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## Introduction

Welcome once again to the Euroguidance Malta Newsletter - the second newsletter issued within the remit of the National School Support Services (NSSS), Ministry for Education.

Since the launching of our first newsletter, in March 2020, the world has seen a lot of changes. The pandemic has disrupted and changed the lives of the global population. In fact to determine the impact of the pandemic on guidance services in education or labour market sectors, the OECD together with a number of international organisations developed and distributed a global survey. The Euroguidance Malta Centre took an active role in encouraging the Maltese guidance community to participate in the survey. We now look forward to the publication of the report as it will provide a snapshot of how guidance services have changed, developed and adapted globally due to Covid-19.

In Malta the pandemic certainly left its impact. We have seen schools close down in March and now open again and operating under COVID restrictions. This scenario has impacted on career guidance provision, but at the same time, on a positive note, has challenged our practitioners to come up with new ways of delivering career guidance to our clients. The use of online one-to-one and group sessions on Microsoft Teams, telephone guidance sessions, webinars and online info sessions with outside entities, in particular post-secondary institutions and employers, besides other innovative ways of reaching out to both parents and students were evident in our work.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find information about a number

of milestones reached by the Euroguidance Malta Centre. Indeed, one of the long awaited initiatives organised this year was the Conference entitled "The National Career Exposure Experience (CEE): Linking education with the world of work" where career guidance practitioners, employers and educators had the opportunity to reflect on the one week career exposure experience organised for Year 11 students. Another milestone reached during the pandemic was the development and printing of the pictorial version of the Career Exposure Experience. This was a coordinated effort between the Malta Career Guidance Association and the National Schools Support Services.

In this newsletter you will also find information about the I Choose Fair organised for our Year 11 students partly funded through EG MT and the training delivered by the international speaker Mr Ali Mahlodji entitled Being a role Model in Hard Times. Finally, you will also have the opportunity to learn about the research undertaken by one of our career guidance teachers who works at NSSS. This research formed part of her Master in Lifelong Career Guidance and Development course which is organised by the University of Malta.

We hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter!

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