

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This September, young people from Malta, Georgia, Spain, Slovakia, and Italy are coming together for a week of creativity, culture, and connection.

This Youth Exchange is all about transforming the way you use your phone and digital tools. We know how easy it is to scroll endlessly or take hundreds of photos that sit forgotten in your gallery.

We'll challenge you to create with intention, capturing moments that tell real stories and have the power to connect, inspire, and even spark change.

You'll discover how a single photo, short video, or creative caption can communicate big ideas. You'll work in international teams to create digital stories that bring together culture, creativity, and collaboration.

This isn't just about digital skills! You'll also strengthen teamwork, problem-solving, intercultural understanding, and confidence in communicating your ideas.

By the end of the exchange, you'll go home with:

- A portfolio of creative content you've produced
- Stronger digital competences (photography, editing, storytelling)
- Enhanced soft skills (teamwork, cultural awareness, critical thinking)
- Experience working in international project teams

And of course, you'll take with you not just a full camera roll, but a set of skills, memories, and friendships that last beyond the project.



PARTICIPATION

We're looking for 30 motivated participants (6 youth per country aged 15-17) and 10 group leaders (2 per country) from Malta, Georgia, Spain, Slovakia, and Italy. Because you'll be creating real content during the Youth Exchange, we ask that participants have some experience or a strong interest in at least one of these areas: photography, video editing, content creation, or social media.

You'll need intermediate English to collaborate in international teams, take part in workshops, and present your work. Don't worry about grammar and mistakes! All partner organisations will make sure everyone can follow along and feel included, using things like clear instructions, visual materials, and support from group leaders.

Throughout the exchange, you'll join international groups to complete creative tasks, from daily challenges to a week-long storytelling project. Your skills and interests will play a key role in your team's success.

A Pre-Arrival Task will be assigned to each country group once the teams are confirmed. This task is separate from the week-long project. It will focus on preparing a short, creative introduction about your country and how digital skills and social media are used there. You can choose the format: video, photos, presentation, or other creative approaches. The aim is to help international participants understand each other's cultures, digital habits, and creative perspectives before the exchange starts. These introductions will be shared in the first days of the exchange to spark conversations and ideas.

COMMUNICATION 🔎

To keep everyone connected and informed, we will create a WhatsApp group for all participants. This group will give you the chance to get to know each other before the youth exchange begins and stay updated throughout the programme.





ACCOMMODATION =

Marsaxlokk Activity Youth Centre

Marsaxlokk, Malta



The Marsaxlokk Activity Centre will be our home for the exchange. It's just three minutes from the sea, making it perfect for creative breaks and sunset photos.

Rooms will accommodate two to three people, with mixed nationalities where possible but always organised by gender. Each room has a fan, and you should bring your own towel.

Marsaxlokk itself is a colourful fishing village, famous for its traditional boats, Sunday fish market, and stunning harbour views, an ideal place for capturing vibrant stories.

During the week, you'll also get the chance to explore more of Malta. On Friday, we'll spend the day in Valletta, the capital city, where creative tasks will take us through its beautiful streets, baroque architecture, and lively cultural atmosphere. It's the perfect opportunity to see a different side of Malta while working on your storytelling projects.







Food will be an important part of our week together, not just for energy, but for connection. Each day, one main meal will be provided by an outsourced caterer, ensuring you have a balanced diet.

Intercultural dinners will be a highlight of the exchange, prepared by each nationality group for the rest of the participants. This is your chance to introduce your fellow participants to the flavours of your country. A national recipe is a great choice, but remember to think about the dietary needs of others. Cooking together is not just about food, it's another form of storytelling, sharing culture and heritage through taste and aroma.

Please note that smoking, the consumption of alcohol and energy drinks is strictly prohibited during the entire youth exchange.





Arrival day: Monday 22nd September Departure day: Sunday 28th September

As per Erasmus+ travel rules, your maximum travel budget is:

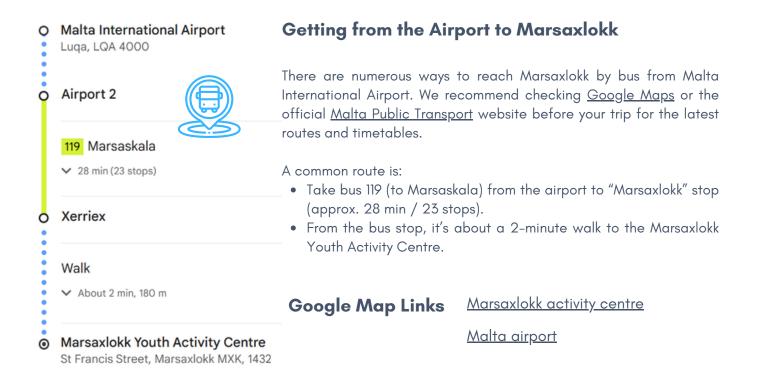
- Malta €0
- Georgia €395
- Spain €309
- Italy €309
- Slovakia €309

Travel costs exceeding the maximum amount will not be covered. We highly suggest booking all travel tickets through the provider's own website, not through travel agencies or third-party websites. Plane ticket bookings must be accompanied by boarding passes. You will be asked to upload all your travel tickets, along with invoices, boarding passes or receipts, to a Google Drive folder. Any missing receipts will not be reimbursed. Please plan to arrive before 18:00 on the arrival day.

Important: Reimbursement will only be processed after you complete all project-related tasks, take part in the dissemination event, and your dissemination report is submitted and received.

We strongly encourage participants to opt for green travel options whenever possible. Choosing environmentally friendly transportation not only helps reduce our carbon footprint but also aligns with our commitment to sustainability and responsible travel.

Each participant must hold a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) and have a private travel insurance covering the days of the youth exchange. Remember the 100ml liquid rule at the airport. All liquids must fit in one clear, resealable plastic bag.



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Project partners





We are committed to empowering young people and driving positive change, with a focus on sustainability. We believe in the power of youth to build a better future while protecting the environment.

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We aim to inspire young people to take action in their communities. Through creativity, conversation, and inclusive experiences, we help them feel connected and empowered to build a fairer, more united society.







Our work is driven by a common goal-transforming and uplifting society. This mission focuses on creating spaces that strengthen our connections with ourselves, each other, and the natural world.

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Young Reporter for the Environment - We empower youth to explore environmental challenges through journalism and storytelling. Together, we raise awareness, inspire action, and promote sustainability across Europe and beyond.



Erasmus.mt is another Erasmus+ project created by Projekta Malta in partnership with <u>Awesome People Sweden</u>.

Its purpose is powerful: to create a space where Erasmus+ opportunities, projects, and real stories from young people are shared, inspiring others to take part, increasing the visibility of projects, and showing the real impact Erasmus+ can have.

This Youth Exchange, **Digital Storytelling for Community Impact**, is the perfect opportunity to connect what you'll learn here with the Erasmus.mt platform. The skills you develop during the exchange, from creating videos and photos to crafting messages for social media can go beyond this project. By contributing your content to Erasmus.mt, your work will reach a wider audience and make a lasting difference.

How You Can Contribute

- Create photos, videos, or short stories about your experience during this Youth Exchange.
- Share content from past Erasmus+ experiences you've been part of.
- Work alone or in groups to produce creative pieces (reels, blog posts, interviews) that show what Erasmus+ is really like.

You don't need to edit or polish your work, just share your raw material and the Erasmus.mt team will take care of editing.

The Impact You Can Create

By sharing your content with Erasmus.mt:

- Your stories will be featured on the Erasmus.mt website and social media.
- You'll help young people in Malta and beyond see what Erasmus+ really offers.
- You'll make a lasting contribution to a growing network of Erasmus+ participants and organisations.

Every photo, video, or story you share during this Youth Exchange can inspire someone else to take the same leap and turn their ideas into reality.







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HANDY TIPS FOR MALTA

 Power Plugs & Electricity: Malta uses Type G plugs (same as the UK) and runs on 230V. Don't forget to pack a plug adapter if needed!

• Crossing the Street? Remember that Malta drives on the left side, so be sure to look right first before crossing. Safety first!





WHAT'S NEXT?

- Connect with other participants before the exchange by joining our WhatsApp group.
- All necessary documents will be shared via Google Drive, with a link available in the WhatsApp group. Please make sure to read, sign, and submit them promptly.
- Let us know your travel details, including your expected arrival time, so we can ensure a smooth start to your youth exchange journey.
- Free up some space on your phone to capture every moment of this epic adventure. Get ready to fill it with new memories, amazing photos, and videos of your experience!
- Come ready to meet new people, try new things, and step out of your comfort zone. This exchange is all about learning and growing together, so embrace every opportunity!



We are looking forward to meeting you!

