

THE SENIGALLIA PROTOCOL
OF EURO-MEDITERRANEAN SCHOOL PARTNESHIP

1. The principles in the Senigallia Charter of Euro-Mediterranean School Partnership are at the the base of “Europe ... and beyond: Talks about frontiers”, a five-day international school student and teacher conference which will be held in Senigallia (AN), Italy, in every each year.
2. The initiative, which USR Marche would like to turn into a regular event, is driven by a profound desire to offer youths from different cultural and geographical backgrounds an opportunity to identify the common traits they share as human beings: the making of a future peaceful cohabitation is in fact entirely in their hands.
3. Each year the event will see both the participation of students and teachers from all over the world, and the contribution of many authorities and experts.
4. Each year attention will be focused on the theme of *education to security*, with special emphasis given to *civil defence*. This is the reason why each year all the delegates will be given the opportunity to bring material describing the teaching and learning activities carried out in their schools, to compare them with others.
5. During each event, a multicultural Expo -“*Homelands in the World*” - will be organized, where all delegates will be given the opportunity to set up a stand to exhibit project documents and the most typical objects representing the culture of their country of origin.
6. Each year the event should be very much committed to meeting the European recommendations in the challenging fields of enlargement and inclusion.
 - a. For the sake of enlargement, European, Non-European and overseas countries will be invited to the conference. Non-UE delegations from West and East Balkans and from the Mediterranean Basin Countries may also be granted a special financial support for the cost of travel to / from Italy.
 - b. For the sake of inclusion, at least one disadvantaged student per delegation will be invited to the meeting (namely, handicapped students, students from families who move frequently, refugee families, families in exile, etc.).
7. Although representatives of local authorities and parents are welcome to the meeting, the participation of students, teachers and principals is regarded as essential, that being indeed the major reason why the whole international conference will be organized. *Europe and beyond* wants students from different nations, cultures and religions to come together in Senigallia as friends and share their experiences, hopes, dreams, to talk about frontiers of any kind and to give their contribution to the making of a more peaceful world for the near future.
8. The major aims of “*Europe and beyond*” are the following:
 - a. To emphasize the right of each human being to live free in a safe environment;
 - b. To enhance the visibility of the Barcelona process as an essential instrument for promoting mutual understanding and respect among people;

- c. To encourage initiatives aimed at eradicating xenophobia and racism;
- d. To take an active part in the process of making the Euro-Mediterranean basin an area of co-operation, exchange, mobility, mutual understanding and peace;
- e. To favour co-operation in the crucial fields of human rights, democratic citizenship, sustainable development, learning, knowledge and information society, gender and youth;
- f. To promote dialogue among cultures, through co-operation among civil societies, partners in education, culture, science and communication;
- g. To encourage youth cultural mobility;
- h. To promote a continuous cultural debate through multi-media instruments and information and communication technologies;
- i. To higher the standards of awareness and knowledge of the major issues of cultural diversity, freedom of expression and peaceful tools for conflict resolutions within different cultures and educational systems in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- j. To favour effective transfer of experiences and exchange of best practices among young participants;
- k. To favour reporting from the participating countries on the key issues of cultural diversity, meeting with decision-makers, discussion of good journalism and its contribution to understanding, collaboration with writers, artists and filmmakers throughout the region;
- l. To encourage network partners to organise and participate in music, theatre festivals, exhibitions, seminars and debates;
- m. To invite younger generations to learn together throughout life;
- n. To translate the universal values enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, such as non-discrimination, justice, tolerance into learning and teaching processes and resources;
- o. To pave the way to an intercultural relationship based on opportunity for multi-perspectives, creative diversity, co-operative science and technology without frontiers, equal social and professional opportunities for boys and girls.

Senigallia (AN),
Italy
September 15th, 2006

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL
Michele De Gregorio

THE SENIGALLIA CHARTER
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*We, the Delegations from the aside-listed European and Mediterranean Countries, came to Senigallia (Ancona – Italy) from October 27th to November 1st 2005 to take an active part in the project “**Europe ... and Beyond – Talks about frontiers**”, to reaffirm and renew our feelings of peace, friendship and co-operation and to seek the traces of a common humanity.*

We believe in the necessity to support the definition of a common Euro-Mediterranean area of peace and stability through the reinforcement of political and security dialogue.

We believe in the necessity to support the rapprochement between peoples through a social, cultural and human partnership aimed at encouraging understanding between cultures and exchanges between civil societies.

We believe that increasing the quality of education for all and ensuring a more equitable access should be a central objective of the European and Mediterranean educational policies.

We believe in the necessity to promote a substantial increase in European and Mediterranean Countries’ support for education and vocational training.

We believe in the necessity to seek a commitment from partners to a new target of 2015, for the eradication of illiteracy in the region, full enrolment of girls and boys at primary school, and elimination of gender disparity at all levels of education.

We believe in the necessity to launch a scheme offering scholarships for school and university study in Europe and in the Mediterranean Countries, with full respect of equal opportunities for girls and boys.

*To all the young people,
To those who came together in Senigallia
and to the many in their countries whom they will tell their experience,
To the natural generosity of their hearts,
We entrust our wishes that they may be able to fulfil in the future
The hopes we share today.*

*Senigallia (Ancona – Italy)
October 31st, 2005*

*DIRECTOR-GENERAL
(Michele De Gregorio)*