



# NEWSLETTER

December 2025

## Freshers' Week 2025

At the end of September and beginning of October, EUPA had the pleasure of meeting and engaging with students during Freshers' Week activities across several educational institutions, including Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary, Naxxar, G.F. Abela Junior College, Msida, the Institute of Tourism Studies, the University of Malta, and MCAST. Our team provided information on the wide range of opportunities available through Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, and Europass, encouraging students to discover new ways to learn, develop their skills, and experience life across Europe.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with many curious and motivated young people. We extend our thanks to all the students who stopped by to learn more about the EU-funded programmes that support education, mobility, and personal growth.



## EUPA Honoured with the Prestigious FHRD Award

In October, EUPA proudly celebrated a significant achievement as Mr Raphael Scerri, our National Coordinator and CEO, received the esteemed FHRD Award on behalf of the Agency. This recognition reflects EUPA's ongoing commitment to excellence in human resources practices, staff development, and organisational wellbeing.

The award also underscores our dedication to ensuring the effective implementation of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps across Malta and Gozo. We are honoured by this acknowledgment and remain committed to fostering high standards within our organisation and the programmes we manage.





## EUPA at the Europass NEC Meeting

From 8 to 10 October, EUPA proudly represented Malta at the Europass National European Coordination (NEC) Meeting held in Haarlem, Netherlands. Our Head of Communications & Outreach Unit and Europass Project Leader, Dorianne Cerovac Pawney, participated in both the Europass and EURES / ESCO sessions, hosted at the historic De Koepel Convention Centre.

Throughout the event, she engaged in fruitful discussions on the future of skills development, mobility, and digital credentials across Europe, key themes shaping EU priorities in education and employment.

During the second day of the meeting, Malta received special recognition from the European Commission, which highlighted the Business Breakfast with Employers organised on 4th December 2024 in collaboration with the Malta Employers' Association (MEA).

The event, themed "From Schools to Workplace: Europass in Focus," was showcased as a best practice illustrating how direct dialogue with employers contributes to aligning skills development with real labour market needs—a proud moment for both EUPA and Malta.

As Malta's National Agency for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, EUPA remains committed to supporting EU-wide initiatives that promote skills transparency, mobility, and lifelong learning for learners, jobseekers, and professionals.



## Erasmus+ General Monitoring Meeting

On 7 October, EUPA organised the Erasmus+ General Monitoring Meeting in Hamrun, bringing together beneficiaries from across the Higher Education, VET, Schools, Adult Education, and Sport sectors.

The meeting focused on key themes such as project visibility, sustainability, financial management, and inclusion. Participants received updates on green guidelines, impact measurement tools, and effective dissemination practices.

Breakout sessions for KA1 and KA2 beneficiaries provided valuable opportunities for deeper discussion, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.



## DiscoverEU Post-Travel Meeting

On 11 October, young travellers who explored Europe through their DiscoverEU travel passes in 2023 and 2024 gathered for a post-travel meeting to reconnect and share their experiences. Participants reflected on the skills, insights, and memorable moments gained during their journeys, while also engaging with fellow youth explorers who embarked on similar adventures across Europe.

The event also introduced attendees to further opportunities available through the European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+, encouraging them to continue expanding their learning and mobility pathways.

The meeting concluded with a networking lunch, offering space for new ideas, friendships, and future plans to develop.



## Erasmus Days 2025 in Malta

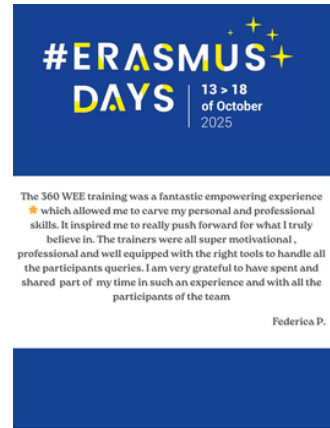
From 13 to 18 October, Malta celebrated Erasmus Days 2025, highlighting the transformative impact of Erasmus+ on education, inclusion, and international cooperation. Beneficiaries across the country organised activities showcasing learning, mobility, and collaboration.

The University of Malta shared inspiring student stories, including Emily, a Clinical Pharmacology student who experienced mobility in the Netherlands. St. Joan Antide School connected 320 pupils and 60 educators from Malta, Romania, and Italy in an online assembly, exploring European values, digital skills, inclusion, and environmental awareness.

The 360WEE project celebrated women driving change through education and collaboration, while Sacred Heart Minor Seminary offered cultural quizzes, international cuisine, and inclusive learning for all students. Educators from Mater Boni Consilii St Joseph School Paola shared insights from their mobility in Estonia.

Aġenzija Sapport hosted a networking session highlighting disability-focused projects, and Proutist Universal Malta held an exhibition on non-formal learning and youth exchanges. Mater Boni Consilii St Joseph School also welcomed student teachers from the University of Cologne for hands-on teaching experience in Malta.

Erasmus Days 2025 demonstrated how Erasmus+ continues to inspire learning, mobility, and cooperation across Malta.



## Erasmus+ and ESC Grant Award Ceremony 2025



On 24 October, Malta celebrated the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Grant Award Ceremony 2025, highlighting the impact of European projects across education, youth, and solidarity. The event was officially opened by Mr Raphael Scerri, EUPA National Coordinator, and Mr Jonathan Vassallo, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry for European Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme.

Throughout the evening, beneficiaries shared inspiring stories of how their Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects are making a real difference—empowering communities, promoting inclusion, fostering innovation, and strengthening solidarity across Malta and beyond. Each project showcased the transformative power of European opportunities in connecting people, ideas, and skills to build a more united and sustainable Europe.

Congratulations to all EITA Awardees receiving their certificates! With over €17 million in funding supporting 195 projects, these initiatives continue to embody European values of learning, innovation, and solidarity, leaving a lasting impact on communities across Malta and Europe.



## Europass Annual Conference 2025

On 31 October, the Europass Annual Conference 2025 gathered educators and experts for a day focused on Empowering Educators for the Future. The event opened with remarks from Mr Raphael Scerri, EUPA CEO and Mr Dunstan Hamilton, Education Officer at PSCD.

The morning featured a thought-provoking keynote by Dr Patrick Camilleri, "Taking Care of Our Future - Teaching in the AI Era," highlighting how technology should enhance rather than replace human connection in education. The panel discussion further explored the skills needed to navigate an evolving digital landscape.

Participants were also inspired by Erasmus+ testimonials from Ms Doreen Said Pace and Ms Marisa Deguara, demonstrating the programme's impact on schools and educators across Malta.

The afternoon included an interactive workshop and a message from Ms Kia Likitalo of the European Commission, closing a day marked by collaboration, innovation, and shared commitment to strengthening education for the future.





## eTwinning National Awards 2025

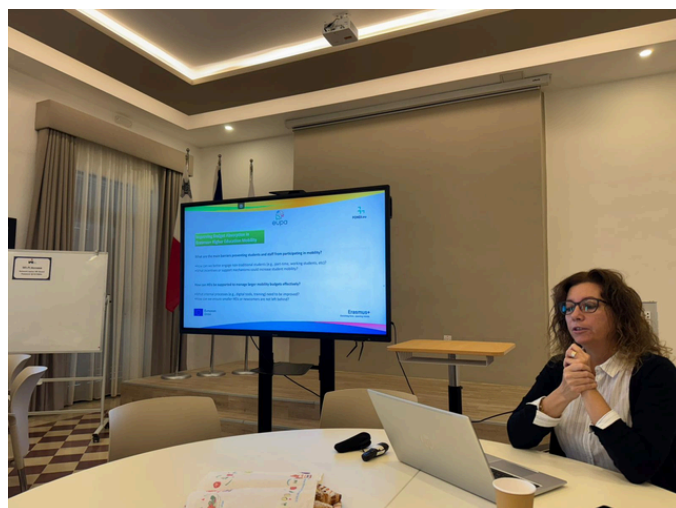
On 29 October, we proudly celebrated the educators and schools whose commitment to collaboration and innovative teaching has shone through their participation in eTwinning, the European community that connects classrooms across borders.

Congratulations to all the winners of the eTwinning National Awards 2025. Their outstanding projects showcased creativity, inclusion, sustainability, and strong European values, demonstrating how digital collaboration can enrich learning and foster global citizenship.

Their dedication reflects the true spirit of eTwinning and the wider vision of Erasmus+, inspiring learners and educators alike.



## Higher Education Round Table Discussion



On 30 October, EUPA brought together stakeholders from the Higher Education sector for a dedicated Round Table Discussion. The event offered an opportunity for beneficiaries to share insights, exchange good practices, and discuss the implementation of their Erasmus+ projects.

The session encouraged open dialogue, collaboration, and meaningful knowledge sharing—key elements in strengthening Higher Education in Malta and supporting its continued growth within the wider European context.

## European Solidarity Corps On-Arrival Training

On 6 November 2025, EUPA launched the third On-Arrival Training of the year for incoming European Solidarity Corps volunteers. Thirteen enthusiastic participants began their journey in Malta, preparing to contribute to five host organisations across the islands.

Throughout the training, volunteers had the opportunity to connect with one another, build new skills, and gain a deeper understanding of their roles within their host communities. The programme encouraged them to embrace the spirit of solidarity and the core European values that guide their service.



On 7 November and 1 December, EUPA participated in HR Training Sessions organised by the National Skills Council, setting up an information stand to support participants with guidance on European opportunities.

These sessions provided an excellent platform to raise awareness about Erasmus+, the European Solidarity Corps, and Europass, helping individuals and organisations discover how these programmes can support professional growth, mobility, and lifelong learning.

Both engagements offered valuable opportunities for open dialogue, allowing participants to explore new pathways and take confident steps toward their next educational or professional experience.

## Job Shadowing Visit from Spanish Educators

On 7 November, EUPA welcomed a group of enthusiastic teachers from Spain participating in a job shadowing programme. Their visit focused on exploring how innovation can be embedded in Erasmus+ projects, from their initial design to successful implementation, while gaining deeper insight into the EU's priorities for high-quality, transformative initiatives.

## EUPA at National Skills Council Events



## Empowering Education Through Connection

On 10 November, EUPA participated in the event “Empowering Education through Connection – Art Speaks, Cultures Meet, Learning Flows Without Walls”, hosted by St Thomas More College, Carlo Diacono Middle and Secondary School in Żejtun.

The event opened with a welcome address by Head of School Mr Adrian Galea, followed by speeches from Mr Raphael Scerri, EUPA National Coordinator, and Hon. Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi, Minister for European Funds and the Implementation of the Electoral Programme.

The initiative highlighted the power of creativity, cultural exchange, and inclusive learning which are values strongly supported through Erasmus+, which continues to help education transcend classroom boundaries and connect communities.



## Europass CV Workshop

On 11 November 2025, EUPA staff member Clifford Debattista visited the Archbishop’s Seminary to deliver a hands-on workshop on creating a Europass CV.

During the session, students learned how to effectively present their skills, experiences, and achievements, equipping them with a practical tool to support future study, employment, and mobility opportunities across Europe.



## TCA: Evaluating Erasmus Plan Targets and Objectives

From 19 to 21 November, EUPA hosted a Transnational Cooperation Activity (TCA) focused on how accredited organisations can effectively evaluate the targets and objectives outlined in their Erasmus Plans.

Representatives from 17 countries participated in discussions, group work, and study visits covering impact evaluation, Erasmus Quality Standards, and alignment with programme priorities. Sessions included action-planning, peer review of Erasmus Plans, and a Q&A on assessment and monitoring.

The final day featured contributions from the Finnish National Agency, presentations from all working groups, and reflections on initial goals, concluding the event with strong collaboration and practical insights to support future Erasmus+ projects.



## Transnational Activity for Coaches in Solidarity Projects

From 25 to 28 November, EUPA hosted a Transnational Activity seminar with 19 participants from 6 countries, focusing on Solidarity Projects within the European Solidarity Corps.

The seminar explored the philosophy of Solidarity Projects and featured Maltese good-practice examples, highlighting the experiences and successes of coaches and young participants.

The event concluded with a visit from National Coordinator Mr Raphael Scerri, leaving participants inspired and motivated to support youth-led solidarity initiatives across Europe.



## National Stakeholder Event in VET and Sport

On 26 November, EUPA hosted the National Stakeholder Event in the Field of VET and Sport, bringing together EU-funded project beneficiaries for a full day of learning, sharing, and collaboration.

The morning focused on the VET sector, where providers explored impact measurement, risk-based project planning, and key success factors for EU-funded initiatives. In the afternoon, local grassroots sport organisations exchanged best practices, conducted risk analyses, and discussed strategic project management under Erasmus+ KA182.

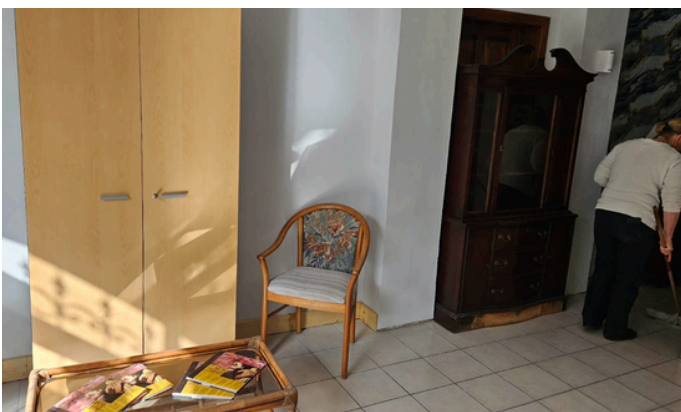


## CSR Activity at YWCA Hub

On 28 November, EUPA staff completed the final phase of our CSR project with the YWCA Hub in Msida. Over the past months, the team transformed an unused hall into a functional computer hub through refurbishment, plastering, painting, and cleaning.

During the final stage, staff arranged the new furniture and carried out the last clean-up, ensuring the space was ready for use. Furniture was delivered and assembled by the supplier, with EUPA coordinating the layout and organisation.

This initiative reflects EUPA's commitment to community engagement and teamwork, and we thank all colleagues who contributed to making the project a success.



## "Play Hard, Study Harder" Event



On 29 November, EUPA was represented at the "Play Hard, Study Harder" event by Brian Schembri, Programme Manager, and Raphael Scerri, National Coordinator for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Programmes in Malta.

Mr Schembri participated as a panelist, sharing his insights, while Mr Scerri delivered a speech to the attendees. The event provided an excellent opportunity to engage with the wider community and highlight EUPA's work in supporting Erasmus+ initiatives.

## EUPA Team Day Out

On 5 December, the EUPA team came together at Maritime MT for a day of teamwork, learning, and fun. The programme included updates on the organisational structure, as well as activities designed to spark creativity and collaboration.

The day offered a memorable opportunity to strengthen team bonds and celebrate our collective efforts.



## Online Information Sessions

As part of its ongoing commitment to support organisations and individuals interested in Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps, EUPA organised a series of online information sessions aimed at helping participants develop and strengthen their project ideas.

Held on 9, 10 and 11 December, the sessions provided an overview of the funding opportunities available across various sectors and offered guidance to newcomers on the application process. Participants also received practical tips on how to turn project ideas into strong proposals, as well as information on key deadlines.

## Stakeholders Christmas Drinks

On 12 December, EUPA organised a Christmas gathering for stakeholders at its premises, creating an informal networking opportunity to exchange festive greetings and strengthen professional relationships.

The event was attended by key stakeholders and was honoured by the presence of the Hon. Minister, reflecting the strong collaboration between EUPA and its partners across the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes.



## NA Communication Network Meeting 2025

On 17–18 December 2025, EUPA's Communication Team participated in the NA Communication Network Meeting 2025, organised by DG EAC at the Albert Borschette Centre in Brussels. The meeting brought together communication officers from Erasmus+ National Agencies, DG EAC representatives, and experts from across Europe.

Held under the theme “Communicating education and youth policies: trends and tools for public engagement,” the programme focused on communication trends, social media strategies, storytelling, and audience engagement. A highlight of the meeting was the NA Communication Diaries session, during which National Agencies shared successful campaigns and lessons learned, providing useful insights to further strengthen EUPA's communication activities.

