

## 'I Belong' Programme



### ORGANISATION\*

Maltese government - Human Rights Directorate and University of Malta

### COUNTRY AND CITY/IES

Malta

### FIELD OF WORK

Social inclusion of migrants, education

### THE ACTION IS ADDRESSED TO (BENEFICIARIES)

The programme benefits third-country nationals (outside the EU) already living in Malta and applying for permanent residence. Most learners do not have refugee status or subsidiary protection.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITY

The I Belong programme is not an academic programme, but rather adopts the format of a workshop. Each group (of approximately 15 people) meets for 5 hours/week over a 9-month period, and follows:

- Cultural orientation course consisting of 3 main areas: Understanding, Sharing, Living
- Language course

### MAIN GOALS

This programme aims to enhance the inclusion and sense of belonging of third-country nationals into the Maltese society. It covers the obligation to follow cultural orientation and language courses for any person applying for permanent residence in Malta.

### IMPACTS OF THE ACTIVITY

- Increasing knowledge of Maltese culture and language
- Experiencing of inclusion in the classroom and development of interpersonal relationships
- Increasing problem-solving skills

### COOPERATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The Human right Directorate of the government of Malta is co-funding and oversees the programme.

### SUSTAINABILITY (ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SUSTAINABILITY)

**Economic:** The initiative is co-funded by the Maltese government and the University of Malta.

**Social:** the University of Malta is highly committed to social inclusion – the programme is centred on learners' needs and on their own skills and knowledge.

**Institutional:** Joint programme from the Maltese government and University of Malta, who share different values.