

Professional Development Week in Malta – Gateway Training Centre

Between **29 September and 4 October**, I spent six inspiring days in Malta participating in a **professional development and job shadowing programme** at the *Gateway Training Centre*.

As the **Director of Studies of Hungary Expert**, this mobility offered me a unique opportunity to observe and experience how another internationally active training centre organises, delivers, and evaluates its adult education programmes.

Throughout the week, I had the chance to **shadow English and teacher training classes**, gaining insight into effective classroom management, motivational techniques, and the balance between theory and practical application.

The **workshops on digital pedagogy and blended learning** provided valuable experience with new digital tools and hybrid teaching models, showing how technology can enhance engagement, flexibility, and inclusion in adult education.

Equally inspiring were the **seminars on inclusive and intercultural teaching**, which explored empathy-based communication and diversity management in multicultural classrooms — essential skills in today's European learning environment.

During the **peer-to-peer exchange sessions** on Erasmus+ project coordination, I discussed best practices with colleagues from across Europe, focusing on quality assurance, participant support, and international partnership building.

As a final task, I developed a **draft curriculum module** for Hungary Expert, integrating Gateway's best practices in digitalisation, sustainability, and trainer well-being.

This mobility not only expanded my professional knowledge but also **renewed my enthusiasm for innovation in adult education**. Experiencing Gateway's learner-centred, collaborative, and quality-focused approach reaffirmed how international cooperation can truly inspire excellence and growth in training and learning.

