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The STELLA project (2024-2026) is an Erasmus+ KA2 initiative uniting five organizations from Italy, Malta, Cyprus, Portugal, and Greece to promote environmental sustainability through sports. It aims to empower youth as environmental advocates, encourage sustainable practices in sports, and provide youth workers with innovative non-formal education tools. Below is an overview of the latest milestones and upcoming events within the STELLA project:

Training Course in Malta – March 9-15, 2025

The "Training of Trainers" event, hosted by TDM2000 Malta, brought together 22 youth workers from Cyprus, Italy, Greece, Malta, and Portugal. Held in Pembroke, Malta from March 9–15, 2025, the training focused on equipping participants with skills to use sports as a tool for promoting environmental sustainability among youth.

Online Progress Meeting – April 7, 2025

In April, the STELLA consortium held an online meeting to reflect on the Training of Trainers implemented in Malta and to align on upcoming tasks. The discussion focused on evaluating the training's effectiveness and launching follow-up actions, such as the implementation of the local workshops.

Best Practices Guide + Stakeholders' Interviews - May, 2025

One of the key achievements during this period was the completion of the Best Practices Guide, a comprehensive document that serves as a valuable resource for youth organisations, trainers, and policymakers. Additionally, 10 interviews with local stakeholders were published on our website, offering valuable perspectives on how sport can be a tool for environmental education.

TPM Cyprus – June 26-27, 2025

AZO hosted the third transnational partners' meeting in Larnaca, Cyprus. Partners discussed the project's advancements, evaluated the working process and achievements up to now, and assigned tasks for the upcoming phase. They also reviewed reporting requirements and planned the next (last) partners' meeting and final conference in Portugal in December 2025.

Upcoming Actions: Toolkit and Online Campaign

In the coming months, the Toolkit will be finalized, with graphic design and printing currently underway. Once completed, each partner will pilot the workshops locally. Also, we will launch an online campaign to raise environmental awareness among youth. This next phase will be key in bringing the project to life and ensuring its impact across communities through sportbased, non-formal education activities.

- For more information: <u>https://stellaproject.eu/</u>



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