



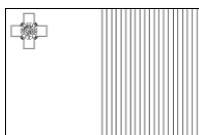
PRESS RELEASE: Projects co-financed by the PROGRESS Programme in 2010:

***VS/2009/04/05 - Strengthening Equality beyond Legislation by NCPE,
VS/2009/04/04 - Different Persons, Different Needs, One Society by KNPD***

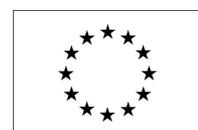
The National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) and the National Commission Persons with Disability (KNPD) today launched two projects co-financed by the PROGRESS Programme. In her introductory speech, NCPE's Commissioner Dr Romina Bartolo, explained that the PROGRESS programme is the EU's employment and social solidarity programme. Dr Bartolo said that the programme was established to financially support the implementation of the EU objectives in employment, social affairs and equal opportunities, as set out in the Social Agenda. Dr Romina Bartolo further explained that both NCPE and KNPD applied for funds under the same area of the PROGRESS Programme, i.e. non-discrimination, and this is what has brought the two entities together today.

VS/2009/04/05- Strengthening Equality Beyond Legislation to be implemented by NCPE, has as objectives the better implementation of legislation on non-discrimination and the development of national policy to combat discrimination and promote equality beyond legislation. The project aims to sensitise, and stimulate action by, key stakeholders as their contribution towards a *de facto* equal environment. The project co-ordinator, Mr Matthew Zarb, stated that good practices in anti-discrimination and diversity are the expected long-term outcome of this project.

The project includes three main actions: research, training and awareness raising. The research components include analysing underreporting of discrimination; reviewing the national minimum curriculum from an equality perspective; analysing the preferred media of minorities to use in future campaigns; and developing a National Action Plan on Racism and Xenophobia. The training component of this project includes cross-organisational training with various entities in the field, as well as training to educators, parents and youths. Furthermore, targeted training will be provided to media organisations. The outcomes emanating from the training sessions and research activities will be feeding into the development and implementation of EU legislation and policies. Furthermore, other project activities include awareness raising campaigns, an equality in schools competition, training for children using forum theatre; and an interdiversity seminar for youths.



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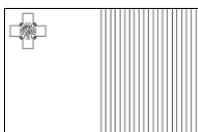
VS/2009/04/04 - *Different Persons, Different Needs, One Society* is currently being implemented by the National Commission Persons with Disability (KNPD). This project is addressed at improving the implementation of non-discriminatory legislation and promoting equality. *Different Persons, Different Needs, One Society* includes the National Disability Awareness Week, National Conference and Disabled People's Parliament on the National Employment Policy, a seminar on anti-discrimination, and the production of educational material for disability equality training and a training-trainers weekend.

KNPD's Executive Director Ms Anne-Marie Callus announced that, during this weekend, KNPD will launch a DVD including educational material for trainers to use during their training sessions. Ms Callus explained that this DVD will enable the trainers to present the personal experiences of disabled people to the training participants.

KNPD's Chairperson, Mr Joseph M. Camilleri, reiterated that their project's activities will contribute to the Progress Programme's aim of influencing the attitudes of decision-makers, key stakeholders and the general public regarding the importance of promoting social cohesion through the increased participation of disabled people in all aspects of life. Furthermore, Mr Camilleri explained that the project also highlights how EU policy that promotes non-discrimination and social inclusion can be implemented in Malta as well as identifying key stumbling blocks and opportunities.

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