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Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs The European Entrepreneur Exchange Programme



On Thursday 19 February, The Hon. Chris Said, Parliamentary Secretary for Public Consultation and Information, launched the ERASMUS for Young Entrepreneurs Pilot Project on behalf of Apex, the Organisation of Maltese Co-operatives and our partners CIA, Confederazione Italiana Agricoltori.

CIA and Apex form one of 22 consortia participating in the project that collectively numbers some 100 organisations from all over the European Union.

The launch was held at "Dar il-Koperattivi", Melita Street Valletta and was very well attended by the press and a good number of interested stakeholders, which augurs well.

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs is a pilot project initiated by the EU for both aspiring Entrepreneurs and experienced young Entrepreneurs (who have not been in business for more than 3 years).

New entrepreneurs can gain skills for managing their own business by spending time in an organisation in another EU country. This will help to improve their know-how and foster cross-border transfers of knowledge and experience between entrepreneurs.



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This project is addressed to :

- New Entrepreneurs (NEs) who want to go abroad to learn from experienced entrepreneurs. NE candidates accepted for participation will be granted a substantial proportion of expenses required to cover their travelling and accommodation costs;
- Experienced Entrepreneur (HEs) who are interested in hosting new entrepreneurs. This will give you the opportunity to share your entrepreneurial experience and benefit from hands-on contribution which an NE from another country will make to your business; as an HE on the otherhand, you must be committed to work with the NE towards developing his/her entrepreneurial skills and know-how

The project will pay particular attention in creating a network among participants to encourage the creation of long-lasting partnerships and support those who wish to create an across-border enterprise, enhancing the internationalisation of Maltese SMEs.

You may visit <http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/> to register as an NE or HE, or contact Ray Cassar on 21484835 or Elizabeth Camilleri Fava on 99824987 for more information or assistance.

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