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## Press release

### "SE-MOVEH: Social inclusion and EMPLOYMENT Opportunities through the Valorization of European cultural Heritage" Study Visit Malta LTTA in Malta: 7<sup>th</sup>– 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

#### Details about the meeting

- **Dates of the meeting:** 7<sup>th</sup>– 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021
- **Where was held:** Gharb, Gozo, Malta
- **Host organization:** Genista research foundation
- **Whom attended:** Genista research foundation Malta; E-Seniors Association France; Fattoria Pugliese Diffusa APS Italy; National Institute of Heritage Romania.
- **Aim of the meeting:** Share good experiences on Social Inclusion and Employment opportunities through the valorization of European Cultural Heritage understanding Maltese initiatives and projects which created employment opportunities, revived traditional craftsmanship and in the process made use of our cultural heritage.
- **The agenda (short description) and the speakers/facilitators of the meeting:**

Mr. Mark Causon Malta gave an overview of the projects from which have benefitted the community through reviving traditional employment opportunities especially for NEETS. In the restored process, it also made functional use of the heritage sites. The day continued with a walk down to the Wied il Mielah valley that valorize sustainable farming, biodiversity and ecological issues.

On the 8th of October, a visit to the council took place, where the participants have met the Mayor of Gharb, Mr. David Apap, and had the chance to discuss about the Wied il-Mielah project, its benefits to the community, to nature conservation and how through the 2 undertaken projects, the areas has now become a special area of conservation and been included in the EU Natura 2000 sites. This topic was followed by a discussion on balancing the needs of farmers and addressing ecological issues. in the afternoon, a study visit to the Citadella in Rabat took place. This fortified medieval city was recently fully renovated through various EU funds and offers a great 360° view over the surrounding countryside,



villages, and the sea and up to Malta. During the tour we could valorize how the medieval city has been

renovated, old stores have been turned into restaurants, shops and museums, opening new economic opportunities and employment opportunities.

On the 9th of October, a study visit to Rinella nature reserve and organic farm took place. Participants were shown around the farm which is run and managed by Genista research foundation, where apart from having cultivated a fruit garden focusing on Mediterranean and Maltese fruit trees, the centre also host non-formal training activities for farmers whom are showing an interest in organic farming, students and youths, foreign interns and local university students who are doing a placement to focus on Maltese biodiversity. The centre is fully powered by solar energy and has a number of water catchments to conserve and use only natural source of water which is very scarce in Malta. In the second part of the day, the partners have visited Birgu, an old city, where various initiatives are being undertaken mostly through local heritage grants and EU funds for conserving traditional methods of restoring old buildings and opening new entrepreneurial opportunities.

- **What was discussed during the meeting and taken decisions:**

1. Administrative meeting. During this meeting the following issues were discussed and agreed too:
  - the end of the project which is the 20th September 2022
  - Coordinators/educators/facilitators will gather all the specific expertise in the fields of promotion of cultural heritage, entrepreneurship and NICT, in order to design a training for the implementation of the new learning methodology to be used in the local workshops.
  - Partners will prepare and send a press release on the SE-MOVEH outcomes;
  - Partners will create a Powerpoint presentation on good examples
  - Partners will develop ideas to share methodologies of cultural valorization.
  - Partners will organise local workshops which can be physical or virtual
  - Next meeting on the 15-18 November in Bucharest, between the 24/27 January in Paris LTTA, the 7/11 February in Italy LTTA+TPM, TBD on September 2022, the final TPM in Italy

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