

Strengthening peer-learning across Europe



As part of the ongoing collaboration between the University of Gdańsk, the University of Split, and the University of Malta, the **Peer-EDU peer-tutor training programme** was implemented with a group of students coming from these three universities. The sessions focused on the principles of effective peer tutoring and highlighted its broad value within higher education. Peer tutoring not only enhances students' understanding of course content but also develops essential skills such as confidence, communication, and metacognitive awareness.

For academic staff, well-designed peer-learning initiatives enrich teaching, strengthen student engagement, and offer new avenues for meaningful formative assessment. In assessment practices, peer tutoring encourages deeper reflection, builds feedback literacy, and complements conventional evaluation methods.

Throughout the training, participants explored the roles and expectations of both tutor and tutee, along with the attitudes that support positive and productive learning relationships. Discussions emphasised the importance of clear boundaries, shared working agreements, and the formal frameworks that guide tutoring, while recognising the need for flexibility to respond to individual learner needs.

Interactive role-play activities formed a key part of the programme. Following a mentor-led demonstration, participants worked in small groups to practise and observe a variety of tutoring scenarios. Experiencing both roles offered valuable insight into effective tutorial practices and areas for development. Collaborating with peers from diverse cultural backgrounds further enriched the learning process.

We look forward to applying these insights as we continue to strengthen peer-learning initiatives across our universities. For more information on this peer-tutoring initiative, please get in touch with [Prof. Michelle Attard Tonna](#) and [Dr Charmaine Bonello](#).

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