

***Trial Workshop on Migration and
Cross-Cultural Competencies for Teachers***

Friday 25 March 2011

The George - Urban Boutique Hotel

St. Julians, Malta

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Dear Principals and Teachers,

We would like to invite you to participate in the **MIRACLE** teacher training trial course to be held on Friday 25 March 2011 at “The George” Hotel in St. Julians.

MIRACLE is two-year Comenius multilateral project, part-funded by the European Commission’s Lifelong Learning Programme. The main objective of the project is to develop advanced training, teaching and learning materials on the subject of political and intercultural competencies of elementary school teachers and for early secondary education teachers. The long term goal is to improve the in-class motivation of children with a migratory background by which their integration into the host society will be facilitated.

The trial course in Malta will test certain elements of the complete five-day teacher training course, which will take place in Berlin, Germany in October 2011. With this trial course teachers from Malta will have the opportunity to provide structural feedback to the final design of the Comenius Teacher Training Course. Course participants will be invited to the final teacher training course in Berlin and can participate free of charge if they apply through the national Lifelong Learning agency for funding.

What is the trial course all about?

During the trial course participants will have the opportunity to take part in one of the teacher training modules (Migration module) that will be part of the final teacher training course in Berlin in October 2011.

In the Migration module participants will:

- gain a basic overview of European immigration and the interrelation between migratory movements and policies in Europe
- discuss the criteria of integration
- find out information about what immigrants must go through on their journey to Europe, the living conditions of asylum seekers/migrants, and the European camp system

Methodology:

The course will include a lecture and two short workshops which center on the concept of active learning, as opposed to ex-cathedra teaching as a variety of media will to be used to present the topics and contents.

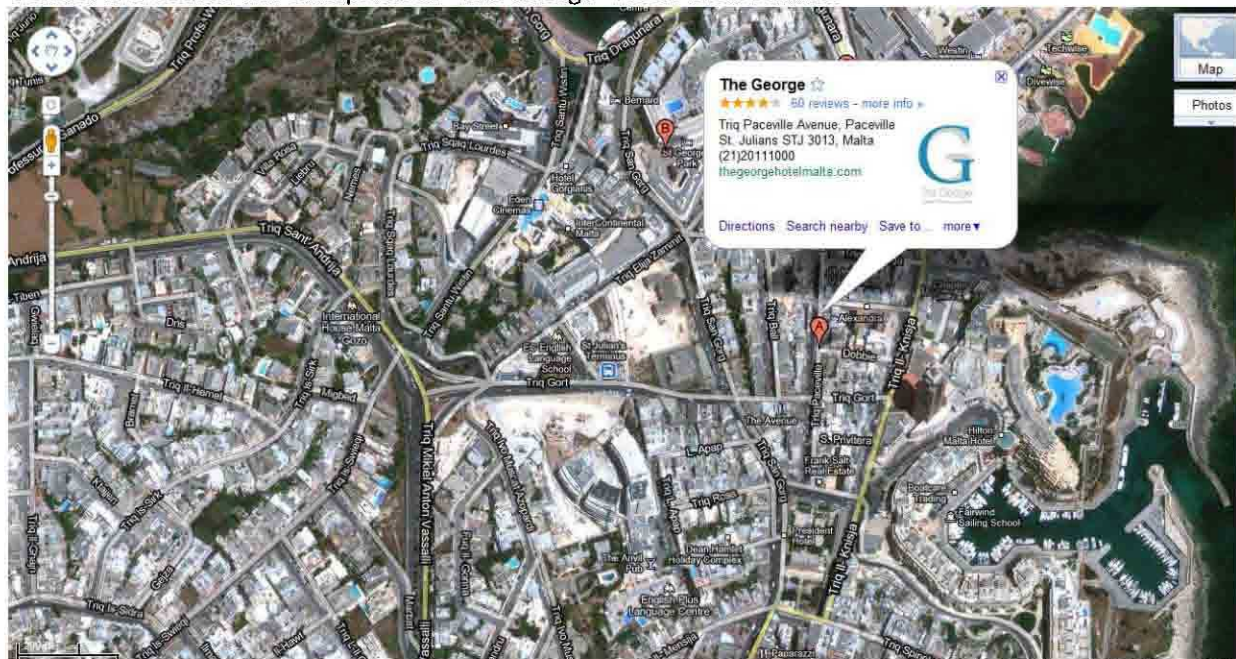
PROPOSED SCHEDULE

The trial course takes place on 25 March 2011 from 9:00 – 15:00.

Friday, 25 th March 2011		
Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	
9:15	Welcome note and introduction to the MIRACLE project	Stefan Schaa
9:30	Warm-up game and ice-breaker (Refugee Chair)	Stefan Schaa Paolo Ruspini and Luisa Ardizzone (Facilitators)
10:45	Keynote lecture by Dr. Paolo Ruspini, Faculty of Communication Sciences of the University of Lugano (USI)	Paolo Ruspini
11:30	Feedback round	
11:45 Lunch		
12:15	Working Group 2: Migration and Integration	Paolo Ruspini Stefan Schaa and Luisa Ardizzone (Facilitators)
13:30	Working Group 3: Camps and Living Conditions	Stefan Schaa Paolo Ruspini and Luisa Ardizzone (Facilitators)
14:45	Feedback round on working groups	
15:00	End of trial seminar	

Note: The entire trial course will be held in English language and consists of presently untested materials and course techniques.

Venue: The course will take place at “The George” Hotel in St. Julians.



Speakers and Facilitators:

Ms. Luisa Ardizzone, *Centro Studi ed Iniziative Europeo (CESIE)*

Dr. Paolo Ruspini, *Senior researcher at the Faculty of Communication Sciences of the University of Lugano (USI) and Associate Fellow at the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations (CRER) of the University of Warwick*

Mr. Stefan Schaa, *Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation (MRDDF)*

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