



Mental Health Working Group Study Visit Aġenzija Sapport

14- 15 September 2026, Santa Venera, Malta

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Objectives of the meeting

This study visit aims to showcase Aġenzija Sapport's services and partnerships, while also creating space for participants to share information about their own organisations, programmes, and activities.

Aġenzija Sapport

Aġenzija Sapport is the national agency for persons with disabilities and their families, offering a wide variety of services and schemes. The Agency is continuously expanding and currently has about 630 employees. The Agency provides professional and innovative services to enhance the quality of life of persons with disabilities, promoting independent living. Such services, developed in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the needs and preferences of the persons who make use of them, include:

- Assessment and interventions
- Community-based services
- Personal assistance
- Day services
- Supported independent living services
- Respite services
- Sign Language interpretation
- Independent living assessments
- Assistive technology assessments
- Social Contact opportunities
- Workshops and support groups
- Blue Badge & EU Disability Card
- Financial support Schemes
- Skills for independent living and employment
- Youth work
- Occupational therapy



Draft Programme

Sunday 13th September 2026

Arrivals in Malta

Monday 14th September 2026

Session 1

Location: [Aġenzija Sapport Professional Development Centre](#) (PDC) Conference Room, Carob Street (Triq il-Ħarrub), Santa Venera

- 9.00** Welcome coffee
- 9.30** Welcome and Presentation of Aġenzija Sapport services and operations
- 10.30** Mental Health services presentation
Carl Fenech, Senior Executive, Aġenzija Sapport Social Work Services
- 11.15** Coffee break
- 11.30** Transition Services within Aġenzija Sapport
- 12.30** Lunch

Session 2

- 13.30** Meeting – Richmond Foundation
- 14.30** Coffee break
- 14.45** Transport for [Balluta](#)
- 15.00** Visit to community-based supported independent living premises for young people with disabilities and mental health
- 16:00** Transport back to Santa Venera (PDC offices)

End of Day 1

- 18:00** Guided tour at Mdina
- 19:30** Dinner (Venue TBC).
Joint dinner for anyone interested and available that evening with RSVP (TBC)



Tuesday 15th September

Session 3

09:00	Welcome coffee - Fleur de Lys Day Centre
09:15	Visit to Day Service – Fleur de Lys Day Centre
10:00	Transport to PDC
10:15	Mental Health Working Group meeting
12:15	Lunch
13:15	Staff well-being – Aġenzija Sapport Human Resources Department
13:45	Supporting the Professional – Aġenzija Sapport Professional Advisory Prevention Team
14:15	Supporting the Family - Aġenzija Sapport Family Support Unit
15:00	End of the study visit

Practicalities

1. Facilities description:

- Main meetings' base is at Aġenzija Sapport Professional Development Centre (PDC) Conference Room, Carob Street (Triq il-Ħarrub), Santa Venera <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8Pa3JR6iusz2vEBX9>
- Conference room is on the ground floor.
- Premises are accessible, including accessible bathroom facilities.
- WiFi available.
- Coffee and tea-making facilities are available.
- Notepads and writing material will be provided.
- Air-conditioned room.
- LED screen available.
- All other premises to be visited are also accessible.



Aġenzija Sapport PDC, Santa Venera



You will be greeted at Reception desk.

Balluta premises

Address: 13, Triq Ċensu Tabone <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oPXiXSDpaCVpC4Tq6>





Fleur De Lys Day Centre

Address: Fleur-de-Lys Road, Fleur-de-Lys, B'Kara BKR 9068

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/kj1xTjdPBkFAWYMB9>



2. Registration

The study visit is open to the members of the Mental Health Working Group. Interested members are requested to register to the study visit through this [registration form](#) by **31 August 2026**. We recommend **signing up as soon as possible**, even if travel approval or travel arrangements are not confirmed. Please inform the office for any change of plans by email to elueder@epr.eu

3. Financial support

Financial support for hotel accommodation (max. 2 nights max. 141 EUR per night) is available for a limited number of participants, and provided on a first come first serve basis. Requests are to be included in the registration. Reimbursements are requested after the study visit ends by submitting a completed EPR template together with proof of expense e.g. hotel invoice. For questions contact elueder@epr.eu

4. Travelling

To travel in Malta (from the airport to hotel, from hotel to Aġenzija Sapport and back), we suggest you use a taxi (**Uber**, **Bolt** and **ecabs** all have an App that you can download and book either through a scheduled trip or on the spot). Other taxi service providers may be found online. There is also a taxi stand at the Arrivals gate of the Malta International Airport. The airport also offers special assistance to persons with disabilities or with mobility difficulties. Kindly refer to website for more details. Public transport is also available from near the airport to various localities and hubs. Public transport in Malta is managed by Transport Malta and more details on bus schedules and rates can be found on its website and TalLinja App.



Travelling between meeting places will be offered and coordinated by Aġenzija Sapport. Transport will be only offered between specified locations mentioned in the Programme. **Confirmation of number of delegates who require such services needs to be provided for the Agency to do the necessary reservations for transport services in advance.**

5. Currency

Malta uses the Euro. Payment with main credit / debit cards (Visa / Mastercard / Revolut) and contactless payments are widely accepted.

6. Electricity/plugs

Malta uses the three-pin rectangular plug G system (like the United Kingdom and Ireland). Participants travelling from continental Europe are advised to bring their **travel adaptor**.

7. Accommodation

For booking your accommodation please note the choice of **hotels near the Sapport offices** is limited. The closest are San Gwann, Naxxar and Birkirkara. Many alternatives are available in Valletta, St Julian's, Gzira and Sliema, some with notably higher prices.

Suggestions:

[Urban Valley Resort & Spa](#), San Gwann

[The Village Boutique & Spa](#), Naxxar

[Royale Sainte Helene Boutique Hotel](#), Birkirkara

[De Rohan Boutique Hotel](#), Zebbug

[Piazza Suites Boutique Hotel](#), Siggiewi

[The 10Square Boutique Hotel](#), Siggiewi

[Lulu Boutique Hotel](#), Zebbug

8. Dinner arrangements 13 September and 14 September

Depending on participants travel arrangements and arrival times, the group may organize an **informal dinner on Sunday 13 September** for those interested. Please indicate in your registration. For **Monday 14 September, a social dinner** will be organized upon invitation by EPR. If you wish to join, please indicate in your registration.

9. Contacts

For your questions regarding your stay in Malta, please contact Glenda Curmi on glenda.curmi@gov.mt and Rosalie Vella Piscopo on rosalie.vella-piscopo@gov.mt. For your questions about your participation to the study visit please contact Eberhard Lueder, elueder@epr.eu.