



LET'S GET RURAL

APRIL 13-21, 2020
MSIDA, MALTA

MALTA LITHUANIA TURKEY PORTUGAL AUSTRIA ITALY

- 01** PROJECT NAME
Let's get Rural
- 02** TYPE OF ACTIVITY
ERASMUS+ Youth Exchange
- 03** DURATION
7+2 travel days (13-21 April, 2020)
- 04** PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES
Malta, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Austria, Turkey
- 05** NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
6 per country (36 in total)
- 06** AGE OF PARTICIPANTS
18 – 29 (No age limit for team leader)

SUMMARY

Many of the European Union's rural areas face a common challenge, as their capacity to create high-quality, sustainable jobs has fallen behind that of urban areas. Generally, incomes are lower in rural regions than in towns or cities and there are fewer job opportunities (ec.europa.eu). Marginalized youth living in rural areas have a problem getting continued education and good jobs to get ahead in life and contribute to society. They are facing unemployment & they do not know how to get out of the existing situation. One of the obvious solutions for them is to move to the city and try to get a job there. However, even if they do manage to get one, it is usually low-paying, meaning that they would still be struggling in life, not advancing in terms of personal development and not contributing much to society. These marginalized youth possess one asset which isn't being explored to its fullest potential – their familiarity with the rural area that they live in. If they were shown how to capitalize on this asset by starting a business in rural areas, they could create something of a higher value. There's high demand for certain things in rural areas that local youth could take time to explore and fulfil.

Project partners from Malta, Lithuania, Turkey, Portugal, Austria and Italy are all actively working to make the lives of the youth from regions better. The decision to organise the project "Let's Get Rural" came naturally from seeing the need to equip youth with entrepreneurial skills and tools. Therefore, this youth exchange aims **to inspire, motivate and support youth with fewer opportunities to start businesses in rural areas so that they can be self-sufficient and self-reliant.**

By doing so they could create further jobs for other marginalized youngsters in rural areas, thus creating a snowball effect of lowering unemployment and helping integrate them into society. To reach this aim, the following objectives have been set:

- introduce youth to the essentials of entrepreneurship in rural areas;
- inspire marginalized youth to create businesses by showing examples of successful businesses in rural areas;
- generate new business ideas that will work well in rural areas of participating countries and will include the local unemployed/underprivileged communities;
- create a spillover effect by inspiring other communities and partner countries to contribute to the established rural businesses or to create new businesses in rural areas themselves.

To conclude, we seek that the project's results would help regional youth to be self-reliant and self-sustaining as much as possible with an emphasis on remaining in the rural areas and looking for professional opportunities there.



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: 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**. Bed linen 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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