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# Description of the Organization



- The Faculty of Education is committed to developing and implementing **powerful pedagogical practices** that foster meaningful learning.
- It invests **in research of international quality** in the field of education and its cognate disciplines.
- As a **community-oriented** Faculty, it strives to engage with the world as it is, in order to imagine a world as it could and should be.
- As a Maltese Faculty **open** to regional and international influences, it contributes **to on-going local and international debates regarding education broadly understood**, as well as to educational **policy-making at local, national, and supranational levels**.

# Description of the your research interest



- The Smart City concept embraces not only various definitions but also diverse directions representing **many opportunities for educational arrangements**.
- Viewed in this way, it builds the focus of this special issue illustrating the utilization of technologies, and methodology design experiences toward a Smart City setting by considering a wide-range of education and human performance development aspects, including new opportunities **for learning and instruction, technology-enhanced learning, curriculum reform, assessment, skills development, and competence and knowledge** management in a highly interconnected networked environment.

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- The potential for Smart Cities adapted to the new global economy and the citizen-enabling use of digital technologies is considerable and there are essential chances.
- To take advantage of them, **we must make sure that people are recognized as a driver for innovation** generating a sustainable regional as well as universal competitive advantage for the enterprises, and that businesses and **academia are willing and ready to modernize their approach to the citizens' inclusion and immersion in education and services in the fast changing conditions of the global market.**

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We have to make sure that **education for all ages and all levels, knowledge and skills development**, and employability are a priority in a Smart City development perspective, whereas technologies and governments can help galvanize the connection between learner and teacher, educational institution and learning.

- Objectives:
  - To design innovative education, aimed at involving citizens in urban processes, in order to avoid social gaps.
  - To work with a broad audience of local, national and multi-national educational experts and city leaders, local communities, and policy makers involved in urban ecosystem transformation, and in fostering the socio-economic development in Smart Cities. social innovation in cities, sustainable cities.

- Expected results
  - To facilitate with our support the adaptive implementation of the Smart City concept to advance the educational landscape and the employment conditions of the tomorrow's smart workforce by improving human as well as learning, work and life performance in a Smart City setting.

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