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### **Fondazzjoni Sagħtar launches e-Sagħtar – the new courses platform**

Fondazzjoni Sagħtar has launched a new project aimed at expanding its remit by providing courses to educators and the general public. The Foundation has been working incessantly since its foundation in 2020 and has re-issued the popular children's magazine *Sagħtar* in both digital and print formats. It has also issued a new twin publication – *Sagħtarin*, an activity book for early years students. The Foundation has also launched other publications throughout these years, including the recently published *Il-Ktieb tal-Etikett u l-Manjieri Tajba*, for children.

With this new project called e-Sagħtar, Fondazzjoni Sagħtar is expanding its remit by implementing its second pillar through the provision of courses to educators and to the general public. The Foundation is providing courses in specific niches which complement the work of educators and provide further insight and support about educational matters to the general public. The new platform e-Sagħtar shall be the tool used by lecturers delivering the Foundation's courses and by participants alike – through the delivery of lectures, assignments, marking, communication and certification. It shall be the virtual educational environment of the Foundation, complemented by the provision of tailor-made courses addressing the needs of learners.

Fondazzjoni Sagħtar is currently offering six courses for adults - use of drama in education; Maltese for foreigners; assisting parents in helping their children at school; mindfulness and wellbeing; Artificial Intelligence and digital tools; and diversity in education. These courses shall start to be delivered at the end of April and registration is open by visiting the site [www.saghtar.org.mt](http://www.saghtar.org.mt). Course participants will be able to login in the new platform e-Sagħtar to benefit in full from the respective courses.

During the launch, MUT President and Fondazzjoni Sagħtar founder Marco Bonnici explained the expansion of the work of the Foundation through the provision of courses and the necessity to have a virtual learning environment – hence the project e-Sagħtar. He thanked the Ministry for Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector and the Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector for the financial support provided for the project through the VOPS scheme.

Minister for Inclusion and the Voluntary Sector, Hon Julia Farrugia welcomed the new project of Fondazzjoni Sagħtar and praised the work of the Foundation. She stated that the Ministry is committed to keep assisting voluntary organisations to continue to provide services to the community.

The Malta Council for the Voluntary Sector CEO Mr Mauro Pace Parascandalo expressed his satisfaction that the VOPS scheme is helping more voluntary organisations to further their operations. He thanked Fondazzjoni Sagħtar for this new initiative and for the extensive work carried out in the education sector.

Fondazzjoni Sagħtar issued two short video clips during the launch to explain the provision of courses and the new project e-Sagħtar. These are found here:

Video 1 – <https://youtu.be/WM2MZcTAvAA>

Video 2 – <https://youtu.be/5Rwp9wPkVME>

Fondazzjoni Sagħtar thanks all personnel and entities involved in e-Sagħtar, particularly Minister Julia Farrugia and CEO Mauro Pace Parascandalo, the VOPS scheme which funded the project and Seasus Ltd, which was entrusted with the IT infrastructure.