An initiative in cooperation with

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A brief summary of the educational offer
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Goal

Creating a NETWORK OF EUROPEAN SCHOOLS, able to cooperate in SYNERGY and to share initiatives, projects, teaching activities.

Specific goals

• Supporting the GROWTH OF THE STUDENTS, by actively involving them and giving them a leading role in AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF COLLABORATION.

• Generating, among students from different countries, a SHARED SENSE OF BELONGING to the European Union.

• EXTENDING the initiative Europe=Us to foreign territories.

Addressees

SECONDARY / HIGH SCHOOLS, in particular high schools specialising in foreign languages and economic-social studies.
Educational offer

A COLLABORATION ACTIVITY shared by European schools that reflects the working method used in EUROPEAN PLANNING ACTIVITIES.

Schools&Europe promotes:
• the DIRECT INVOLVEMENT of the classes in the internationalisation process;
• the INTERACTION BETWEEN CLASSES from different European countries, favouring intercultural DIALOGUE and the use of the ENGLISH language, the LINGUA FRANCA of our communication, in order to build new schooling and interpersonal relations.

Twinning

Each class shall have to find a partner school in a EU country, to collaborate in drawing up a DIGITAL DOCUMENT on the history, the values and the opportunities offered by the UE.

The twinning shall be lead by the Italian class, having the following tasks:
1. searching for a partner school (a list of European schools will be provided);
2. presenting the project to the foreign school by sending a “Summary of the educational offer” in English;
3. introducing the class itself by drawing up a presentation in English;
4. collecting the applications by sending out letters containing a proposal for a twinning.
How does it work?

Both the Italian and foreign teachers (registered on the platform EUROPE=US) will divide the class into groups and give each one of them a specific subject to develop, chosen from a specific list. The students will be able to access a DEDICATED AREA using a password communicated to the teachers.

There, the groups will be able to process their SHARED IN-DEPTH RESEARCH using a CREATIVE EDITOR, an instrument allowing them to CUSTOMISE the RESEARCH, and get advice on the graphics and the editorial style of the text.

The contents of the shared in-depth research will be drawn up in the native language of the students (Italian and the language of the twinned school), as well as in ENGLISH. Therefore, each contribution to the research shall be published in THREE different LANGUAGES.
Collective work

The contributions submitted by each workgroup will be used as individual content units in a DIGITAL COLLECTIVE WORK, which will be presented as a single editorial initiative comprising the entire set of the contributions from the Italian and foreign groups.

Platform

The entire research project will be accessible on a specific section of the platform EUROPE=US devoted to the STUDENTS’ CONTRIBUTIONS: it will be a MULTICULTURAL and MULTILINGUAL showcase of the students’ work.

Each couple of twinned classes, under the supervision of the teacher, will have a space available where to publish its collective work.
Networks

Over the first year, the European schools’ collaborative activity will ideally involve only the NATIONAL NETWORKS of schools teaching MORE FOREIGN LANGUAGES and having an INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK, namely:

- high schools specialising in foreign languages;
- high schools specialising in economic-social studies.

Extension

Later, those schools will act as REFERENCES for any other secondary schools that will be involved in the projects in the years to come.

Continuity

The national networks will become “LEADING SCHOOLS” available to classes in need of advice, instructions and guidance. This should lead to an EDUCATIONAL CONTINUITY that will go beyond the initial participation in the project.