

2018 Good Practices



Key Action: **Support for policy reform**

Action Type: **Youth dialogue projects**

Project Reference Number	2017-2-MT01-KA347-027013
Name of Sending Organisation (Applicant organisation)	Young European Federalists (JEF Malta)
Website of Sending Organisation (Applicant organisation)	www.jefmalta.com
Start and end date of project	1 st September 2017 – 30 th September 2018
Hosting Organisation/s	N/A
Website/s of Hosting Organisation/s	N/A
Countries represented in the project (apart from Malta)	N/A

Objectives of the project

- To Expose youths to decision-makers who have an impact on decisions taken in fields which impact them as citizens and thus engaging youths in decision-making;
- To inform university students about the functions, structure and the decision-making process of the European Union;
- To involve students in European current affairs and encouraging them to be active citizens;
- To harbour soft skills such as public speaking and active citizenship
- To involve Maltese youths who may often feel cut off from the political stage (thus avoiding the political marginalisation of youths)
- To discuss the future of the EU and youth's role

Target group

Young people, youth organizations, decision-makers and experts

Short description of beneficiary institution

JEF Malta is a voluntary organization comprised of youths working for other youths. It actively seeks to encourage active citizenship, democratic participation and increase awareness on EU-related areas through its activities. This project will be based on these core values, which the organization holds to heart so as to not only help students develop but also the organization itself. Our past events have not only been successful in the results we have seen in other youths but also with regards to our organization's capacity and ability to organize future successful events. With each successful event, we have expanded our network of contacts we need to make these events happen in the first place, as well as our increased awareness on which issues are currently at the forefront of youth's minds and how we can best accommodate to these issues.

Summary of results and impact



'Generation Europe' gives the opportunity to the University of Malta youth audiences to present their views and concerns on a number of relevant topics today. The project exposes youths who feel cut off from the political stage and brings them closer to decision-makers - further engaging youths in decision-making. Panelists participating in

the activities were politicians, policy makers, citizens active in civil society and other stakeholders.

The project left a strong impact especially on the core team who experienced a huge learning curve in project management. A number of impact dimensions were identified which is considered positive although organizational and participant impacts remain qualitative in nature. The impact on the majority of the participants is hard to quantify due to the short nature of the activities, however evaluation methods in feedback forms and sharing of learning outcomes were carried out following each activity. The project's results in general are the political and social impact of the activity, as identified by KA347 Structured Dialogue. In relation to the impact, the project certainly demonstrates the potential for young people to shape policy, and to express their opinions directly to the policy / decision makers, or the representatives of young people.

With regards to dissemination, the outcomes of the each activity were compiled into a series of policy proposals and finally into the 'Generation Europe Booklet' distributed among youth and relevant stakeholders present for the debates.

Any Tools/Products Developed

N/A

Specific theme

EU Citizenship, EU awareness and Democracy, Youth (Participation, Youth Work, Youth Policy), Social Dialogue

Testimonials/positive comments from participants in final report



Since some participants attended several seminars, we ended up establishing close relationships with several of them, and ensured that each participant felt welcome and able to approach us with problems and comments. As such, we took in their feedback throughout the year, and implemented all the suggestions we could.