

Communication as an Art!!



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the **INTRODUCTION**

This project involves the participation of different organizations from Malta, Italy, Spain, Greece and Latvia. Each of these organizations will bring on board a number of young people to take part in the youth exchange. It is important to note that we will be having 3 people with disability one from Malta, one from Italy and one from Latvia. It is important to note that the people with disability will be fully involved in the activities that will be taking place.

One can note that for the last decades, the media has been gaining more and more influence as time passes by. Today the media is bombarding us with information all the time be it on television or on radio or on social media etc. Throughout the course of the project we will understand more how the media works as we tackle the main theme of the exchange.

The theme of this project will be communication and the media. Through this topic which will be the focus of our project, we will also explore other issues such as immigration and the way by which this matter is being communicated by the media and the latter's potential effect on the opinions of the general public in this regard. We will explore what are the realities and see if the media is telling us the full truth or not when they are reporting something. We will also learn more how we can become more selective when listening to a media outlet and how we can understand if what we are reading/seeing/listening is true or not. Trough out the project we will be also practicing a bit in film making and we will be producing a small video that will be used in the dissemination of the project.

Last but not least as this is a youth exchange and it will happen in Malta in summer we will also have some time to enjoy the summer weather in Malta while we get to know each other.





OUR OBJECTIVES

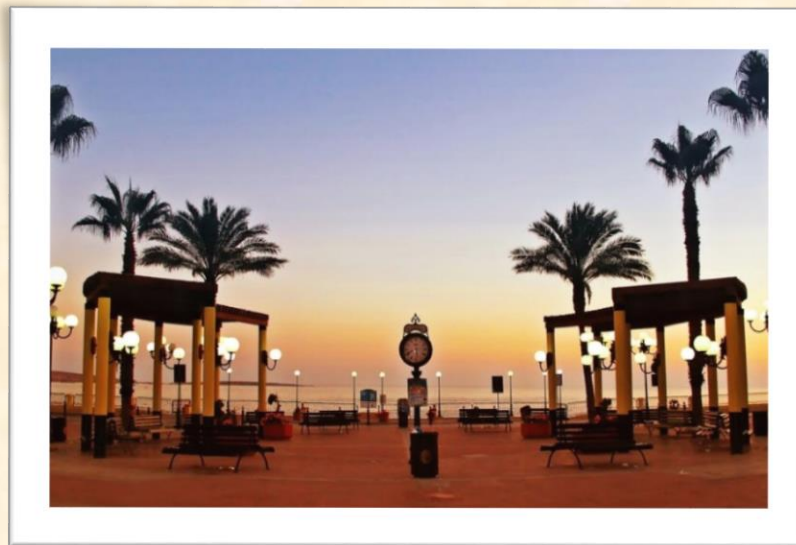
The objectives of the project can be listed as follows:

- 1) **To exchange ideas and good practices:** One of the main aims of this project is to provide an opportunity for young people to interact and learn from each other's experiences
- 2) **To acquire new skills in the communication sector:** Some of the activities of this project will give time for the participants to have on hands practice in the field of communication and media.
- 3) **Gaining knowledge about the issue of immigration and intercultural learning.** Although the main theme of this youth exchange is communications and the media, it may also be stated that through the selected theme, the project will also tackle the notion of immigration and the crisis faced by the EU in this regard. By taking part in these activities it is also inevitable that the participants gain more knowledge about this pressing issue.
- 4) **Promote the notion of inclusion:** As already explained above, this project will include people with disabilities and the latter individuals will be involved in all the proposed activities. Participating young people will realize that in this day and age we have to focus on the ability and not the disability.

On your way here

Malta is a tiny island with a lot of history which goes back thousands of years (<http://www.visitmalta.com/>). Malta is also well known for its beautiful shores and the sense of hominess the people on the island show others (we hope you would agree with this statement after the training course as well!).

The climate is not too cold in winter and piping hot in summer. In July - we can expect really hot & sticky weather, with an average temperature of 30/35 degrees. Bring with you light clothes and swimwear! Malta, although small in its size, is proud to have its own unique language (which is Semitic in its roots but with influences from the Italian, French and English languages). However, do not worry; we speak English as well so you don't need to learn Maltese!!



Practicalities and Costs

For this youth exchange we will be hosted in the South of Malta. The accommodation chosen is *Xrobb l-Ghagin Hostel* Below one can find some links for transport in Malta. However if someone needs help we are here to help you 😊 We can discuss the issue of transport once everyone buys the tickets.

For Public Transport:

<https://www.publictransport.com.mt/> which will cost around 2.00 €, or else you can book the shuttle bus from the airport directly to the accommodation.

Airport Shuttle Transfers

(<http://www.maltatransfer.com/>).

*In Malta the currency we use is EUR so make sure you will have some euros handy when you arrive.

The whole hostel will be for us, however as we will be in a nature park, there might be some people using the park during the day. It is important to know that you have to bring the linen and towels as they will not be provided by the hostel.

As regards to adaptors, we use the UK system for our plugs, see photo below. Talking about the UK system, we also drive on the right side of the road like the British do so do not be surprised.



Adaptor example

When buying your flights ...



➤ *Steps to follow:*

Step 1: Fill in online application form

- First, you need to successfully fill in the participant online application form, copy & paste link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1i1saUHsidsTi6HpayXQj-o9Q_c0Dn1IY2f_zRPeV1do/edit

Step 2: Await feedback

- Await go-ahead from our side that you have been selected for this project.

Step 3: Buying Flights

- ✓ Proceed in purchasing flights (go for the cheapest option)
- ✓ When you purchase the tickets send us a copy of your flight receipt on communicationasanart2018@gmail.com

Below find the maximum allocated funds for your travel (flights, train tickets, shuttle buses etc) per country. We strongly discourage participants to use taxis unless you cannot do without. Please make sure that they provide you with a receipt. Also keep any receipts including boarding passes.

	Country	Participants Allowed	Leaders + Support Staff.	Travel Allocation Per Participant.
1	Malta	6	1 Leader + 1 Support staff + Logistics.	€ 0
2	Spain	6	1 Leader	€ 360
3	Italy	6	1 Leader + 1 Support staff	€ 275
4	Greece	6	1 Leader	€ 275
5	Latvia	6	1 Leader + 1 Support staff	€ 360

Each Group will have 6 participants and 1 leader. The age of participants has to be between 18-30 years, while that for leaders has to be from 18 years onwards.

Malta, Italy and Latvia will have a person with disability each thus a support person per country is allowed.

Please keep in mind that gender balance is important so to keep the dynamics of the group balanced.

This Youth Exchange is co-financed by ERASMUS+ programme. Food and accommodation are covered by the project and the travel is covered by the lump sum provided by the distance calculator (as per the above table). By travelling we mean, Buses, Trains, Flights and any transport you might take to arrive from home in your country to the hotel in Malta and back home. Please note that only the cheapest option will be reimbursed, therefore no 1st class tickets please!

1. Choose your cheapest viable option to get from home to Malta in Time.
2. You have to make your travelling arrangements yourselves
3. IMP. Keep every receipts/tickets/boarding passes you will have since we

cannot reimburse any tickets if we are not given these documents!!

Should you wish to spend more time in Malta this is possible but you would have to cover the accommodation yourselves. You are allowed to stay for an extra 3 days over and above the dates of the project. These could be either before or after the exchange. Kindly advise us of your pro-longed stay before purchasing flights. If you need help in booking an accommodation for the extra nights, we can help you with that. Do not leave it till the very end to make a booking. We can also send you a list of things to do or visit in Malta.

Reimbursement

With travel reimbursement, we will check the project budget, but we will try to do the reimbursement during the project itself 😊.

What to prepare before coming?

Before coming to this training course, we want you to prepare some things:

1. Some information that you can share with others on your NGO. This will be a great opportunity for networking. Bring leaflets, business cards and experiences to share.
2. Ice breaking games/energizers to be shared with others. (They have to be inclusive).
3. Prepare for the intercultural evening. Below you can find more details on this.



The Intercultural Evening .

Task 1

If you already took part in a Training course before, you might be aware what **intercultural Evening** is... However, if this is your first time we will explain. It is a tradition that on one of the evenings during the training course; all the participants gather together and present **food and drinks**, which they bring with from their home countries. Therefore this is a polite invitation for you to get some goodies from your country for the rest of us to try out!!... Apart from the food you might also get some information (**posters, postcards, leaflets etc...**) about your home country for us to appreciate...who knows maybe we will come and visit you one day.

For Further information

If you need further information please contact us on:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Euro.Media.Forum/>



