

June 2025

YouSport SNAC Steering Group Meeting

Between 1st and 3rd April, EUPA hosted the annual face-to-face YouSport SNAC Steering Group Meeting, welcoming 10 representatives from various programme countries.

This gathering fostered collaboration, strategic planning, and knowledge exchange to enhance the role of social sport in youth work across Europe.

Participants visited Frame Football Malta, where they learned about the organisation's work in inclusive sports and took part in a game alongside its members, gaining hands-on insight into the power of sport for inclusion



Participants during an inclusive game



A group photo of participants together with members of Frame Football Malta



Participants during the meeting

Local Councils' Information Session

On 4th April, EUPA organised an online information session aimed at Local Councils across Malta and Gozo.

Throughout this session, EUPA gave an overview of its mission and vision, the benefits of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps for Local

Councils, the local communities and the organisations operating at community level.

The primary aim of this session was to promote opportunities available under the youth and adult education sector, however, representatives from local councils also got a brief overview of the different sectors within Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.

The aim of delivering this additional overview was so that local councils serve as our ambassadors within their community.

Two attendees also shared their personal experience while benefitting from our programmes, with the aim of encouraging others to make their first step.

Participation in a Webinar

On 15th April, EUPA participated in a webinar organised by Jobsplus, focusing on training opportunities and work exposure opportunities. The webinar was intended for private employers, and was attended by around 140 individuals.

During this webinar, EUPA gave an overview of its mission and vision and

provided an introduction about Erasmus+, highlighting its 4 main priorities and its main strands, with particular focus on opportunities under adult education and vocational education and training.

DiscoverEU Meet-up #1

DiscoverEU is an action which forms part of the Erasmus+ programme. This action offers 18 year olds the opportunity to explore Europe's diversity, learn about its cultural heritage and history, and connect with people from all over the continent through travelling, predominantly by rail.

As part of our responsibilities as the Maltese National Agency, we are tasked with organising meet-ups in Malta, which are gathering occasions for travellers from around Europe.

This year, the first meet-up took place between 20th and 23rd April 2025 with the participation of 24 young travellers from more than 10 different countries, as well as the participants of the ongoing DiscoverEU Inclusion (KA155) project.

During this 3-day activity, EUPA collaborated and organised visits to

local NGOs in order to support the travellers and provide them with a different perspective about topics like creativity, culture and cultural heritage, and environment & natural protection.



DiscoverEU Participants during one of the activities

Mid-Term Meeting III

The Mid-Term Meeting III took place from the 24th to the 27th of April at Paradise Bay Hotel. The meeting brought together 8 volunteers from 3 different organisations and various countries. It provided a valuable opportunity for participants to reflect on their ESC experiences, share insights, and strengthen connections through non-formal learning methods in a supportive environment.



Participants of Mid-Term Meeting III during different activities

Erasmus+ NAs Med Networking Meeting

Held between 28th and 30th April, this meeting brought together 10 Erasmus+ National Agencies established in countries bordering the Mediterranean (Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia and Spain), with a total of 51 participants and an additional 11 members of staff from EUPA to discuss various aspects of the Erasmus+ programme with the aim of strengthening their collaboration.

The event also had several workshops, focusing on different topics.



Group photo of participants at the end of a fruitful meeting

Mid-Term Meeting IV

Mid-Term Meeting IV was held from the 1st to the 4th of May at Villa Psaignon, gathering 8 international volunteers representing 4 different organisations. The meeting served as

a meaningful space for volunteers to reconnect, evaluate their progress, and explore personal and group development through engaging discussions and reflective activities in a calm and inspiring setting.



Participants of Mid-Term Meeting IV during different activities

Europe Day - Gozo

On 03rd May 2025, EUPA headed over to Villa Rundle in Gozo to participate in a Europe Day Celebration for families.

During this event, EUPA set up an information stand to promote

Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps opportunities, alongside Europass, among the general public.



Our stand at Villa Rundle, Gozo



Our setup for Europe Day Celebrations at Valletta

Europe Day - Valletta

On 09th May 2025, EUPA participated in Europe Day Celebration, organised by Servizzi Ewropej f'Malta.

During this event, EUPA, along with other EU related departments, had an information stand to promote Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps opportunities, alongside Europass, among the general public.

During the event, students from different schools participated in a quiz and also delivered live performances.

Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Online Meeting for Training Service Providers

On 19th May, in collaboration with the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority, EUPA organised an online information focusing on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps opportunities aimed for training service providers.

During this event, EUPA gave an overview of the opportunities available to encourage training service providers to apply for EU funds.

Public Service Expo

Between 21st and 25th May, EUPA participated in the Public Service Expo, held at Ta' Qali, in collaboration with Fondi.eu. During this event, EUPA staff interacted with the visitors of all age groups and informed them about Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps funding opportunities.



Interacting with the general public during the Public Service Expo

4th European Youth Work Convention

Between 27th and 29th May, EUPA, in collaboration with Aġenzija Żgħażaġh, hosted the 4th European Youth Work Convention at the Mediterranean Conference Centre, Valletta.

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", the Convention was an excellent opportunity for around 500 participants - youth workers, decision-makers, and changemakers, from all over Europe, to meet up and share their ideas, and inspirations to shape the future of youth work.



4th European Youth Work Convention

Minister's Visit to Our Office

On 4th June, Hon Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi, Minister for European Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme, visited our offices to meet with EUPA's staff and other staff forming part of other entities working in EU funds.

During his visit, the Minister had the opportunity to learn more about our ongoing work, and discuss the impact of our programmes on the local community.



Minister's visit to our office

On Arrival Training

Between 12th and 15th June, EUPA hosted the On Arrival Training for incoming volunteers. The training was held at Xrobb I-Għagin Nature Park, and served as an introduction to help these young people coming from across Europe to integrate more smoothly into the communities where they will be carrying out volunteering activities.

During the training, the participants had a visit by Hon Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi, Minister for European Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme, and Mr Jonathan Vassallo, Permanent Secretary Ministry for European Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme.





During the On Arrival Training

DiscoverEU Pre-Departure Meeting #2

On Friday 20th June, EUPA organised a pre-departure meeting for DiscoverEU participants.

During this meeting, held at SmartCity Malta, a total of 12 participants were briefed about what DiscoverEU is all about.

Participants also had the chance to discuss their expectations of their travel experience and discuss any queries they had regarding their experience.

Hon Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi, Minister for EU Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme visited the event, met the participants and encouraged them to make use of Erasmus+ funds and encourage peers to join in the programme.

TV Spot

On 24th June, Mr Raphael Scerri, participated in a TV programme, Bil-Fatti, together with representatives from Green Crew and Allied Health Services - Department for Health Services, current beneficiaries of European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ respectively. The aim of this TV programme was to promote EU funded projects. Beneficiaries also had the chance to share their experience about being directly involved in EU funded projects.



Discussing benefits of EU projects during Bil-Fatti

Sustainability Networking Conference

On Friday 27th June, EUPA representatives participated in the Sustainability Networking Conference organised by the Energy and Water Agency, to promote Erasmus+ and sustainability related projects.

The scope of the conference was to raise awareness about the scarcity of Malta's natural water resources, and promote behavioural change, sustainability and sustainable solutions within the work sector as well as the general public. Guest speakers, academics and experts in their field introduced projects and their results focusing on sustainability and shared actionable strategies that can be implemented to achieve a more sustainable workplace.



EUPA representatives manning a stand during the Sustainability Networking Conference

European Solidarity Corps Annual Event

On 27th June, EUPA organised the European Solidarity Corps Annual Event, where a number of organisations involved in European Solidarity Corps set up stands to raise awareness about their organisations and their European Solidarity Corps projects.

In addition, a discussion was held with the Quality Label holders to discuss relevant topics and the organisations participated in workshops to help reflect on best practices and exchange ideas.

Organisations holding a Quality Label were presented with a Quality Label Certificate which was presented by Hon Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi. Permanent Secretary Mr Jonathan Vassallo was also present during the ceremony.



European Solidarity Corps participants during a discussion as part of the European Solidarity Corps Annual Event

Some of the meetings / trainings which staff attended

LTA Sustainability Working Group Meeting

2nd - 4th April, Belgium

This LTA aimed to enhance the integration of sustainability values within the framework for the Erasmus+ ensuring that green priorities are actively implemented across participating National Agencies and beneficiaries, by building the structure, leveraging strategic partnerships and focusing on practical, impactful activities.

Managing Workplace Stress & Building Resilience

4th April, Malta

During this training, EUPA's HR Officer got familiar with understanding stress and the relationship of stress to performance. Attendees also discussed how to recognise symptoms of stress and burnout in oneself and others, along with the importance of resilience in buffering against stress. Behaviours and habits that help employees build resilience and prevent burnout were also shared.

Cyber Awareness EU Funds

4th April, Malta

During this training, attendees discussed the 3 pillars of

cybersecurity, the 5 types of information classification, applicable laws, and what to look out for when dealing with cyber criminals. Common targets were also identified along with provision of information on the different types of cyber-attacks, how to spot and prevent them.

2025 EU Sport Forum

10th - 11th April, Poland

The 2025 EU Sport Forum, organized by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, was a key event for shaping the future of sport in Europe. The forum brought together stakeholders from European institutions, sport federations, Olympic committees, national ministries, grassroots organizations, athletes, and volunteers.

School Working Group Meeting

5th - 6th May, Belgium

During this meeting, attendees discussed School Alliances and Europe on the Move.

The European School Alliances initiative represents a significant step forward in fostering cross-national collaboration, innovation, and capacity building within the school education sector. Through structured consultations and well-defined objectives, it seeks to enhance educational quality and inclusivity across Europe.

Europe on the Move was a discussion session focusing on initiatives being taken by each NA to promote and facilitate mobilities

Risk Based Auditing

7th May

During this webinar, our Internal Audit Manager analysed the benefits of multi-year audit planning and formulated strategies to enhance audit efficiency through long-term planning.

In addition, the webinar also explored how integrating risk-based auditing with multi-year planning creates a framework that balances flexibility with long-term strategic alignment.

During the session, attendees examined key audit practices and lessons learnt in preparation to adapt these insights, including emerging technologies, to improve the quality and efficiency of audit processes.

TCA Officer Week

12th - 15th May, France

This meeting was aimed for TCA Officers of Education & Training. A representative from the Commission, and a representative from Salto Resource Centre and Salto Green also attended the meeting. During this meeting, TCA officers exchanged experiences, learnt about new tools, and discussed how to enhance the impact of TCAs and LTAs.

Training for KA2 Officers

12th - 16th May, Iceland

This meeting aimed to deepen programme officers' understanding of Key Action 2 in the youth sector. It also served as a space to reflect on the current Erasmus+ programme, exchange best practices, and explore improvements for future implementation regarding programme visibility, lifecycle management, KA2 & TCA synergies, and reporting practices.

Communications & Information Officers Staff Training (CLOST)

19th and 23rd May, Romania

CLOST, is an annual training that gathers Communication Officers and heads from all National Agencies implementing Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps.

This year's training focused on using storytelling as a strategic tool to effectively communicate and promote European values.

It sought to:

- Equip participants with advanced storytelling frameworks and techniques;
- Strengthen alignment with the Youth NA Network Communication Strategy;
- Provide updates on European Commission communication priorities and SALTO initiatives;
- Promote cross-NA collaboration, peer learning, and best practice exchange.

Volunteering in Malta – Embracing the Changing Times

14th June, Malta

During this seminar, attendees discussed the impact of life transitions which one needs to think about when engaging with volunteers. These include family commitments, career demands and sense of belonging. Different adaptive models were also discussed, along with other relevant matters in volunteering

ESC Staff Meeting – Embracing European Solidarity Corps – commitment to solidarity

17th – 20th June, Denmark

This training is organised every 12-months in order to bring together European Solidarity Corps (ESC) officers and the colleagues from the European Commission with the aim of getting information and exchanging good practices, as well as networking. This year the theme was Embracing European Solidarity Corps – a commitment to solidarity offers chance to connect, collaborate, and exchange ideas that strengthen the core values of solidarity, youth engagement, and volunteering–linked to the programme’s horizontal priorities.

A basic introduction to VAT for Maltese entities implementing projects financed through EU Funds

25th June, Malta

The aim of this training, delivered by a representative from Malta Tax and Customs Administration, was to get familiar with VAT in relation to EU funded projects. Among other topics, staff got information on what is VAT and application of the VAT rules, what falls within the scope of VAT, what defines a taxable / non-taxable person and VAT for public authorities.