



Co-funded by the
Erasmus+ Programme
of the European Union



PRESS RELEASE – MEETING ON MALTA

Victoria, Gozo, Malta, 9-13th May 2022 International visit at Sacred Heart Minor Seminary

A unique Erasmus+ project about European citizenship and cultural heritage of Czech Republic, Spain, Denmark and Malta

The last student meeting for the exceptional Erasmus+ project ‘European citizenship – Cultural heritage unites us’, a project which started in 2019 and is co-funded by European Union, took place in Victoria, Gozo, Malta, from May 9th up to and including May 22nd 2022. This meeting was organised by Sacred Heart Minor Seminary, a secondary school located in the heart of Victoria. Other participating schools travelling there with students were I.E.S. Joaquín Turina in Madrid, Spain and Academia Mercurii in Náchod, Czech Republic. Vordingborg Gymnasium & HF in Vordingborg, Denmark also sent their teachers for job shadowing of the Sacred Heart Minor Seminary teachers.

In the last student exchange for this project, students travelled to the medieval town of Victoria, on the island of Gozo to learn about the cultural heritage of Malta and the importance of European citizenship. The exchange lasted for five days.

On the first day, students were welcomed at the organising school in a welcome ceremony, played Kahoot quiz together and then they had opportunity to talk to a representative of Europe Direct about the importance of the European Union during this time of crisis. Mr. Daniel Borg also explained that the work undertaken by the European Union during these times helped bring to the fore the values which are most dear to the European Union, first and foremost the value of solidarity. In the afternoon, students visited the historic centre of Victoria and played Treasure hunt in Spanish language and a photo competition in the famous Citadella of Gozo.

The following days were filled with trips to the capital of Malta, Valletta and the megalithic temple of Ggantija to learn more about the rich cultural heritage of Malta. Also, the students visited the Dwejra Bay, dramatic coastal formations and a magical place for tourists and locals to relax and enjoy nature. Students also had the opportunity to try to produce a traditional bracelet in a craft workshop at school and to cook the traditional Maltese meal Ftira within a workshop, later eaten by them along with other meals of traditional Maltese cuisine. A lesson of Maltese language helped students to understand better the Maltese culture and was a good introduction to Twinspace projects about national languages presentations.

On the last day, the students worked in international groups on the project outcomes, exchanged books about cultural heritage of their countries and a closing ceremony ended the week full of cultural experiences.

This Erasmus+ project is co-funded by the European Union. 'European citizenship – Cultural heritage unites us' will last until the end of August 2022. All schools are eager to participate in these kind of projects, knowing that these foreign experiences are paramount for the education of the students.