



“Active Citizenship and Environmental Awareness through Formal and Non-formal Education”
Meeting in ITALY 03/04/2017 – 07/04/2017

Official report of the short-term exchanges between groups of pupils of the Erasmus+ project “Active Citizenship and Environmental Awareness Through Formal and Non-formal Education”

“The short-term exchanges between groups of pupils” of the Erasmus+ project „Active Citizenship and Environmental Awareness Through Formal and Non-formal Education” was held at IPS F.S. CABRINI between 03rd of April and 07th of April, 2017.

The guests began arriving by the afternoon of 01st and 2nd of April and the guest students were picked up immediately by the host families where they were to spend their stay in Italy. The guest teachers were received by the coordinator of Italy and showed to their accommodations.

13 Teachers and 22 students from the partner schools took part in this meeting:

- 2 teachers and 3 students from Lithuania,
- 1 teacher and 4 students from Romania,
- 3 teachers and 3 students from Czech Republic,
- 2 teachers and 4 students from Portugal,
- 1 teachers and 3 students from Poland,
- 2 teachers and 2 students from UK,
- 2 teachers and 3 students from Sweden.

The schedule of the official programme of the meeting, which is attached to this report, was followed, except the first day, Monday 3rd April. Due to the bad weather conditions the welcome meeting of all countries on board of the catamaran *Jonian Dolphin Conservation* together with the experts of the scientific research association for the study of cetaceans in the Gulf of Taranto and the journey, in search of dolphins with marine biology experts was cancelled.

Therefore we began the week on Monday 3rd of April with the welcome assembly organised at school. Teachers, students of partner schools and host school took part in this assembly. Our students welcomed guests with traditional dances. A short tour of the school followed this opening assembly so that our colleagues had an idea of life in our school.

On Tuesday students of each country presented the projects locally devised and implemented with the teachers' support and their results.

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After each presentation all students applied to an evaluation questionnaire of the projects.

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In the afternoon all guests took part at a guided tour of the city with a visit to the "National Archaeological Museum" of Taranto.

On Wednesday all teachers and students went to the guided Trip to "*Valle d'Itria*" "Alberobello" and "Martina Franca". A surprising landscape that stretches for 1100 hectares with a variety of habitats: from the beautiful beach to the expansive farms with centuries-old olive trees. Through the centuries, rural communities have managed their environment and farmed the land in their own natural way, creating a rich diversity of landscapes. A model of sustainable development.

On Thursday morning all students and teachers of the international partner schools and our host students received an official welcome by the Major of Taranto in the town hall.

After that students and teachers went for a guided trip to the WWF Oasis "**Palude e la vela**" with bird watching. This Oasis is a treasure for the natural heritage of the city of Taranto. Rich flora mainly halophyte vegetation and even more rich and interesting fauna is characterized by sedentary species and migration.

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On Friday guest students and host students and teachers divided in groups attended:

- Chemical workshop (production of scented chalks)
- Art workshop (creation of bookmarks with slogans on environment);
- Audiovisual workshop (creation of spots for environmental protection)

After the workshop all guests applied to an evaluation questionnaire of the meeting in Italy.

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Then teachers and students were given certificates of attendance of the meeting.

After a final meeting where arrangements and plans were made for the last Meeting in Portugal in June, most partners started departing.

Taranto, 08 of April 2017

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