



The Eurodesk Malta Updates | Issue 2014

Dear friends!

Welcome to the 10th issue of our Eurodesk newsletter for 2014.

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My role as the Eurodesk officer is to keep you updated once again with various interesting information the Agency would like to offer. I have created a number of newsletters for Eurodesk now, and I would like to keep you abreast with news from the Island too.



It is important to note that the results of the first round have been issued and also sent to potential beneficiaries, those who have not been selected for some reason or other may wish to come and meet the communication team in order to iron out any difficulties they may have. For those in the youth section, you may wish to resubmit their application form by 1st October 2014.

A number of activities and information meetings for all sectors of the public and for all young people, people who work in the youth field, such as Youth Workers, teachers Educational staff and others who are interested. To register for any one-to-one information meetings, kindly send an email to Karl.engerer@gov.mt or call on 25586120.

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Due to the global environmental challenges and climate change issues, the newsletter will also be providing you with an environmental friendly tips to help us use our water more efficiently.

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Here Comes the Sun



Repetition is the key to understanding - which is why we are reminding you to protect yourself from excessive exposure to the ultraviolet rays (UV) of the sun. Exposure to UV radiation has increased over the years due to the depletion of the ozone layer, a naturally occurring gas that filters the sun's UV radiation. For some people, overexposure to UV rays can lead to skin cancer, cataracts and weakened immune systems. To protect against sun-related damage, follow these rules:

- **Wear those shades.** Sunglasses that provide 99-100% of UVA and UVB protection greatly reduce sun exposure that can lead to cataracts and other eye damage. Be sure to check the label when buying sunglasses to make sure they have proper UV protection.
- **Lather on the sunscreen.** Use a sunscreen with Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15. (But not just any sunscreen - Apply it liberally to all exposed areas of your body, particularly your ears, face, back and neck. Reapply every two hours when working, playing, or exercising outdoors; even waterproof sunscreen can come off when you towel off sweat or water.
- **Listen to the weather reports.** The UV Index, developed by the National Weather Service and the Environmental Protection Agency, provides a forecast of the expected risk of overexposure to the sun and indicates the degree of caution that you should take when working, playing or exercising outdoors. Weather predictions in print and broadcast media announce the UV Index daily.
- **Stay clear of the midday sun as much as possible.** The sun's UV rays in Malta especially are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. If you're spending the day at the beach, take refuge under a beach umbrella during those hours when the sun's rays are most intense.
- **Dress up.** Wear light, long-sleeved shirts and ankle-length pants if you're going to be out in the sun for long periods of time and you'd rather not wear sunscreen. A wide brimmed hat will shade your face,

neck, ears and eyes

Best

Karl Engerer

EUPA News

Information on the European Union Programmes Agency can be found at the agency website www.eupa.org.mt.

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

About the programme

Malta Enterprise in collaboration with Stiftelsen Europa Institutet in Sweden are working together to facilitate exchanges for entrepreneurs between Malta, Sweden and all the other EU countries, within the framework of the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme (www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu).

Partly funded by the European Commission, this exchange programme offers new entrepreneurs the possibility to work with an experienced entrepreneur in another EU country. The exchange programme is particularly beneficial for those individuals who are thinking of starting or have just set up their own business, who are given the opportunity to acquire relevant skills whilst working with experienced owners of small and medium enterprises across Europe. On their part, the experienced entrepreneurs participating in the programme and hosting the budding entrepreneurs would benefit from fresh perspectives on their own business whilst also getting the opportunity to cooperate with foreign partners or learn about new markets.

The programme acknowledges the fact that many founders of SMEs lack management, experience and other key skills required to succeed in today's highly competitive markets, as well as the fact that the vast majority of SMEs operate only in one country with limited possibilities for growth. Recognizing the importance of entrepreneurship for economic growth and job creation, it thus seeks to help new entrepreneurs acquire the relevant skills, whilst both new and experienced entrepreneurs would be expanding their European outreach.

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a win-win collaboration, whereby

both new and experienced entrepreneurs can discover new European markets or business partners, different ways of doing business, as well as opportunities for networking. The entrepreneurs may also decide to pursue their collaboration on a longer term by becoming business partners after the end of the exchange period. In this manner, the programme stimulates entrepreneurship, competitiveness, internationalisation and growth of start-ups and established SMEs in the EU. It also contributes to the transfer of know-how and building of management skills essential for the running of an SME.

Who can participate?

New entrepreneurs eligible to participate in the programme are those who firmly plan to start a business or otherwise have an existing business that is not older than three years, irrespective of their personal age or the sector in which they operate.

Host entrepreneurs can participate in the programme if he or she is the owner or manager of an SME or directly involved in entrepreneurship at SME board level; has experience running a company for several years; and is willing to act as a mentor by sharing knowledge and experience with a new entrepreneur from a different European state.

Your intermediate organisation: Malta Enterprise

As a local contact point in Malta, Malta Enterprise can guide interested entrepreneurs throughout the exchange programme: helping with the application process, helping with finding and establishing a successful relationship with a suitable entrepreneur, as well as answering any questions.

Malta Enterprise will also provide financial support to new entrepreneurs participating in the programme, covering (part of) the travel costs to and from the country of the stay and subsistence costs during the visit, which may last between one and six months. The grant is given as a monthly flat rate, depending on the country you will be travelling to (depending on their cost of living). The grant would not cover all the costs but would be covering a substantial part of your expenses.

Benefits

In a nutshell, what are the benefits of participating in this programme?

Benefits for new or aspiring entrepreneurs:

Active participation in the Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme offers aspiring entrepreneurs access to a wide range of benefits to help successfully run or start a new business:

Up to six months stay with an experienced entrepreneur in another

European Union country to gain first-hand knowledge about business start-up in a wide range of areas such as: marketing/sales, financial accounting, customer relations, business finance etc. You will also have the opportunity to improve your business plan;

- Building self-confidence and skills: sector-specific knowledge or know-how, technical and management skills;
- Opportunities for collaboration with other entrepreneurs and the development of cross-border business co-operation;
- Networking and building of strong relationships, which can be useful for mutual consulting, business referrals, and for finding business partners abroad;
- Insights into different cultural and organisational settings and how companies function in another European Union country;
- Insights into the business environment of another European Union country
- Improved language skills;

Benefits for host entrepreneurs:

As a host entrepreneur participating in the programme, you will benefit from the exchange by having the opportunity to:

- Work with an energetic and motivated new entrepreneur who can contribute to your business with innovative views, new skills and knowledge;
- Benefit from a "fresh eye" on your business, and specialised knowledge that the new entrepreneur may have and that you do not master;
- Act as a coach or mentor;
- Learn about foreign markets, expand your business opportunities and engage in cross-border activities;
- Interact with entrepreneurs from other EU countries and get opportunities to collaborate with them;
- Network and build strong relationships, which can be useful for mutual consulting, business referrals, and for finding business partners abroad;
- Improve your language skills;
- The large majority of most entrepreneurs enjoyed the experience so much that they decided to host other new entrepreneurs afterwards!

Interested?

What do you need as a New Entrepreneur to participate?

Interested persons just need to fill out a short online application form, upload a CV and a business plan. At Malta Enterprise we can help you

with all this, including the business plan.

In the online form, participants can choose which country they would want their counterpart to be from, what kind of entrepreneur/business they are looking for, how long they would like the exchange to take and when. Established entrepreneurs that would like to host new entrepreneurs, can choose from which country they would We will try to find you the best match according to your requirements and/or give you possible other options. There is absolute no additional cost for participants.

More information

More information may be viewed on www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu and the programme information guide can be downloaded from here http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/upload/ERASMUS-GUIDE_EN.pdf

To see how the programme works in practice, one can see some success stories here: <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/page.php?cid=9>.

For any questions or more information on how to apply kindly contact Brigitte Tanti at Malta Enterprise on tel. 2542 3443 or on Brigitte.tanti@maltaenterprise.com

Training Courses

EMPOWERING WOMEN IV

EMPOWERING WOMEN IV: Youth work for young women entrepreneurship

Seminar / Conference

26-31 October 2014 | Turkey

Youth Work can thus play a fundamental role in the empowerment of women, especially in terms of providing opportunities for self-assessment, development of skills and competences and by giving practical support in the attainment of self-realization.

After the great success of the previous editions in France – in 2010 with a very general approach on the role of women in society, in 2012 with a more specific analysis on women in the field of social economy, in 2013 with an emphasis on the promotion of young women employability through non-formal education – we are now moving to Turkey for dealing more specifically on the topic of entrepreneurship and the role

youth work can have in its support and encouragement.

In this partnership building seminar we will focus on the concept of entrepreneurship, the competences needed both for the target groups and youth workers and above all we intend to set an inter-sectorial partnership among participants for future cooperation.

Application deadline: 31st July, 2014

Date of Selection: 1st September, 2014

Check out the SALTO Training Website

Tool Fair IX

Seminar / Conference

3-7 November 2014 | Romania

The “Tool Fair IX” will be focusing on transferability and adaptation of tools in different sectors. The “Tool Fair IX” offers the opportunity to the people active in the fields of education, training and youth, as well as companies, public authorities, civil society organisations active in different socio-economic sectors to cooperate in order to share, transfer innovative educational tools to high quality teaching, training, learning and youth work.

Tool Fair IX aims:

- To further develop the quality of tools, according to the quality criteria of the overall tools strategy, with special focus on feedback of the tools as such and for their transferability.
- To give space to participants to share and experience educational tools developed and shape their own educational and experiential pathways, by facilitating and attending workshops.
- To engage participants in the further development of educational tools
- To contribute through the “Tool Fair” to the overall SALTO strategy on tools quality development
- To inspire participants to apply learning outcomes of the “Tool Fair” to their own reality and explore the potentials to use creativity to foster cross-sectorial approaches.

Why should you take part in the “Tool Fair”?

Participating in the “Tool Fair IX” will offer the chance to shape your own educational and experiential pathway, to run a workshop so as to share your tools with other colleagues from an international level as well as to participate in workshops run by others.

However, beyond experiencing a wide variety of tools, the “Tool Fair” aims to provide a space to reflect on tools, give and receive feedback and pave the way for their transferability and further development.

This way, the “Tool Fair IX” tends to contribute not only to the learning outcomes of each individual participant but also to the quality of educational tools and learning process on a European level, complementing SALTO-YOUTH Toolbox for Training and Youth Work (<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toolbox>) and various publications on educational tools, in coherence with the European Training Strategy.

Application deadline: 10th September, 2014

Date of Selection: 22nd September, 2014

**MPOWERING U2 LEAD UTH! A training course on Leadership, Self-development and Project Management within Erasmus+ projects
Training Course
14-22 August 2014 | Mollina (Málaga) , Spain**

This new edition aims to develop the potential of participants to become aware of their leadership capacity, working on their self-development in order to empower them to be effective leaders when working with young people in a non-formal environment.

During this course, participants will engage in a number of activities where they will gain an increased awareness of their leadership style and their privileged role when working with young people. They will develop the skills, attitudes and approaches leaders require to impact positively on the lives of young people.

Main three blocks of this training are leadership, self development and project management.

The aims of this training are:

- To assist participants in the personal self-development of their leadership competencies.
- To enable participants to understand and trust their own ability to inspire young people.
- To provide participants with good communication and group dynamics skills.
- To explore the participants’ organisational skills and how these can be used to support young people in becoming more involved in extra-curricular activities in their community.

- To discover the value of the Erasmus+: Youth In Action programme as a tool for the development of young people.
This would be the 6th edition of this training, that has been already successfully carry on in Switzerland, Spain, Ireland and Portugal.

Deadline: 1 July 2014

<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/mpowering-u2-lead-uth-a-training-course-on-leadership-self-development-and-project-management-within-erasmus-projects.4307/>

Key 2 Education

Partnership-building Activity

24-27 September 2014 | Copenhagen, Denmark

Key Action 2 : A new tool for Education PBA aimed at actors in the field of formal and non-formal education, who would like to work strategically with the development of an education strategy.

Description

PBA aimed at actors in the field of formal and non-formal education, who would like to work strategically with the development of an education strategy.

Target group

All types of actors working with or targeting youth are welcome (e.g. youth sector and non formal education field, schools and formal education field, VET, local business, municipalities and public authorities etc.)

It could be an extra value to have working groups of several persons from the same region or country, representing different fields or sectors in order to initiate directly this cross-sectorial approach also at local / national level.

Main aim

Participants will explore ways to start up and plan strategic partnerships for KA2 in order to enhance education strategy in their local reality.

Objectives

- To share and explore ideas, experience and areas of common interest in an intercultural setting
- To explore, exchange and discuss different ways how key action 2 can contribute to education strategy
- To understand the rich potential of KA2 in the field of education
- To develop first steps of educational strategic partnerships

When From 24 (arrival date for participants) to 28 (departure day) of September 2014 in Denmark

Deadline 1st August 2014

<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/key-2-education.4308/>

SOHO in Bulgaria - European Training Course for EVS Support People Training Course

29 October – 2 November 2014 | Bulgaria

SOHO aims at enhancing quality of EVS projects through development of essential competences of support persons. It also provides up-to-date information to its participants on the opportunities given by the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme.

The SOHO training course is designed for those who are directly involved in the support system around the EVS volunteer (e.g. mentors and task-related support persons) on the hosting, sending and coordinating side. The support people play a crucial role in providing conditions for a quality voluntary service and creating opportunities for volunteer's learning in EVS.

The overall aim of the SOHO training course is:

- To increase the quality of EVS activities through development of competencies (knowledge, skills and attitudes) of key actors involved in the support system around the volunteer in the EVS projects developed within the frame of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme.

The specific objectives of the SOHO course are:

- To get a better understanding of the concept of EVS as “learning service” and related quality aspects in EVS
- To improve the ability for co-operation and working in international partnership
- To reflect on the roles, responsibilities and challenges within the EVS volunteer support system
- To raise awareness of the learning dimension in EVS and provide tools for learning support
- To support the recognition of non-formal learning in EVS through the competent implementation of Youthpass
- To provide up-to-date information about the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme.

In addition to this, SOHO training is an excellent opportunity for EVS support persons to exchange their experiences, share good practices and for informal partnership building. All previous SOHO participants are most welcome to join the SOHO community at

<https://www.facebook.com/soho.trainers> thus continuing networking after the course.

Deadline 1st September 2014

<http://eupa.org/mt/soho-bulgaria-european-training-course-evs-support-people/>

Freedom Fountain: Youth Culture

as Expression of Freedom

Seminar / Conference

13-17 October 2014 | Thessaloniki, Greece

Youth Culture and Youth art as expression of freedom is very important topic to be developed within the EuroMed field. Youth is more and more present in the social and political scene bringing new form of expression. More and more music, graffiti, murales, and so on became a way of expression, of communication with the outside world. Taking in account the political and social changes in the EuroMed area and the role that youth is keeping... that makes this topic very important to explore and, also, to develop educational tools for International youth workers and youth leaders.

Aims and objectives:

- To gather together youth workers and leaders working or motivated to work on youth art and culture in Euro-Med region
- To explore and define Youth Culture and what it means to youth leaders and Euro-Med youth
- To gather best practices, learn from them and inspire with them
- To create new high quality projects and opportunities for Euro-Med youth
- To develop a web resource as educational tool on how to use youth art in International projects as an expression of freedom

Application deadline: 1st September, 2014

[Click here for more information about this seminar/conference and how to apply for it](#)

TYE - Tools for Youth Exchanges

Training Course

17-23 November 2014 | Reykjavik, Iceland

A Youth Exchange needs content – behind the content there are tools: TYE helps to explore tools around group processes, learning to learn, involvement of young people and more.

The overall aim of TYE - Tools for Youth Exchanges - is to introduce different tools to youth leaders and youth workers that can be useful for the development and improvement of their Youth Exchanges and to explore common needs and understanding among the participants on good tools for YE with a special focus on the Active Involvement of Young People.

Further TYE is designed according to the following objectives:

- To increase awareness of group processes and tools that facilitates

group development during Youth Exchanges.

- To explore tools that focus on learning to learn and learning processes, using Youthpass as an example to support and recognise non-formal learning.
- To explore different tools that motivate young people to be actively involved in all stages of Youth Exchange project.
- To increase understanding of how different tools empower young people to evaluate their project experience and get involved in disseminating results.
- To become aware of Youth Exchanges opportunities and requirements in the Erasmus+ Programme.

Application deadline: 8 September 2014

<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/tye-tools-for-youth-exchanges.4326/>

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Application deadline: 1st September, 2014

Date of Selection: 12th September, 2014

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If interested in going on a Training Course to enhance your youthwork skills and project implementation, check out www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/.

Partner Requests

[**Looking for Partners around Europe for EVS**](#)

[**For more partner requests click on : Eurodesk Malta - Partner Search.**](#)

Scholarships

[**Official Ministry of Foreign Affairs Application Form for Scholarships\(pdf\)**](#)

It is now possible to enroll in the 2014 – 2015 edition of the scholarships programme. The objective of these scholarships is to provide participants with the skills to successfully work in the field of European cooperation, through the use of funding made available by the European Commission. You may also wish to subscribe to the emailing list for scholarships, press the link below!

<http://www.gov.mt/en/Life%20Events/Scholarships/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

[**Subscribe to the Scholarships Mailing List**](#)

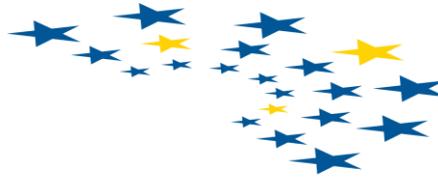
For information about studying in Malta and abroad click [here](#)

EuroParlYouth



National Committee Management & Development Training

3 July - 6 July 2014 in Brežany, Czech Republic



EUROPEAN **YOUTH** PARLIAMENT
PARLEMENT EUROPÉEN DES **JEUNES**
EVROPSKÝ PARLAMENT **MLÁDEŽE** V ČR

- EYP Czech Republic is organising a National Committee Management & Development Training which will take place from 3 to 6 July 2014 in Břežany.

From the Continent

MVC – Malta Vocational Centre is a Maltese based association.

It dedicates itself to train young people through national and international projects managed on a European scale. MVC is specialised in increasing and improving the professional qualifications of young people, in improving their aptitudes, and in aiding them to acquire new profiles and linguistic competence, improving individual authority, acquiring an enterprising spirit, in improving the adaptation to a new culture, bettering the possibilities of entering and of assimilation in the professional sector, the continuation of professional education and training, in increasing the beneficiary's interest and completing their learning cycle.

In the framework of the European Mobility projects, MVC acts as intermediary and coordinating organisation. One of its objectives is to build up relations with sending organisations (training bodies, vocational schools, universities, social partners, NGOs, non-profit organisations, professional associations, business companies, SME, chambers of commerce, etc.) from several European countries.

The role of MVC Association within the European mobility projects consists in: organizing accommodation for the participants during their stay; organizing the language course and culture tuition; organizing and monitoring the work placement; organizing weekly and monthly evaluation of the work activities carried out by the participants; supervising and tutoring the participants; cooperating in the completion of the final certification for each participant (Europass Mobility); cooperating in the organisation of the evaluation of the project; disseminating project results.

Also, for your kind perusal, the website: www.maltavocationalcentre.org and our presentation in attachment.

- **2014 Eurobarometer preliminary results "Young people and drugs"**
- [here](#).
 - The use of new substances imitating the effects of illicit drugs ('legal highs') has risen considerably among young people in the EU, according to preliminary figures released today in a Eurobarometer study on young people and drugs.
 - - Young people consider that 'legal highs' are easier to acquire than ecstasy and heroin: 15% of young people stated they could obtain new psychoactive substances 'very easily' or 'quite easily' within the next 24 hours, whereas this percentage is 13% for ecstasy and 9% for heroin. Among those who have used such substances, more than two out of three got them from a friend (68%). Only 3% had acquired 'legal highs' online.
 - - More than half of respondents (57%) think that using new psychoactive substances or ecstasy once or twice may pose a high risk

to a person's health – 62% have this view regarding cocaine. Only 21% consider that using cannabis once or twice may pose high risks.

- - Almost one fifth of young people (17%) have used cannabis in the past 12 months, an increase from 14% in 2011.
 - - 35% of young people think that new substances should be banned under any circumstances, while 47% advocate this only if they pose a risk to health. A little more than half of respondents (53%) believe that cannabis should continue to be banned. Most respondents consider that heroin, cocaine and ecstasy should continue being banned.
- - The summary of the findings published on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking can be found

The full Eurobarometer study will be available in the coming weeks.

What 's on the Rock

FROM GREASE TO BLACK EYED PEAS PARTY

28/06/2014 22:00



On Saturday 28 June 2014, Reflex Promotions and DJ Alex Grech head to Gozo to present the unique edition of From Grease to Black Eyed Peas Party, at La Grotta, limits of Xlendi.

Well known radio presenter and promoter DJ Alex Grech has created this concept keeping in mind his audience and the variety of music played. 'The challenge was huge as the music spans for over 40 years. And yet, the crowd packs the dancefloor non-stop through the night. Imagine the sixties sounds of The Beatles and The Beach Boys, the seventies ABBA and Boney M, the 80's Madonna and Wham, the 90's La Bouche and Gigi D'Agostino and other legends blending with the recent hits from Pharell Williams, Pitbull and Shakira . That's right !! .. This is a celebration of great music for all generations and an atmosphere that will keep any clubber beg for more.

More info on www.reflexmalta.com and FB.

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 - [More Info »](#)

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