

ASIA-EUROPE CLASSROOM NETWORK (AEC-NET) PROJECTS FOR 2010/2011



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COUNTRY:

Italy (India and Poland plus more eventual partner schools)

PROPOSED PROJECT NAME:

A Magic Flight to Benevento, Italy

SUMMARY / BRIEF DESCRIPTION ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The project is a sequel of the previous “Magic flight to India” project and similarly aims at creating a collaborative learning environment where students the participating countries can freely communicate and exchange information about themselves and the countries where they live. The most important final scheduled products are:

- The project website
- The project Social Forum
- a video about Benevento (*whose script will be developed by the participating schools and its environmental historical and artistic resources.*)

The video tells of two (*or more*) groups of students, who are on a virtual tour to Benevento, Italy in order to visit their friends. During their visit they explore several aspects of the Italian culture, history and environment. The script will be collaboratively written by the schools and the aspects which will be highlighted are:

- The environmental resources of Sannio (the local name of Benevento province) with its beautiful valleys and wind farms
- The environmental problems (mostly dealing with wastage management) the city has to cope with
- The artistic heritage of the city (Roman and Longobard monuments)
- The historical backgrounds of Benevento dating back to the pre Roman period
- The legends and the traditions of Benevento (the city is traditionally believed to be the home of witches).

The video will be subtitled in English so that it may have an added value as Learning Object for all those students and teachers who are interested in Italy and its historical and environmental heritage.

RATIONALE FOR THE PROJECT:

The most important goal is to set up a collaborative learning environment where students from can exchange ideas and make friends with each other. While in the previous projects the stress was on Asian countries now the focus has shifted to a European country and its and historical background with a view to its present best practices as regards alternative energies and the handling of environmental problems in general. (*We shall not forget to mention the huge problem of “wastage management” in Naples, a business which has been in the hands of local criminal gangs for a long time*).

Main reasons for choosing **the environment as main topic of the project:**

The I.I.S. “Galilei Vetrone” (*the Italian coordinating school*) consists of two educational centers: the “Galilei” and the “Vetrone” schools. While the “Galilei” school focuses on Land Surveying subjects, the “Vetrone” school is mostly oriented to Agricultural studies. In both cases there is strong interest for environment as the Galilei syllabus is centered around **ecological building technologies** and the focal point of “Vetrone” studies is **innovative and non polluting agricultural techniques**. Therefore, the Italian students will be engaged in researches that, being closely linked to their syllabus, will be the engine for intense and productive communication with their Asian and European friends.

This year the project will have the technical support of the **C.E.A.S.S. agency** based in Sassari, a city of Sardinia, Italy. The agency is involved in many initiatives and activities concerning:

- Environmental education and urban sustainability
- Learning activities for schools
- Counselling and pedagogical support in the development of courses, seminars, guided tours, exhibitions in the field of environmental education

Finally, while in the past projects we have emphasized how it is imperative for the European students to learn more about India, (as the presence of this country in the global economy scenario has become increasingly important), on the other hand now we want to underline the importance, for Indian and Asian students in general, to overcome the cultural misconceptions that sometimes may prevent effective communication with the Europeans. This is essentially the main reason why we have decided, in this latest project, to move the spotlight from Asia to Europe.

EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION FROM ASIAN SCHOOLS/STUDENTS:

Asian teachers and students will contribute to the project development, in each phase, on an equal basis with their European partners.

Their involvement consists in carrying out the next tasks:

- Participating to the NING Social Network (and also **flickr albums facebook and g-talk chats**) by exchanging messages, uploading photos and contributing to discussion forums
- Communicating through **Skype** (phone calls and video conferences)
- Studying Italian culture and history (the Italian teachers and students will suggest areas of particular interest)
- Writing the script of the video “A magic flight to Benevento, Italy”
- Assembling, editing and publishing the video.

EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION FROM EUROPEAN SCHOOLS/STUDENTS:

The European teachers and students will participate to the same project phases carrying out more or less the same tasks. In particular, the Italian school will coordinate the project work setting up the activities on schedule, suggesting the topics and the learning material and developing/updating the website with the annexed social network.

The Italian and Indian coordinators will collaboratively work at the post production phase as regards the video.

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SCHOOLS/STUDENTS INVOLVED:

No. of Schools / Students	:	4 or more schools
Students Age Group	:	10 - 18
Level of English	:	From Beginner (minimum level requested) to Lower Intermediate

PROPOSED DURATION OF PROJECT (PLEASE STATE TENTATIVE START AND END DATE):

Duration : 9 months
Start Date : 1 October 2010
End Date : 30 June 2011

ICT TOOLS / SOFTWARE REQUIRED:

- Joomla! (Web developing – Content Management System)
- Adobe Flash CS4
- Adobe Dreamweaver CS 4
- NING (Social network)
- Adobe Première CS4
- Photoshop CS4

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NEEDED:

- flickr albums
- facebook
- g-talk chats
- google earth
- software for video conferencing
- smart board
- green or blue screen for chromakey effect

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