

Work-related language learning in

Malta

Majority language learning (L2) for newly-arrived migrants

Malta has no Integration policy, but it does have a National Strategy for the Promotion of Cross-Cultural Understanding and Management of Cultural Diversity (available in the Network's <u>resource centre</u>). Recommendations have been submitted by NGOs for a National Migrant Integration Strategy 2015-2020 which involves formal and non-formal adult and lifelong learning opportunities related to knowledge, skills and competences from a personal, civic, social and economic perspective.

The Employment and Training Corporation (ETC), a government agency for employment related issues, offers cultural awareness courses and basic Maltese and English language courses. These are not offered regularly so not available to all at all times. Attendance at ETC classes is on a voluntary basis; certain groups including refugees are exempt from fees. Various NGOs offer language classes, dependent on the availability of funding, e.g. <u>the Integra Foundation</u>, who for the past seven years have organised formal and non-formal language development activities offered free by volunteer teachers.

Work-related L2 provision

The Employment and Training Corporation (ETC) and also the Ministry of Education and Employment offer support through their lifelong learning programme.

Further information

Council of Europe surveys on member state policy and practice relating to the linguistic integration of adult migrants

European Web Site on Integration country information sheets

German government information service (Bundeszentrale für politischen Bildung/bpb) country profiles on migration in Europe and beyond

CEDEFOP VET in Europe project country reports

European Migration Network country fact sheets

Migration Policy Institute

Global Forum on Migration and Development Migration Profiles Repository

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Participants at the Language for Work Workshop held at the ECML in Graz on 24-25 June 2015 were asked to prepare a brief review of policies and practice in their own country/region relevant to work-related language learning for migrant/ethnic minority workers and/or low-literate majority-language speaking workers. Reviews were completed for Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Italy (Emilia-Romagna), Kosovo, Macedonia, Malta, Norway, Romania (Bucharest), Sweden.

