

*A new dimension of training as a way to the professional success of teachers from Zespół Szkół nr 7 in Tychy* – is an educational program for teachers who want to improve their qualifications in the field of English language implemented in the second term of the 2018/2019 school year as part of the European Union Erasmus + project.

Training participants were: headmistress J. Żebrowska, E. Jabłońska – Skurzok, D. Pardon, W. Gałka, A. Kruber – Korda, W. Kielb, M. Rakowska, R. Ferdek – Barucha, K. Kuć, R. Soczówka, E. Szczepańska, M. Grylewicz, K. Kowalska, A. Tuchowska and deputy head A. Gniewek. Fifteen teachers who applied for access until 31.10.2018 traveled in teams of two or three in the period from 24.03. until 28.07.2019.

The course took place in Malta at the Domain Academy Language School in Mosta. Classes were held from Monday to Friday, in either panel or two-shift exercises form: 4 hours to noon and 2 hours after lunch. Within two weeks each of the participants completed 60 hours of learning and after the written final exam, received a certificate together with a written description regarding acquired skills in understanding, speaking and writing in English. Classes for each group were led by English, Maltese and Italian teachers: Amanda Vassallo, Cecil H. Jones, Ray Pizzuto and Jean Fonkem.

This training had not only didactic but also cognitive aspects. After 15.00 on weekdays and at weekends, teachers could visit tourist attractions of their choice: cities, historic buildings, sanctuaries, museums - all the original heritage of this extraordinary Mediterranean island. This tourism element of stay also had an educational character - it allowed our teachers not only to learn about new places and their history, but also gave the opportunity to demonstrate the fluent and effective use of English. The participants were also obliged to talk only in English at the place of accommodation with the hostess - Ana Caruana - which was a great form of training in the colloquial language.

All participants were extremely satisfied with the project in all its aspects: organizational, training and tourism. Getting to know Maltese amazing places, history, cuisine and customs, as well as acquiring and verifying language skills were a wonderful and unforgettable adventure for each of the training participants!