Are you a start-up entrepreneur? Your chance to go fact finding in Europe!

Malta Life Sciences Park is pleased to share a wonderful initiative just launched by Malta Enterprise entitled 'Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs'.

The programme is a cross-border mobility scheme for entrepreneurs spanning across Europe. It provides new or aspiring entrepreneurs with a chance to go abroad, for a period of 1 to 6 months, to collaborate with already successful and experienced entrepreneurs in their line of business, and to develop skills and competences invaluable for their future.



Aspiring entrepreneurs, who may or may not yet have their own business, can apply to shadow an experienced entrepreneur in any EU country and gain new skills related to various operational aspects of keeping a competitive business. Not only will prospective applicants get the necessary practical assistance such as finding the right match, an induction session before going abroad, logistical and local support during the stay, but they will also get an EU grant to assist with the travel and subsistence costs during the stay abroad.

Successful candidates will develop international connections and knowledge about foreign marketing, benefit from possible co-venturing opportunities and the development of cross border markets, gain insight into a different cultural and organisation setting and workplace.

Ms Brigitte Tanti who is coordinating this programme at Malta Enterprise said "Around 51% of young Europeans would be interested to follow an entrepreneurial route, but unfortunately too few of them get around to actually putting their ambitions into practice. Through the

Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme we aim to facilitate and encourage budding entrepreneurs and start-uppers to spend some weeks with an experienced entrepreneur to explore what it takes to have your own successful business and to learn how to handle pitfalls and internationalisation challenges. Since its launch in 2009, more than 5800 exchanges have been established across all business sectors; our hope is that a good number of Maltese individuals will now also benefit from this golden opportunity and bring their cross-border business ambitions to fruition!"

Together with Malta Enterprise, the Malta Life Sciences Park will be hosting a number of information sessions about this opportunity. This is a perfect prospect for the start-up tenants at the Life Sciences Park to learn more about Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs and to get to know the profiles of the foreign experienced entrepreneurs willing to host Malta's start-ups.

Separate info-sessions will be held for entrepreneurs that have been in operation for more than three years and would be interested to *host* a budding entrepreneur from abroad! Such hosting will be from 1 to 6 months and will not have any financial burden whatsoever.

If you're interested in learning more about both these opportunites, or would like to register for an upcoming info-session you are kindly asked to contact Brigitte Tanti on brigitte.tanti@maltaenterprise.com for further details.



