

## Free SEC Revision Classes (A Youth Guarantee Initiative)



Jobsplus, Malta



2014 – ongoing

**Objective:** To provide essential academic support for students (15 to 29) who did not pass their SEC/Ordinary exams, aiding participants in their preparation for resit exams and reducing the risk of long-term NEET status.

**Target group:** youths aged 15 to 29 who did not pass their SEC/Ordinary Level exams.

### Key components of the practice:

The EU funded the program through the European Social Fund as part of the Youth Guarantee Policy Offers.

- **Tailored support** – five weeks of free morning classes covering core subjects such as English, Maltese, Mathematics, Physics, and Biology.
- **Qualified instruction** – access to qualified teachers and free study materials.
- **Outreach strategy** – comprehensive outreach to promote the program and encourage applications.

### Key outcomes:

- Significant reduction in early school leaving rates from 18,1 % (2012) to nearly 10 % (2023).
- 60 % of participants improve their grades; 89 % of applicants continue to post-secondary education.

**Evidence of success:** The initiative supports approximately 840 students annually, with over 5.500 beneficiaries since its inception, enhancing pass rates in SEC examinations and mitigating long-term NEET status.

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## Continued Social Benefits for Unemployed Adults Over 23 with Illness or Childcare Responsibilities to Enrol in Full-Time Education



Ministry for Social Policy and Children's Rights,  
Malta



Ongoing

**Objective:** This initiative, established under Article 30, Sub article 6b (iii) of the Social Security Act (Cap. 318), provides non-contributory benefits to individuals over 23 years old who cannot work full-time due to illness or childcare responsibilities. This provision allows those receiving Social Assistance to enrol in full-time studies at the University of Malta (UOM) or Malta College of Arts, Science, and Technology (MCAST) and receive stipends without deductions from their benefits.

**Target group:** unemployed adults over 23 years old who cannot work full-time due to illness or childcare responsibilities and are recipients of Social Assistance.

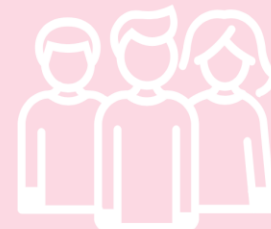
### Key components of the practice:

- **Social benefits protection** — Participants can receive stipends or apprenticeship income without deductions from Social Assistance, ensuring financial stability while studying.
- **Access to education** – encourages individuals dependent on social benefits to pursue tertiary education, improving their job prospects and skills.

### Key outcomes:

- Increased enrolment in tertiary education among previously unemployed individuals.
- Improved employment prospects for participants, contributing to a more skilled workforce.
- Reduction of dependency on social benefits as participants gain qualifications for better job opportunities.

**Evidence of success:** The practice has enabled adults to pursue further education while maintaining financial support, thus improving their long-term employability.



## Intercept Project



Jobsplus Malta (Lead Partner)



October 2021 – January 2024

**Objective:** To equip NEETs with essential skills and experience needed for green career pathways and empower them to transition into sustainable careers through specialized training and work placements in the green sector.

**Target group:** NEETs (25 – 29).

### Key components of the practice:

- **Research insight** – a comprehensive analysis of the skills for green jobs and the specific needs of NEETs, informing program design for Malta, Italy, and Lithuania.
- **Research-based training:**
  1. **NEET course:** development of a 25-hour program focusing on green jobs.
  2. **Training for PES staff:** 40-hour course to enhance support for green career pathways.
- **Practical experience** – 240-hour (3-month) work placements in the green sector.
- **Personalized support and allowance** – NEETs receive financial support for training and work placements to promote engagement and reduce barriers.
- **Career empowerment** – equipping NEETs with skills for sustainable employment in the green sector.

### Key outcomes:

- **Positive activation rates:** 16,12% in Malta, 18,59% in Italy, and 65,29% in Lithuania.
- **High success rates:** 43,4% of 242 participants moved into employment, further training, or other active labour market policies.

### Evidence of success:

- **Flexible design:** adapted effectively to the diverse needs of Malta, Italy, and Lithuania
- **Unemployment reduction:** achieved a 10-12% point drop in unemployment rates among participants compared to a control group.

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