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To: All Heads of Secondary Schools (State and Non-State) and Sections

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Subject: *TeachUP* Online Courses

The Directorate for Learning and Assessment Programmes is one of the participating partners in the Teacher UPskilling (*TeachUP*) project, which is a European Policy Experimentation co-funded by the European Commission via the Erasmus+ programme. *TeachUP* builds on the ET2020 Working Group on Schools recommendations, which highlighted the need for quality teacher education related to the evolving role and competences of teachers throughout their career. *TeachUP* aims to design, implement, evaluate and disseminate a policy experimentation by developing online courses for secondary school teachers in Initial Teacher Education and Continuing Professional Development on topics related to their changing role, namely formative assessment, personalised learning, collaboration and creative thinking.

The *TeachUP* online courses will provide educators the opportunity to participate in an online community of practice in professional development, whilst acquiring the necessary pedagogical and practical skills/competences. Apart from being part of an online network of professional educators, participants will have the opportunity to attend national country dialogue labs to further support communication and collaboration in teacher education. The *TeachUP* brochure, which outlines the main aims, methodology and expected results of the project can be found at: <http://teachup.eun.org/news/detail?articleId=740331>. Interested teachers can also view the *TeachUP* information video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6is_rsDcU8. Interested teachers are encouraged to browse the project website at <http://teachup.eun.org/> for more updates and information.

Teachers in Middle and Secondary Schools interested to register for up to four online courses, which will be organised during the 2018-2019 scholastic year, are kindly asked to submit their interest at <https://goo.gl/Xz1cHD>, by not later than 11th April 2018. An invitation letter and an FAQs document are attached to this circular.

For further information, kindly contact Mr Stephen Bezzina (stephen.bezzina@ilearn.edu.mt).

Thank you for your cooperation.

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