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The Ministry for Education and Employment, through the Department for Curriculum, Lifelong Learning and Employability (DCLE), is in the process of launching a research project about migrant students in State schools.

The project aims at exploring the impact of migrant students in primary and secondary schools. In so doing it will seek to map out the experiences, issues, opinions and concerns of migrant students and their parents/guardians, Maltese students and their parents/guardians, teachers of migrant students and SMTs.

The results of this research project will play a crucial role to influence the educational strategy and policy for the coming years, therefore all schools are highly solicited to co-operate fully for the benefit of the current and future school community. The liaison person between the schools and the research team will be Ms Sefora Borg, from the Directorate for Research, Lifelong Learning and Employability.

The initial stage of the project (to be launched in February) involves the organisation of several focus groups with migrant and Maltese students in Years 5 to 10, parents/guardians of migrant and of Maltese students, and teachers of migrant students. A number of schools and education hubs have been identified and will be shortly contacted by Ms Sefora Borg. In another phase of the project all primary and secondary schools will be invited to participate in questionnaire surveys with all the above-mentioned stakeholders.

DCLE would like to thank beforehand all those who will be involved in the process of this research at different levels for their co-operation and understanding of the importance and sensitivity of this project and its value for the local and school communities of Malta and Gozo.

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