

ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE
YMCA: YOUTH FOR MIGRANTS

CHALLENGE ACCEPTED

3-11 OCTOBER, 2019
MALTA



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

MALTA POLAND GREECE LITHUANIA ITALY CZECH REPUBLIC



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01 PROJECT NAME
YMCA: Youth for Migrants - Challenge Accepted

02 TYPE OF ACTIVITY
ERASMUS+ Youth Exchange

03 DURATION
7+2 travel days (3-11 October, 2019)

04 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
Malta, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Greece, Czech Republic

05 NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
6 per country (36 in total)

06 AGE OF PARTICIPANTS
18 – 29 (No age limit for team leader)



SUMMARY

Thousands of people are still flocking to Europe for a search for safety and a better life. However, more often than not they end up in a place that does not want to use their potential, let alone welcome them. Is Europe going to keep the refugees out of work and out of the societies? It would be a huge burden and a fast track to a clash of cultures.

How to avoid that? The refugees must be integrated well. Their potential is an opportunity to grow and advance both culturally and economically. Our diverse consortium of youth NGOs believes that youth is the main drivers of integration; thus, we are willing to carry out a project **“YMCA: Youth for Migrants - Challenge Accepted”** that would concentrate on refugee integration through youth work and various youth initiatives. This would allow youngsters to develop in a multicultural environment; thus building up their tolerance and increasing multilingualism. In the meanwhile, the refugees would integrate into society faster, since the young would help them with the local language, culture, traditions, and other things crucial for normal life in a new country.

The main goal of this project is to make sure that young people and NGOs are aware of the successful means of refugee integration through youth initiatives and understand their ability to help the refugees through various (social) activities.

The objectives to reach this goal are to:

- 1) help youth learn how to integrate refugees better through social activities;
- 2) raise the competencies of youth by developing new methods for refugee integration through youth work;
- 3) exchange good practices on alternative ways of taking care of refugees – integration and life within the local communities;
- 4) lower xenophobia, racism and foster multilingualism of the local youth;
- 5) spread the main idea of the project to European youth, other NGOs and the general public;
- 6) enable refugees to integrate more quickly into the Maltese society and the labor market;
- 7) gain insight into the possibilities for volunteering and other development opportunities.

To achieve the project's objectives, a youth exchange will be hosted in Malta on October 4-10, 2019 involving 36 young participants (18-30) from countries with various refugee integration problems.

During the mobility, youth will be able to better understand & help the local asylum seekers community, learn their culture, develop ideas of refugee integration (through youth work) with the local NGOs, as well as help, integrate them through social activities (such as sports & arts).



FINANCES & TRAVEL BUDGET LIMITS

1. Accommodation, living and other project related expenses: 100% funded by the EU.
2. 100 % of the travel costs, but no more than the maximum compensation amounts given below, will be reimbursed upon presenting all necessary tickets & invoices.

Travel distances	Amount
Between 10 and 99 KM	20 € per participant
Between 100 and 499 KM	180 € per participant
Between 500 and 1999 KM	275 € per participant
Between 2000 and 2999 KM	360 € per participant
Between 3000 and 3999 KM	530 € per participant
Between 4000 and 7999 KM	820 € per participant
8000 KM or more	1300 € per participant

Travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. The distance of a one-way travel must be used to calculate the amount of the EU grant that will support the round trip.

We will reimburse the travel expenses after the mobility by bank transfer, in accordance with the Erasmus+ framework. In order to make the reimbursement, it is compulsory that you have all the necessary documents with you. If your travel costs exceed the official limits, the reimbursement will be limited to the maximum amount of travel costs allocated for each country. If you fail to provide all the necessary travel documents, we will be unable to reimburse you. For plane travel, the original documents that we need are:

- 1) Tickets and Boarding Passes
- 2) Invoice / Receipt

Keep your bus / train tickets as well! Travel by cars / taxis is not reimbursed.



MONEY

The official currency in Malta is **Euro**. The prices in Malta are not high as well (e.g. bus ride - 1,5 EUR, pizza – 9 EUR). You can check [cost of living](#) in Malta.

GETTING TO MALTA

Flying to **Malta** is easy. Malta is comfortably be reached within a few hours from many cities worldwide. All arrive at **Malta's** one international airport, which is no more than 45 minutes by car from anywhere on the main island, or a little longer by bus.

Cheap flights are always available [HERE](#).

Arriving to Malta by ferry can be a [way of exploring other countries](#) along the journey and experiencing other cultures. Apart from [cruise liners](#), Malta is served by several major ferries lines.

TRANSPORTATION

Firstly, you should find a flight to **Malta (MLA) airport**. The arrival day is 3rd of October and the departure day is 11th of October. Try to find a suitable option for the flights on these days.

More information about How to get to the venue - [HERE](#).

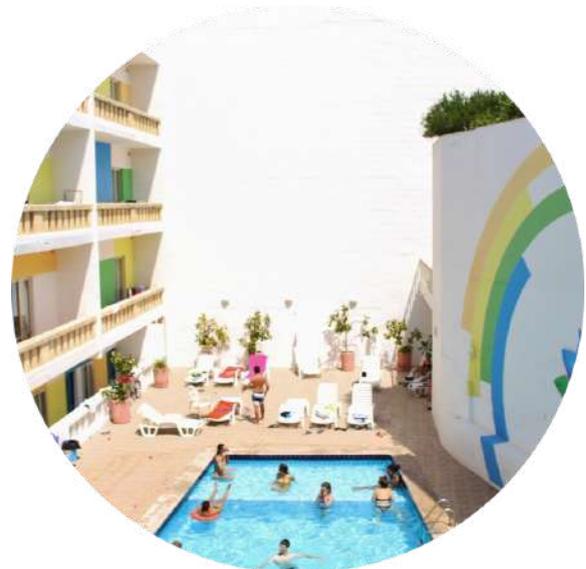


ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Venue: From 3rd to 7th of October participants will stay in **Zak House Malta**. Situated in a central area of Malta, is the ideal place for youth organizations to organize live-ins, retreats, exchanges, seminars, meetings, workshops, daily group sessions, indoor and outdoor activities.



From 7th till 11th of October participants will stay in the **NSTS Campus**. This Student Residence is a modern and minimalistic hostel in Msida. It is not only located in a central, safe, quiet residential location by the University of Malta. Furthermore it is flanking Sliema and St Julian's.



Rooms: with 2-5 beds. Participants should **bring the towels and pillowcases**. Quilts will be provided (but no hairdryer in the facility). The Main Activity Room is located at the same building. WiFi internet connection is available (however, might be a bit limited). Organizers will provide participants with three meals per day and two coffee breaks. Food will be served at the hotel or cafeterias nearby. We strongly recommend each participant to inform the organizers about any special dietary needs in advance.

BASIC RULES: All the participants will be expected to be present and active in all the activities, unless being ill. Unauthorized absence from the activities and workshops won't be tolerated. Smoking is prohibited everywhere inside buildings (the guest house levies a fine of 50 EUR), thus all the smokers will have to go outside or to specially designated areas for a cigarette. Any damages to the property of the guest house or the organizers will be deducted from the travel reimbursements of the ones responsible.

ABOUT MALTA

Check the following websites to get to know more about our lovely Malta:

- [Visit Malta](#)
- [Things to do in Malta](#)
- [Malta travel guide](#)



ADDITIONAL STAY

The hosting organization is covering the accommodation **ONLY** for the stay during the mobility. In case of earlier arrival or later departure, participants themselves must cover the accommodation. In addition, we can only cover tickets 2 days earlier or after the project date. If you are planning to stay longer after the project or arrive earlier, please inform us before booking your ticket. Otherwise, we cannot guarantee your reimbursement. Please note any indirect routes taken for personal travel will not be reimbursed.

For additional days in Malta we suggest you to use [Airbnb](#) (18 EUR discount inside), [Booking.com](#) (12 EUR discount inside).

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