of disability during the DiscoverEU Inclusion Action Information Session**

## DiscoverEU Pre-Departure Meeting

The first pre-departure meeting of the year took place on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, and was aimed for DiscoverEU Autumn 2024 round winners. This year, the DiscoverEU Pre-Departure meeting was held at Fort St Elmo with the

participation of 20 Maltese travel pass winners. During the meeting, EUPA staff, along with facilitators, provided all the necessary information regarding the booking procedure and offered valuable travelling tips to enhance the overall experience of the participants and help them plan their travel. Feedback received from the travellers revealed that the meeting served as an excellent opportunity to get well-acquainted with the details that make the journey smoother. This meeting was not just about information... it was also about building connections. We encouraged travellers to attend not only to gather essential information but also to meet fellow travellers. Whether traveling alone and looking for a travel companion to join, the meeting offered the chance to find someone who shares their interests and can make the journey even more remarkable.



**Participants during the DiscoverEU Pre-Departure Meeting**



## Study in Europe Webinar

On 13<sup>th</sup> February, EUPA participated in a webinar organised by the National School Support Services (NSSS). This 1.5 hour webinar aimed to provide information about studying in Europe. This webinar was aimed for parents, guardians and students themselves who were eager to learn more about opportunities available.

EUPA provided an insight on opportunities available as part of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps. EUPA also provided information about how the Europass platform can be a valuable tool when looking to study in Europe.

## Information Stand at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School

On 14<sup>th</sup> February, upon invitation by the school management, EUPA set up a stand during the Parents' Day to inform students and their parents / guardians about funding opportunities as part of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.

EUPA also took the opportunity to spread the word about the benefits of Europass for those looking to apply for a job.



**Our stand at Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School, Naxxar**

## TCA Hosting: Capacity Building for Adult Educators: Unlocking New Opportunities for Learners

Between the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February, EUPA hosted the Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA): Capacity Building for Adult Educators: Unlocking New Opportunities for Learners.

During this TCA, 35 participants from 11 different countries - Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Hungary, Belgium, Sweden, Croatia, Portugal, Poland and Turkey, including Malta, attended this TCA and received important insights on how to develop a learner mobility in the field of Adult Education.



**Participants during one of the activities held during the TCA**

## Gozo 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholders' Meeting

On 26<sup>th</sup> February, EUPA organised the 1<sup>st</sup> Gozitan Stakeholders' meeting. The meeting was attended by numerous representatives and the ultimate aim was to encourage more Gozitan organisations to tap into Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps funding opportunities.



**Mr Scerri during one of his interventions**

## Launch of the 4th European Youth Work Convention

As announced during the press conference held on 27<sup>th</sup> February, the 4th European Youth Work Convention (EYWC), a landmark event shaping the future of youth work across Europe, will be held in Malta from 27<sup>th</sup> till the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Held every five years since 2010, this convention serves as a key platform for youth workers, policymakers, and researchers to advance the European Youth Work Agenda and ensure that youth work is recognised as a vital sector in policy and practice.

This convention will focus on accelerating progress, innovation, and excellence in youth work by improving standards, recognition, and quality across Europe.

Organised with the support of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe in the field of youth, under the theme "Youth Work Xcelerate", it will promote youth work as a key tool for empowering young people, fostering inclusion, and encouraging active participation. It will also establish a European Roadmap to enhance the effectiveness of youth work and ensure its sustainability through national and European policies.

The European Youth Work Convention in May will bring together nearly 500 experts, youth workers, and decision-makers to shape the future of youth work. In October, the European ministers responsible for youth will gather in Malta to turn these discussions into concrete action, ensuring youth work thrives as a cornerstone of a thriving and resilient democracy in Europe.

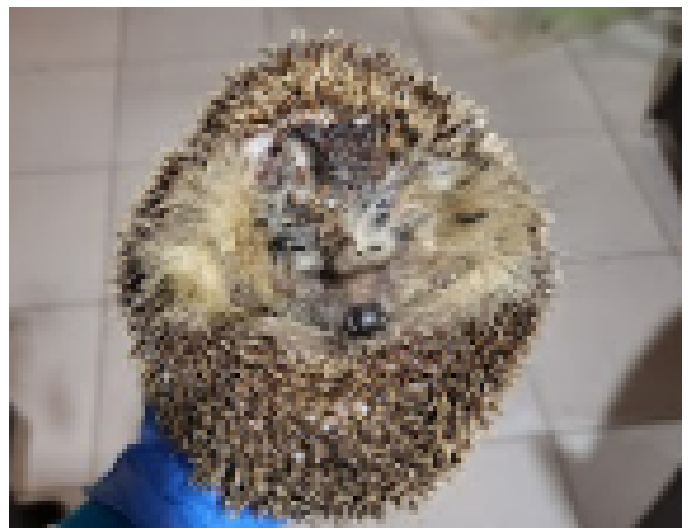
This convention will serve as a forum for meaningful dialogue and action to recognise youth work as an integral part of democratic societies, validate youth work beyond formal education, secure sustainable funding to ensure its long-term impact and empower youth workers with the tools and recognition they deserve.

Malta has a longstanding commitment to youth work, with institutions like Aġenzija Żgħażaġħ playing a crucial role in providing programmes and support for young people. Similarly, the European Union Programmes Agency continues to facilitate EU-funded opportunities that strengthen the youth work sector in Malta and beyond.

## EUPA Team Building Event

On 28<sup>th</sup> February, EUPA organised a team building event at Xrobb l-Għagin Nature Park. During the event, staff participated in team building games and also had a guided tour around the park, where a volunteer provided information about the effects of fishing gear, improper disposal of plastic and other human activities on marine life. EUPA staff also learnt about the different wildlife, including hedgehogs, turtles and bats amongst others, which are rehabilitated by Nature Trust's dedicated volunteers.

Collectively, EUPA staff decided to contribute donations to adopt a hedgehog, named Freddie and a turtle named Tommy. Freddie, along with another hedgehog were released back into the wild on 19<sup>th</sup> March in the evening at Borg in-Nadur,



**Freddie, the hedgehog adopted by EUPA staff**



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27<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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## KSU Career Expo

Between 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March, EUPA participated in the KSU Career Expo. Every year, Kunsill Studenti Universitarji organises a career expo on campus with the aim of providing a platform to university students to meet the employers.

EUPA took this opportunity to set up a stand to inform the students about funding opportunities under Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps and how participation in such projects boosts one's employability skills.

EUPA also informed about the tools available as part of the Europass network, including the CV and cover letter editor.



**Our stand at KSU Career Expo**

## Gozo Information Sessions

On 14<sup>th</sup> March, EUPA organised 2 information sessions in Gozo in collaboration with Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta (SEM). One of these sessions focused on familiarising Gozitan organisations with Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps, while the other session focused on how to write a successful project proposal.



**During the information session in Gozo**

## On Arrival Training

Between 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 7 volunteers from 2 different organizations attended for the first On Arrival Training of the year, organised by EUPA.

Over the course of 3 days participants engaged in non-formal learning methods to familiarise themselves with their rights and responsibilities in their European

Solidarity Corps programme. This training also helped them connect with others, learn about the country and the organisations they're involved with.



**Participants during one of the activities held as part of the training**

## Malta Information Sessions

Similar to the information sessions held in Gozo, on 24<sup>th</sup> March, EUPA organised 2 information sessions in Malta in collaboration with Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta (SEM). The first sessions focused on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps funding opportunities for Maltese organisations, while the second session focused writing a successful project proposal.



**During the information session in Malta**

## How to Implement a Good Quality Project for Accredited Organisations

Between 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, EUPA organised a seminar for accredited organisations, focusing on: How to Implement a Good Quality Project.

This two-day workshop aimed at developing the capacity of accredited organisations to deliver high quality mobility projects, and provided tips on how to measure, report and promote the achievements and impact of the project.



**Mr Scerri during the opening of the seminar**



## Media Intervention - TV Spot

On 26<sup>th</sup> March, EUPA participated in a media intervention on F living TV Channel, along with Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta. During this media intervention, EUPA focused on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps funding opportunities for Maltese organisations.



During the media intervention on F Living TV

## Training for Experts

On 27<sup>th</sup> March, EUPA held an assessors' training session. Such initiatives form part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that our experts are fully equipped with the right tools and insights in order to ensure high-quality evaluation of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects. The training focused on strengthening assessment standards, consistency, and transparency throughout the evaluation process.



Experts during the training

## Upcoming Deadlines

7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 12:00 PM (Noon):

- Mobility of individuals in the field of youth
- Solidarity projects

## Public Service Expo 2025

EUPA will be participating in the in the Public Service Expo 2025.

