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Erasmus+ Youth and Sport Applications Reach Record Levels in Malta

The European Union Programmes Agency (EUPA) has recorded unprecedented interest in the Erasmus+ Youth and Sport Programme, with application figures for 2026 surpassed the total number received during 2025.

By the close of **Round 2 2026**, EUPA had received **277 applications** under the Youth and Sport sectors, compared to **261 applications received across all applicable rounds of 2025**, representing an overall increase of more than 6%. These figures are particularly noteworthy given that the 2026 total has been achieved after only two rounds of applications compared to three rounds in 2026.

The strongest growth was registered within the Youth sector. While 2025 generated a total of **252 Youth applications** across Rounds 1, 2 and 3, the two rounds of 2026 have attracted **261 Youth applications**, exceeding last year's total number of applications.

Interest in Sport projects has also continued to grow. Following 9 applications in 2025, EUPA has received 16 Sport applications during the two rounds of 2026, representing a significant increase in participation by sport organisations and stakeholders.

These results reflect the increasing relevance of Erasmus+ in Malta and demonstrate growing confidence among organisations in the opportunities offered through European cooperation, mobility, participation, training, volunteering, inclusion, and community development.

Commenting on the results, **Raphael Scerri, National Coordinator for Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps Programmes in Malta**, stated:

"The record number of applications confirms that Erasmus+ continues to gain momentum in Malta. More organisations are identifying the programme as a valuable instrument through which they can support young people, strengthen communities, develop skills, promote inclusion and build international partnerships.

Beyond the numbers, these results indicate a growing awareness of the objectives and opportunities offered by Erasmus+.



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Applicants are increasingly aligning their project ideas with European priorities such as inclusion and diversity, active participation, sustainability, digital transformation and civic engagement. This demonstrates not only increased demand but also a deeper understanding of how Erasmus+ can be used to create meaningful impact at local, national and European level."

The latest results also highlight the success of EUPA's outreach, information and support activities, which continue to help organisations better understand the programme and develop high-quality project proposals.

With application numbers already exceeding those of the previous year, EUPA remains committed to supporting prospective beneficiaries and ensuring that Erasmus+ continues to serve as a catalyst for innovation, participation, learning and international cooperation throughout Malta.

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L-Applikazzjonijiet għall-Erasmus+ fil-Qasam taż-Żgħażaġh u l-Isport Jilħqu Livelli Rekord f'Malta

L-Aġenzija tal-Programmi tal-Unjoni Ewropea (EUPA) irreġistral interess mingħajr preċedent fil-Programm Erasmus+ għaż-Żgħażaġh u l-Isport, hekk kif in-numru ta' applikazzjonijiet għall-2026 qabeż it-total ta' dawk sottomessi matul l-2025 kollu.

Sal-għeluq tat-**Tieni Skadenza tal-2026 (Round 2 2026)**, l-EUPA kienet irċeviet **277 applikazzjoni** fis-setturi taż-Żgħażaġh u l-Isport, meta mqabbla ma' **261 applikazzjoni** riċevuti matul ir-rounds kollha applikabbli tal-2025, li jirrappreżenta żieda ta' aktar minn **6%**. Dawn ir-riżultati huma partikolarment sinifikanti meta wieħed iqis li t-total tal-2026 intlaħaq wara biss żewġ rounds ta' applikazzjonijiet, meta mqabbel mat-tliet rounds tal-2025.

L-aktar tkabbir qawwi ġie rreġistral fis-settur taż-Żgħażaġh. Filwaqt li fl-2025 ġew sottomessi **252 applikazzjoni** taht iż-Żgħażaġh matul ir-Rounds 1, 2 u 3, iż-żewġ rounds tal-2026 ġibdu **261 applikazzjoni**, u b'hekk qabżu t-total tas-sena preċedenti.

L-interess fi proġetti sportivi kompli jikber ukoll. Wara li fl-2025 ġew sottomessi **9 applikazzjonijiet**, l-EUPA rċeviet **16-il applikazzjoni** għall-Isport matul iż-żewġ rounds tal-2026, li jirrappreżentaw żieda sostanzjali fil-partecipazzjoni ta' organizzazzjonijiet u entitajiet sportivi.

Dawn ir-riżultati jirriflettaw r-rilevanza dejjem tikber tal-Erasmus+ f'Malta u juru fiduċja akbar mill-organizzazzjonijiet fl-opportunitajiet offruti permezz tal-kooperazzjoni Ewropea, il-mobilità, il-partecipazzjoni, it-taħriġ, il-volontarjat, l-inkluzjoni u l-iżvilupp tal-komunitajiet.

F'kumment dwar dawn ir-riżultati, **Raphael Scerri, Koordinatur Nazzjonali tal-Programmi Erasmus+ u Korp Ewropew ta' Solidarjetà f'Malta**, qal:

"In-numru rekord ta' applikazzjonijiet jikkonferma li l-Erasmus+ qed ikompli jikseb aktar momentum f'Malta. Aktar organizzazzjonijiet qed jaraw il-programm bħala għodda importanti li permezz tagħha jistgħu jappoġġjaw liż-żgħażaġh, isaħħu l-komunitajiet, jiżviluppaw il-ħiliet, jippromwovu l-inkluzjoni u jibnu sħubijiet internazzjonali.



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Lil hinn miċ-ċifri, dawn ir-riżultati jindikaw għarfien dejjem jikber dwar l-għanijiet u l-opportunitajiet offruti mill-Erasmus+. L-applikanti qed jallinjaw dejjem aktar l-ideat tal-proġetti tagħhom mal-prijoritajiet Ewropej bħall-inklużjoni u d-diversità, il-partecipazzjoni attiva, is-sostenibbiltà, it-trasformazzjoni diġitali u l-impenn ċiviku. Dan juri mhux biss domanda akbar għall-programm, iżda wkoll fehim aktar profond ta' kif l-Erasmus+ jista' jintuża biex jinħoloq impatt sinifikanti fil-livell lokali, nazzjonali u Ewropew."

L-aħħar riżultati jenfasizzaw ukoll is-suċċess tal-attivitajiet ta' informazzjoni, sensibilizzazzjoni u appoġġ offruti mill-EUPA, li qed ikompli jgħinu lill-organizzazzjonijiet jifhmu aħjar il-programm u jiżviluppaw proposti ta' kwalità għolja.

Billi n-numru ta' applikazzjonijiet diġà qabeż dak irreġistrat fis-sena preċedenti, l-EUPA tibqa' impenjata li tappoġġja lill-benefiċjarji prospettivi u tiżgura li l-Erasmus+ ikompli jservi bħala katalist għall-innovazzjoni, il-partecipazzjoni, it-tagħlim u l-kooperazzjoni internazzjonali madwar Malta.



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