

PRESS RELEASE:

Think Equal: launched by NCPE

The National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) is launching a new EU co-financed project targeting youths, professionals and academics. This project, *VS/2010/0569 Think Equal* is co-funded by EU PROGRESS funds.

During the launch conference, NCPE's Executive Director Dr Romina Bartolo, outlined the objectives of this project, which are mainly to stimulate debate on equality, diversity and multiple discrimination within various sections of society; disseminate good practices; promote a shared understanding of equality and non-discrimination; and, through studies and surveys, provide data upon which legislation, policy and action plans may be designed.

NCPE's Projects Executive, Ms Lara Bezzina, explained how, throughout the timeframe of this project, youths will be sensitised, trained and empowered on the issues of equality, non-discrimination and diversity through promotional materials; and through a training seminar which will provide participants with an understanding of the equality legislative framework and equality concepts at play while bringing them in contact with victims of discrimination. Artistic exhibitions, competitions and a music concert will also be carried out.

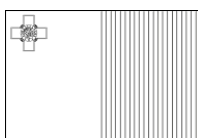
Ms Bezzina further explained how professionals and academics will be targeted through a symposium on multiple discrimination which will bring together experts who will deliver researched papers at the event.

VS/2010/0569 Think Equal will also include qualitative studies on discrimination experienced by LGBT persons and racial groups in Malta within identified spheres. A survey will be carried out with youths that will measure the perception, level of awareness and acceptance of equality and diversity and occurrence of discrimination. A similar survey will also be carried out among public employees to assess the same components in the public administration.

Further to the outlined activities, empowerment of professionals working with victims and potential victims will be carried out specifically through the publication of an information booklet and compilation of case law.

For further information on *VS/2010/0569 Think Equal*, contact NCPE on 25903850 or equality@gov.mt

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