



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between
the Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation
of the Republic of Malta
and
the Ministry of Culture and Youth of the United Arab Emirates
on
Cooperation in the field of Youth

In seeking development of cooperation in the field of youth as a means of strengthening friendship and developing mutual understanding between nationals of the two countries;

Whereas the aim of both countries is to achieve a greater unity in the mainstreaming of sustainable development principles across all workings of Government whilst at the same time meet the established goals & targets of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development;

Whereas for the purpose of further realisation of these ideals and in the interests of economic, social and environmental achievements, there is a need of a closer cooperation to adopt sustainable and resilient pathways;

The Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Youth and Sport of the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties, have come to the following understanding:

1. Purpose of Memorandum

The purpose of this Memorandum is to strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation in the fields of youth based on grounds of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

2. Areas of cooperation

The parties will encourage the exchange of programmes, experiences and information of mutual interest between youth organisations in both States, Youth institutions, and other recognised youth structures of the Parties in the following areas, including but not limited to:

- 1) Civic education of youth;
- 2) Participation of youth in public and social life, development of youth self-governance;
- 3) Engagement of youth in volunteering activities;
- 4) Engagement of youth in innovative, entrepreneurial and creative activities

Upon mutual agreement of the Parties, the cooperation may be developed in other areas, as may be deemed necessary in the circumstances, since the list is not exclusive.

3. Forms of Cooperation

Cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum will include:

- 1) Courses, seminars, conferences, events and meetings (as and when possible)
- 2) Mutual support of the parties regarding their designated position in international organizations and forums;
- 3) The Parties will contribute to strengthening youth cooperation on a parity basis by:
- 4) Exchanging experience in establishing and managing institutions in the field of youth policy and
- 5) Exchanging printed materials and video footage, experience, research, publications and other information (if available);

- 6) Exchanging best modern practices that contribute to the work in the field of youth policy;
- 7) Holding joint conferences, workshops, speaking engagements and other types of events in the territories of the Republic of Malta and the United Arab Emirates (when possible);.

4. Exchange of information and documents

Subject to the legal requirements of both States, the parties will exchange information and documents on matters related to research information in the field of youth, as well as in other fields of mutual interest.

5. Monitoring Mechanisms

For the purpose of implementing the objectives of this Memorandum the parties may, according to their abilities and competence, develop programmes on Youth cooperation. The Parties will exchange proposals for the sake of cooperation, which will be taken into consideration upon managing and signing of programmes. The programmes coordinating process and their duration will be determined upon the mutual consent of the Parties.

6. Financing

All programmes of the events held for the purpose of this Memorandum will be coordinated by the Parties in advance, subject to the conditions relating to finance in each particular case. The implementation of this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Parties.

7. Amendments

The provisions of this Memorandum may be amended, added or deleted, as may be deemed necessary in the circumstances, subject to the consent of the Parties which will be executed by separate Protocols.

8. Establishment of Joint Working Group

The Parties will establish a Joint Working Group to facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum. The Joint Working Group will monitor, assess and review the implementation of this Memorandum on a regular basis. The Joint Working Group will be co-chaired by the Parties' representatives. The Joint Working Group may, if necessary, establish sub-groups in order to formulate the thematic cooperation initiatives. The Joint Working Group will submit a report on the progress of this Memorandum on an annual basis.

9. Executing organs

The institutions responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum are the:

- a. Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of the Republic of Malta. and the
- b. Ministry of Culture and Youth of the United Arab Emirates

10. Final Provisions

This Memorandum is not an international treaty and does not create any rights and obligations under the International Law. This Memorandum begins to be applied on the date of its signing. This Memorandum will be applied for a period of five (5) years subject to automatic renewal for another period of five (5) years, unless either party terminates application of Memorandum by submitting a written notification through diplomatic channels, at least six months prior to the anticipated date of termination.

In case of disagreement between the Parties regarding the extension of such period, each party shall notify the other with a notice in writing six months prior to the termination of this Memorandum.

The application of Memorandum may also be terminated by means of a prior written notice served by one of the Parties to the other Party by not later than six months prior to the anticipated date of termination of the Memorandum. Any such termination of this Memorandum will not affect, in any manner whatsoever, any activities, programmes, agreements or contracts which were signed, approved or scheduled by the Parties prior to the date of the notice of termination.

Signed in Abu Dhabi on 10 April 2023 in English and in Arabic, both texts being equally authentic.

For the
Republic of Malta



For the
United Arab Emirates

