The Background for Discussion

The reality of the lives of young people in Malta today

The development of youth policy over the past 20 years at both European and at national level

The Government's policy for greater democratic participation, equitable economic and social progress for all, and inclusive change
Vision

Every young person …..

- is respected, valued and listened to
- is supported and encouraged in building fulfilling personal and social relationships
- is supported in developing their potential for the benefit of themselves, their communities and society
Values

- **R** • Respect for the individuality, worth and dignity of every young person
- **R** • Recognition of the beliefs, culture, and shared experiences of Maltese society
- **S** • Sustained support for all young people
- **S** • Solidarity of young people, families and communities so as to ensure young people's active participation
The overarching values are underpinned by the following principles:

- Responsiveness
- Access
- Participation
- Inclusion
- Diversity
- Empowerment
- Equality
Realising the Vision (2 Dimensions)

Core Youth work elements of participation, mobility, information and non formal education

Mainstreaming and cross-sectoral approach
Two related dimensions

Core services and the cross-sectoral aspect

AIMS

to support and encourage the young individual in fulfilling her/his potential and aspirations while addressing their needs and concerns, and

to support young people as active and responsible citizens who fully participate in and contribute to the social, economic and cultural life of the nation and Europe.
Implementing the Vision

Strategy 1

Strategy 2
Strategy 1

- Services, programmes, projects and activities in support of young people to become active and responsible citizens and in support of youth organisations

  1.1 New spaces at local community level for young people and youth organisations.

  1.2 Awareness raising, listening to and supporting the voice of young people, and initiatives for the active engagement, empowerment and participation of young people and youth organisations.

  1.3 Initiatives for the active engagement, empowerment and participation of young people and youth organisations.
Strategy 2

- Cross-sectoral approaches to addressing the needs and meeting the aspirations of young people.

- **Fields for Action**
  1. Education and Training
  2. Employment and Entrepreneurship
  3. Health and Well Being
  4. Arts and Culture
  5. Social Inclusion
  6. Volunteering and Community Activities
Following the recommendations in the 2004 and 2010 policy documents the agency was set up in 2011

- A structure for youth affairs
- Working with and for young people
Functions

- Coordinate the implementation of youth policy.
- Undertake and coordinate youth work programmes.
- Provide local and EU information to and on youth.
- Act as a focal point for the participation of young people in society.
- Assist and support voluntary youth organisations.
Structure

- Chief Executive Officer
  - Advisory Board
    - Policy & Research Unit
    - Empowerment Unit
    - Community Outreach Unit
    - Corporate & Human Resources Unit

Advisory Board
Policy and Research Unit

- Youth Policy Coordination
- Research
- Structured Dialogue
- Foreign Affairs

A shared vision for the future of young people
Draft National Youth Policy Framework
2015-2020
Discussion Document
Empowerment Unit

- **Empowerment Programme**
  - Divergent Thinkers
  - Social Theatre Mini Festival
  - Music Tuition for Young People in Band Clubs
  - Taħżiż
  - Youth Local Councils
  - The Innovation Challenge
Empowerment Unit

- **Support services**
  - European Youth Card
  - Funding Schemes for youth organisations
  - Kellimni.com
  - Young migrant cultural information
  - Rainbow support services
  - Youth Information
  - EVS sending organisation
  - Youth.Inc
Community Outreach Unit

- Youth Activity Centres
- Youth Cafes
- Youth Hubs
- Detached Youth Work