

• TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY

08:30h. Transfer from the hotel to La Valletta

LOCATION: Europe House in Malta
Topic – NEXT GENERATION FUNDS

09:30h. Official Meeting with Dr Stefan Zrinzo Azzopardi - Parliamentary Secretariat for European Funds Topic – Video

09:45h. A presentation and meeting with Theresa Zahra – Acting Representative of the European Commission in Malta

10:00h. Ms. Josianne Cutajar Member of the European Parliament Video Clip

Topic – European impact at national level

10:00h. A presentation and meeting with Elena Grech, Head of the European Commission in Malta
Tour of Europe House

10:30h. Visiting the co-cathedral of Saint Johns

11:00h. Upper baraka and free time in the centre

11:30h. Free time in La Valletta

13:30h. Lunch at Legends Restaurant (Marsaskala)

15:30h. Cultural Visit: Munxar

18:00h. Back to the hotel

20:30h. Goodbye dinner at Hotel ST Azur.

• WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Departure of the participants

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES



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CONCELLO DE
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EUROPEAN VOICES CHALLENGING EUROSCEPTICISM

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS "PROGRAMME 2014-2020"

MEETING II

QORMI (MALTA) | 13-16 FEBRUARY 2022

HOST:



SOUTHERN REGIONAL
COUNCIL
(Malta)

STRAND 2: DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION
2.2 NETWORK OF TOWNS

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

• SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Arrival of the participants

20:30h. Welcome dinner ST AZUR HOTEL

22:00h. Welcome speech and summary of the program of activities.

• MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY

08:30h. Transfer by bus from the Hotel to the conference room

LOCATION: Metanoia Theatre – *Mal Luqa* Topic – *Migrations - an unsolved reality that feeds euroscepticals*

09:30h. Institutional greetings by:

Mr. Jesmond Aquilina - President of the Southern Region of Malta.

Mr. Ramón Tojo Lens - Mayor of Rois

Mr. Owen Bonnici - Ministry of Equality, Research, Innovation and Coordination of Post Covid 19 strategy – Video

10:00h. An overview of migrations in Malta and Mediterranean area by
Mr. Josef Azzopardi – Mayor of Marsa

10:20h. Agency for the Welfare of Asylum Seekers **Mr Mauro Farrugia**

10:45h. Coffee break

Topic - Fighting stereotypes:

11:00h. Youth Mobility programs, a powerful tool to against stereotypes and euroscepticism by Director of National Agency for Erasmus + in Malta.

11:15h. European Solidarity Corps: volunteering in Europe, helping others, helping yourself.

11:30h. End of the session

Cultural Visit

12.15h. Għar Dalam

13:30h. Lunch at Rizzu Restaurant - Marsaxlokk

15:30h. Afternoon cultural visits: -Marsaxlokk -Delimara

18:00h. Back to the hotel

20:30h. Lunch at Azur ST Hotel

GREETINGS

Dear Colleagues /Participants,

On Behalf of the Southern Regional Council and the Mayors of all twelve respective localities forming part of the region, it's with great pleasure to welcome you all here today. An inherent feature of the 21st century for Europe and the rest of the world has become human mobility. Globalization has led to dispersal in the movement of people worldwide thereby posing various challenges, among these managing diversity, which is considered a constraining issue in the era of globalization. Malta as any other European country is therefore becoming increasingly diverse in terms of ethnicity, culturally and linguistically.

According to various surveys conducted by entities such as the Eurobarometer, immigration tops the concerns of Maltese people. It is also a recurring issue, that spills over into the political arena, with politicians (both national and local) having to answer to the unabating challenges experienced in some of the local communities that fuel further Euroscepticism. At a regional level, we remain committed to continuing to embrace diverse cultures and work strenuously to promote a very inclusive culture within our local communities. Thereby, I urge you to take this opportunity and get involved so that together we embark on a project that would ultimately enhance democratic engagement and civic participation in the European dimension.

Jesmond Aquilina
President of the Southern Region of Malta



PARTNERSHIP



SUMMARY

European Voices Challenging Euroscepticism - EVCE is a project promoted by the Municipality of Rois (Galicia - Spain) and funded by the European Commission through Europe for Citizens Programme.

The project will be implemented from November 2021 until June 2022 aiming to promote the dialogue between citizens from 27 Member States of the European Union. The main topic addressed will be the Euroscepticism, its causes and its consequences. In order to have a deeper knowledge on the topic, the project includes

4 MEETINGS:

MEETING I

Spain: Kick off - Brotherhood signature

MEETING II

Malta: the unsolved reality of migrations

MEETING III

Hungary: a rising euroskeptical society

MEETING IV

Greece: the Foundations of the European Union

The programs of activities is designed to encourage citizens to debate actively about the proposed topics with local speakers and experts. Sessions will be based on non formal education: including round tables, workshops and cultural opportunities to discover what joins the European citizens. The partnership includes local bodies, NGO's, educational centres as well as Youth Centres, which creates a very transversal atmosphere to address and challenge the main topic: euroscepticism.