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# NEWS LETTER

## Happy Christmas from TGS!

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Happy Christmas, dear TGS Friends!

Hoping this year has been full of new adventures and positive challenges, we are here to tell you what has been keeping us busy in 2023, or at least the main activities we have been up to! Don't give up reading before the end of the newsletter, as there is a surprise for the year to come!

### New TGS Eurogroup Committee

2023 marked the election of a new TGS Eurogroup Committee that will be in office for the next two years. Among its 10 members, there is a strong presence of young volunteers. They are new in their role as members of the Committee, but not to the Association as they got to know TGS Eurogroup as students and leaders in the past. We encourage and cherish the support of young people in our activities. This is both because the education of young people is at the very heart of the aims of



our Association, and because we believe that fresh minds ensure to stay close to the needs of new generations. At the same time, volunteers who have long been included in the life of the Association ensures respect for tradition, educational continuity, and represent a point of reference for the new members.

### Summer Courses in Ireland

For the second time after the first very pleasant experience in 2022, last Summer TGS Eurogroup flew to Maynooth with a group of Italian high school students. This quiet town is about 25 kilometers far from downtown Dublin and is home to St. Patrick's College, the centre of the university life and home to the Pontifical University. The presence of the Salesian Community of St. Catherine turned out to be an excellent opportunity for a collaboration between TGS Eurogroup and the local community. All in the interest of our students, who had the chance to get closer to the English language and Irish culture, not only in classes, but also during afternoon and evening activities, meeting people who live in the area and could pass on their traditions.

*«The dream that makes you dream»*

*Fr. Ángel Fernández Artime, Rector Major of the Salesians*



*Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*  
*TGS Eurogroup Students, Volunteers and Committee*



## TGS18+ Brussels Project

The European citizenship educational programme TGS Eurogroup has been developing since 2015 represents a reason for interest from many schools. This results in drafting plans of study visits tailored to each school's specific requirements. In October 2023 we took a group of 28 students from a school in Sesto San Giovanni (near Milan) to Brussels, while in January 2024 we are flying to Belgium with a group of students from the Salesian College in Mogliano Veneto where TGS Eurogroup has its headquarters. The TGS18+ Project is offering many young students the opportunity to get in touch with European institutions. In the very name of the project, the target of the initiative: young people who turn 18 and exercise their right to vote for the first time.

## Up and Down the Bridges of Venice

More than 6.000 participants took part to the solidarity walk "Su e Zo per i Ponti di Venezia" on 16th April 2023. This number rounds up to more than 6.500 people including 330 volunteers and 230 members of the guest folk groups who performed through "calli" and "campielli". The focus of the solidarity project in 2023 was the Salesian mission of Quebrada Honda in Peru.

## What's next in 2024?

With the year now drawing to a close, it is time to take you to our 2024 calendar and reveal the surprise we referred to at the beginning of this letter.



No doubts, both the TGS18+ Project and the Summer Courses in Ireland are already on the planning of the Secretariat and on the agenda of the Committee meetings. In a handful of months, the Up and Down the bridges will be back: the next event is on 14th April. Do get in touch with us if you are thinking to take part to. Getting to the surprise for 2024... Next Summer our students are to fly to a new destination: Malta for a 10 day Summer Camp tailored for younger students aged 11 to 14. Malta is home to a millenary culture and hosted many different populations over the centuries, each leaving traces of their cultural heritage, with English, but also Arabic and Italian influences. An English mother-tongue teacher will oversee classes and TGS Eurogroup leaders will be there to support the activities. This project stems from the successful cooperation with Past Pupils of Don Bosco of Malta and results in a lively and rich programme of activities in the traditional TGS Eurogroup style. In all of this, we have not forgotten the United Kingdom and we are working on that field too, looking forward to starting new collaborations, hopefully leading us to reopen our English Summer Courses in the UK in the years to come!

Don't forget to follow us on our social networks: Facebook, Instagram and the brand new WhatsApp channel. Although most updates are in Italian, they can be a way to keep an eye on the Association... or just a good opportunity to train your Italian! Merry Christmas from each of us to each of you!



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