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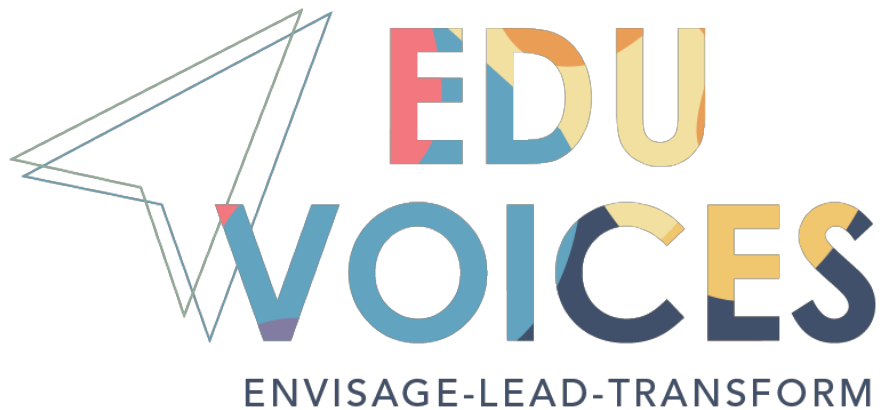


ELET
EARLY LEAVING FROM
EDUCATION & TRAINING



DIRECTORATE PLANNING
&
STRATEGIC FORESIGHT

The Directorate for Planning and Strategic Foresight presents
the national conference series promoting strategic foresight practices



with the main theme for the 2025 conference dedicated to the
prevention of Early Leaving from Education and Training (ELET)

“Elevating Student Voice in Preventing ELET through Foresight”

Date: Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Venue: Xara Lodge, Rabat (Malta)

Presenter: Mr Keith Demicoli



08:30 *Registration and Coffee*

09:00 **Video - Introducing the Directorate for Planning & Strategic Foresight**

09:10 **Opening Speech by the Minister**

Dr Clifton Grima
Minister for Education, Sport, Youth, Research & Innovation

09:20 **Speech by the Permanent Secretary**

Mr Matthew Vella
Permanent Secretary, Ministry for Education

09:30 **A Storytelling Journey through EduVoices**

Dr Pamela Spiteri
Director for Planning and Strategic Foresight

09:40 **Video - Presenting ELET Risk Factors through Personas**

Video with elements of storytelling that presents personas, built through evidence-informed data collected through student focus groups, aimed at raising awareness on the main ELET Risk Factors in Malta.

09:45 **Panel Discussion and Audience Q&A - Reimagining Futures through Student Voices: From Stories to Scenarios**

Panel Members: Prof Paul Downes, Prof Carmel Cefai, Prof Richard Powers, Dr Giuliana Fenech, Mr Emir Cetinel, Mr David Xuereb & Ms Alexia Vella.

Following the session remotely to capture panel discussion insights through live graphic drawing: Ms Julia Bakay, Keynote Artist & Visual Strategist

10:45 *Coffee Break*



11:00 Keynote Speech by OECD - Signals from the Future: Navigating Megatrends shaping Education

Ms Claire Shewbridge, Project Leader (OECD CERl)
Dr Jason McGrath, Educational Consultant

[live graphic drawing - panel & keynote outcomes - to be visualised]

11:20 Video - From Student Insights to Transformative Futures: "How do students envision the future of education?"

Intended as an introduction to the workshop whereby stakeholders will be asked to refer to the personas/scenarios presented in the morning session to develop future personas for year 2050. The video is anticipated to highlight student voices with their opinions and ideas on shaping the future of education. Context of ELET Risk Factors will be emphasised.

11:30 Stakeholder Workshop - Shaping Education through Futures Dialogue

Workshop with conference participants focused on the further development of student personas, thinking about how the ELET risk factors would hinder their life progress by year 2050, and to discuss tangible actions that can be taken today in preventing the outlined challenges. Possible futures will be explored throughout the workshop (the possible, probable and plausible).

12:30 Post-Workshop Reflection

Reflective discussion focused on the following key questions:

1. What patterns did we notice?
2. What ideas can we carry into our schools, system or policymaking?

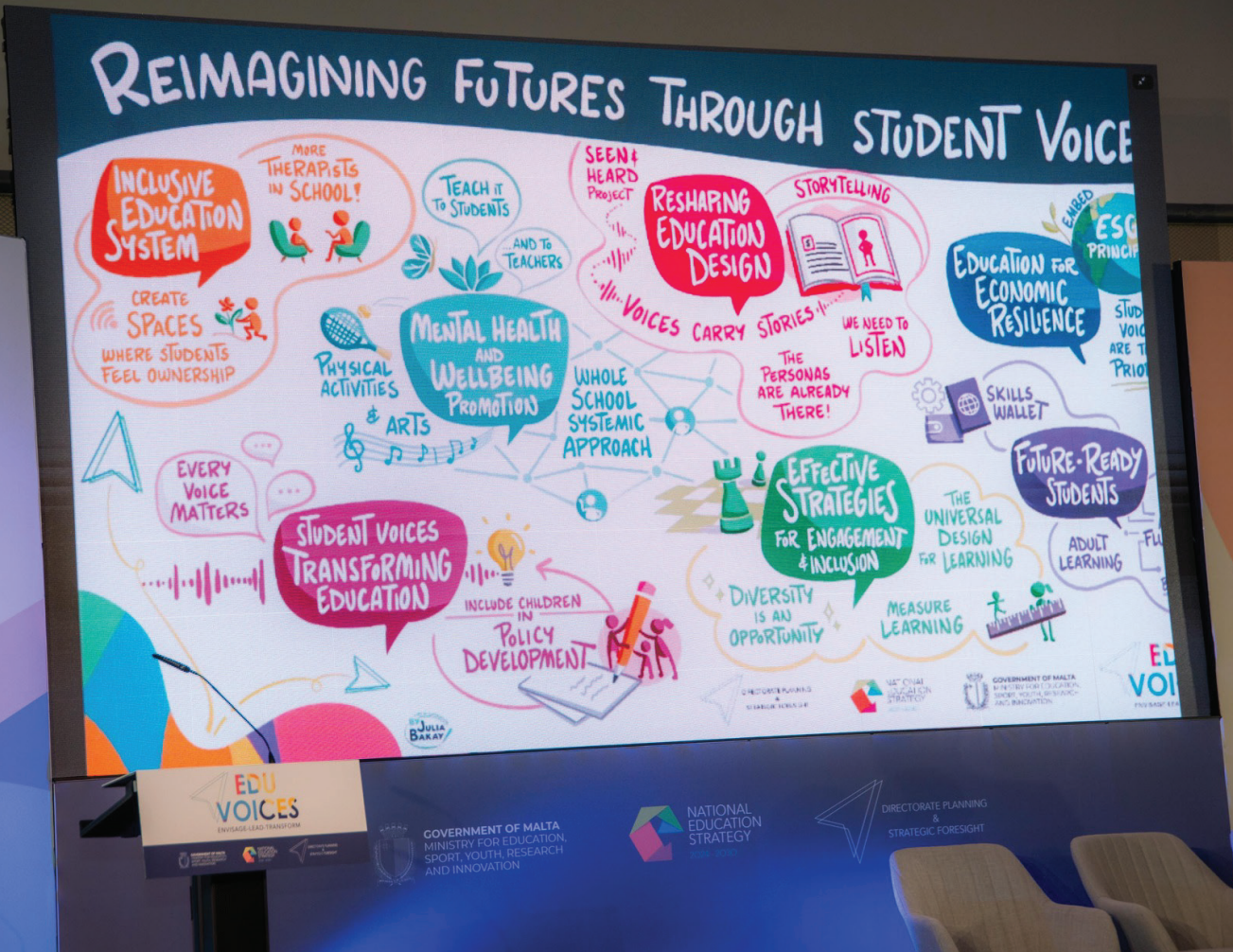
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12:50 Concluding Remarks

Dr Pamela Spiteri
Director for Planning and Strategic Foresight

13:00 Networking Lunch





Set realistic expectations
 Solutions from within school walls
 revise towards simplification and alignment
 reduce number of assessed tasks /

