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To: Permanent Secretary, Director Generals, Directors, CIO, All Heads of College Network, Education Officers, Heads of Kindergarten centres, Primary, Middle and Secondary Schools (State and Non-State) and Heads of Entities

From: David Muscat, CEO, National Literacy Agency

Subject: European Day of Languages 2023

The *European Day of Languages* is organised by the Council of Europe to celebrate linguistic diversity. Throughout Europe, 700 million Europeans are represented in the Council of Europe's 46 member states and all are encouraged to discover more languages throughout their lives. This year, as part of the European Day of Languages activities, the National Literacy Agency is encouraging children and young people (ages 3 to 16) to showcase their knowledge of foreign languages.

Participants are invited to take part in a competition: ***What can you do in a foreign language?*** by creating a short video clip that exhibits their skills in a foreign language. Children and young people may create a video clip on their own, with their friends, siblings, teachers or parents and family members. The length of clip must range from 2 to 5 minutes.

The following are a few examples of what the clips may feature, but we also encourage participants to surprise us with their own creativity.

1. Cook a dish and explain the recipe in a foreign language
2. Talk in a foreign language about a country you have visited or would like to visit
3. Record and explain your favourite activity at home in a foreign language
4. Write and recite a short text, like a poem, a song, or a story in a foreign language
5. Act out a sketch in a foreign language
6. Read or narrate a story in a foreign language.

Entries will be evaluated for use of a foreign language and for creativity.

More information and ideas can be obtained from the European Day of Languages website:

<https://edl.ecml.at/> Deadline for submissions is **Monday 31st October, 2023**.

Parents/ guardians are to fill in the following consent form for their children to participate in the event. A consent form has to be filled in for each child participating. The consent form can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/fYRL0hhysR>

The video clip can be sent by email on languagepolicy.nla@ilearn.edu.mt with the following details: Name and Surname of participant and language used in the video. For further information please call on 25983328 or send us an email on languagepolicy.nla@ilearn.edu.mt.

Thank you for your attention.

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