

EQUAL MALTA 2004 – 2006	
MEASURE 5I – ASYLUM SEEKERS	
EQUAL PROJECT No. 7	
INTEGRATION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS INTO MALTESE SOCIETY	
1. Final Beneficiary	Foundation for Social Welfare Services
2. Brief Description	<p>This Project will address the Measure's objectives in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By offering asylum seekers the necessary support, training, guidance and possibly work placements or apprenticeships, within the limitations of the current legislation; - The training courses offered to participants will cover topics for both social and at a later stage, vocational integration; - The courses offered will be in English, so that participants will not be limited for integration only in Malta but also in other European countries, if there is no possibility of reintegration in their country of origin; - If possible, access to further education and vocational training will be provided to participants; - With the implementation of this project, and the mainstreaming activities it is envisaged that the needs of asylum seekers will be addressed and an appropriate policy be developed. <p>This Project will have the following activities:</p> <p>The first part of the Project consists of training courses for asylum seekers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • basic English language course so that participants can obtain working knowledge of the English language, and thus participate in the other courses. The reason for teaching English rather than Maltese is that the former is an official language of the country and with which the asylum seekers would have much greater opportunities in Europe than with the Maltese language; • Life skills Course covering various subjects such as communication, health and hygiene, nutrition, culture, decision making and preparation for employment • Course for writing a 'curriculum vitae' and preparing for an interview • Information Sessions or Workshops on various topics: education, social, political systems, history of Malta. <p>A second phase of the Project will provide further vocational training for participants to seek employment. The choice of courses offered will be dependant on the skills available, and contacts with organisations such as ETC (who are already identified as a Development Partner) would help to place participants in traineeships. It would be important to state both to the employee and the employer that a traineeship is not necessarily a guarantee of employment. (If the trainee is not granted asylum, he/she is not eligible to remain in the country).</p> <p>Guidance and counselling services will be provided by qualified social workers to the asylum seekers. These professionals will also be carrying out the in-depth interviews required for the skills audit. The latter is used to capture and record all the skills (especially the 'soft' skills) of asylum seekers. It is envisaged that this information, together with all the training and other certification will be recorded in a database. The purpose of this database is to keep track of the participants' development and also to facilitate their work placement.</p>
3. Target Groups	Asylum Seekers
4. Financial Allocation	Total Amount: €248,233 ESF Co-Financing Element: 75% Malta Co-Financing Element: 25%
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