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Ağenzija Sapport and the Malta Employers Association, in September 2019, signed a 5-year agreement with the aim of creating a bridge between the Agency and employers to increase more opportunities to integrate persons with disability into the workforce, whilst also generating more exposure of the Agency, its services and initiatives amongst SMEs.

Through this agreement, MEA provided exposure via their MEAindex portal with information, news articles, banners and mail shots. Additionally, after understanding the importance of what was being done by Ağenzija Sapport to assist persons with disability to find and retain employment in order to be able to live an independent life as much as possible through its INK project, MEA as part of their pro-inklud initiative, coordinated and hosted two training sessions delivered by Ağenzija Sapport staff to employers from SMEs. These sessions produced fruitful contacts and further meetings with entities that were present, some of which also offered placement opportunities for persons with disabilities.

MEA continued to enhance its collaboration efforts by dedicating and offering an Ağenzija Sapport representative to feature on their MEA TV programme, as well as an intervention during their symposium entitled 'Sustainable Employment through Education' together with an exhibition stand at their EMPfest during their 2019 SME forum held in October 2019.

Although Ağenzija Sapport's collaboration with MEA is still in its initial stages, the efforts have already been effective and the Agency looks forward to more initiatives that would continue to enforce the Agency's aim of improving the quality of life of persons with disability and their family.

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