Travel Vouchers presented to the winners among tertiary students participating in a study on the impact of ERASMUS mobility.

The European Union Programmes Agency (EUPA) would like to announce Haley Galea, Jan Proschek and Suhrid Roy as the winners of the Prizes (vouchers of €150, €100 and €50 for travel) from among tertiary students participating in the first phase of the European research study ‘Extracurricular Effects of Study Abroad Experiences: A Joint European Project’. The study is coordinated by the National Agency for EU Higher Education Cooperation at the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and EUPA is participating together with a number of other National Agencies. Over 300 Maltese students are participating in the study.

The ERASMUS+ programme is mostly known for the mobility opportunities that it offers to students studying in Higher Education who have the opportunity to spend some time studying in another European University or working in an enterprise in another European country. The ERASMUS programme has been running for over three decades, with more than 10 million young people have participated in Erasmus+ and its predecessor programmes. For many of these students, it has turned out to be a life-changing experience. The study focuses on the extracurricular effects of study mobility on university level students. Specifically, it aims to identify those competences and personality traits that young people develop on spending a period of their studies abroad. The study is a longitudinal study involving a series of questionnaires for university students before mobility, on their return, and again a few months later. The intention is to learn about the impact of this mobility on friendships and contacts made, language skills developed, adjusting to an international dimension, and impact on personal dispositions towards work and career.