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Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Beneficiaries – Adoption of EUPA Safeguarding and Participant Protection Framework

Dear Beneficiary,

The European Union Programmes Agency (EUPA), in its capacity as the National Agency for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps in Malta, is committed to ensuring the safety, wellbeing, dignity and protection of all participants involved in activities supported through the Erasmus+ Programme and the European Solidarity Corps. This commitment is set out in EUPA's Safeguarding Policy, which establishes a comprehensive framework for safeguarding, participant protection, health and safety, risk management and incident response.

As part of this commitment, EUPA has adopted a zero-tolerance approach towards all forms of abuse, neglect, exploitation, harassment and discrimination and expects all beneficiaries and partner organisations to apply the highest safeguarding standards throughout the implementation of approved projects.

We kindly request that all beneficiaries:

- Review and familiarise themselves with the EUPA Safeguarding and Participant Protection Framework.
- Share the relevant safeguarding information with all participants, group leaders, trainers, mentors, volunteers, accompanying persons and partner organisations involved in their projects.
- Designate a Safeguarding Officer or Emergency Contact Point for their activities.
- Ensure that participants are informed of reporting procedures, emergency contacts and available support services before the start of each activity.
- Integrate safeguarding, health and safety considerations into project planning, risk assessments and participant preparation activities.

Participants should be informed that any safeguarding concern, incident affecting health or safety, suspected abuse, harassment, discrimination, violence or exploitation must be reported immediately through the appropriate channels. Participants may contact project leaders, the designated safeguarding officer, emergency services or the National Agency where necessary.

Beneficiaries are furthermore encouraged to share the contact details of the relevant Maltese safeguarding authorities and support services with participants, particularly where activities involve minors, young people or vulnerable persons.

The National Agency will shortly make available safeguarding resources, reporting mechanisms, emergency contacts and guidance material through its website to further support beneficiaries in fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities. EUPA is also committed to maintaining publicly accessible information on safeguarding, participant safety, emergency contacts and reporting mechanisms.

We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that all Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps activities are implemented in a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all participants.

Should you require any clarification, please contact the National Agency.

Kind regards,

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