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## SkillHUBS NEWSLETTER, issue no. 10, 31/10/2020

Dear Readers,

The SkillHUBS project is ending on 31 October 2020.

Our [website](#) and various social media channels will remain open for you to be able to access the project outputs even after the end of the project. Do not hesitate to keep visiting us and download our resources developed in the lifespan of the project, learn more about what we have researched and achieved in the last three years.

**It's not a goodbye,  
It's a see you around!**

In this newsletter you will be able to find the full press release regarding the final conference and policy recommendations we published on our website, a project output overview and information about some of the dissemination activities by the University of Malta, one of the research partners of the project.

### **SkillHUBS media release**

MEDIA RELEASE. A successful conference and the release of inspiring policy recommendations mark the end of the SkillHUBS project.

door of the criminal justice system. During his journey he discovered the power of education and how learning opportunities can be life-changing for inmates.

Breakspear's keynote inspired an enriching discussion, including an elaboration on the challenges that you can experience while studying in prison and the importance of affordable education for people from all backgrounds and strokes of life. The participants were also reminded on how education empowers people to make their own decisions through learning new skill sets and taking charge of their own lives. Having access to education therefore provides perspective and leads to a lower number of reoffending cases.

The final conference was also an occasion to get inspired by the SkillHUBS tools and methodologies. Participants heard of a co-creative approach to teaching basic and transversal skills in prison and the results of a pilot carried out in three partner countries. Implementing the model in different countries is proving to be a challenge due to different local regulations but worth the effort.

For this reason, the consortium drafted straight-forward and inspiring policy recommendations, which were presented by Dr. **Lesley Crane** at the final conference. The recommendations target policy makers and policy influencers in organisations which have interest in prison education, administration, or legislation across the EU. The recommendations address the problems of the current education system in prisons, such as the level of education of the inmates, the lack of awareness on the importance of education in this context and the limitations of prisoners to access digital technologies.

SkillHUBS opens the door to an improvement of the prison education in Europe and leads the way to the development of more efficient tools for skills assessment and tailor-made learning opportunities for inmates.

## Project outputs overview

A full library will be accessible for many years to come in order for you to be able to check and download all our papers and publications! Some of the documents you can find are the research report, the SkillHUBS model and policy recommendations.

You can also consult all previous newsletters and dissemination materials.

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## Activities by the University of Malta

The University of Malta is the highest teaching institution of Malta. The university has been involved as a coordinator and a partner in numerous externally funded and EU-funded projects including Horizon 2020, Framework Programme, Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus+, Tempus and various other international and regional programmes and initiatives.

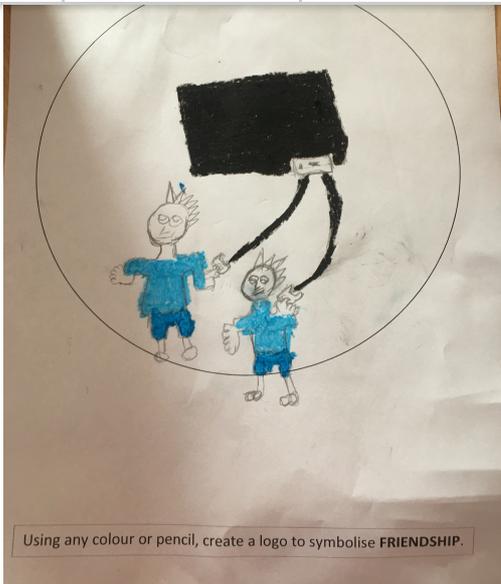
During the project the University of Malta played a crucial and leading role in the transnational prison up-skilling model needs assessment and the research report. As a pilot country they were also involved in the implementation of the training and the revision of the skills assessment and multiple methodologies.

The University of Malta participated in three dissemination events, including the conference in Slovenia through an extended intervention by the Maltese coordinator on Education in Prison in the European Context and the SkillHUBS project.

The university also participated in the online conference held by EPAL where it presented its experience in the implementation of the project in the Maltese setting.

Locally, last September the University of Malta organised a half day seminar on SkillHUBS at the prisons of Malta for new prison officers who will be working in direct contact with prison inmates, guiding them on their rehabilitation programme. You can find some pictures from this activity below.

You can contact us to learn more about their activities and the results.

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## Stay in touch

The project consortium thanks all the learners, trainers and organisations that have contributed to the project during the last few years. It has been an incredibly enriching journey and we hope it doesn't end here. Stay in touch through our [Facebook](#) page and subscribe to our [Community of Practice](#) on EPALE.

***Let's continue working together for more inclusive and learner-centred prison education across Europe!***

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