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Conferenza finale del Progetto Erasmus Plus KA2 “Pathway Through Religions”

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The conference was organized to present the results of the project and to bring together representatives of the world of education, politics and religion. It took place on 30th May 2019 in Palazzo Banci Buonamici, the prestigious headquarters of the Provincia of Prato, and 71 people have been involved in this multiplayer event:

- some people representing all the partners that collaborated in the events organisation,
- representatives of the political and religious institutions of Tuscany,
- numerous teachers from primary and secondary schools in Tuscany.

During the conference the various speakers illustrated the activities carried out, the products created, the impact and sustainability of the project.

During the first session, Marco Manzuoli, as the delegate of the leading institution CIPAT, illustrated the three intellectual outputs of the project, the teacher's guide, the interactive Didactical Map and the online Training course of religious sites. He presented the different chapters of the Guide and gave examples of the contents of each of them. He highlighted the significant points of the history of religions and the role of religions in the development of civilizations, he showed the most important interreligious Students' Competences and pedagogical approaches, tools and methods for the management of multicultural classes. Then he explained how we managed to build the interactive map by underlining the work carried out by the various partners and showed the map's workings and didactic use. Lastly he illustrated how the on line training course presents a comparative review of the liturgical celebrations, the ceremonies and the dietary rules existing in the different religions, with a particular focus on the monotheistic ones.

During the second session all the others partners presented the impact of the project. Foreign partners made a presentation about the impact of dietary rules and lifestyles in a multi-religious and multicultural educational system. They provided tangible examples showing authentic material, such as videos and photos. Then Daniela Cecchi illustrated the actions that the Regional School Office of Tuscany implemented to disseminate the intellectual outputs and support teachers to use of materials. Then she focused on the monitoring activity carried out and illustrated the questionnaire sent to teachers of primary and secondary schools in Tuscany to assess whether the project provides cultural and educational tools to manage the presence of students of religion and different cultures and whether it is oriented towards training in the values of respect and inclusion.

At the end of the speeches there was a dynamic debate between the public and the speakers and there were also some critical questions about the aims and contents of the instruments produced.

A lot of teachers of different subjects have highlighted the importance of this project for peace education, for





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integration and mutual respect, especially in this specific historic period , in which religious diversities are often considered a cause of division and conflict in our society, in Europe and all over the world.

This final conference was preceded from a seminar with the title “ The state of the art of the interreligious dialogue in Tuscany”, that took place in Florence on 28th March 2019, in the prestigious Palace Medici Riccardi. There were the delegates of Florence Municipality and other institutions.

It was dedicated to the teachers and the students of Tuscany schools.

Massimo Fratini, the council member of Florence Municipality has spoken about the importance of the dialogue among the different religious confessions in Florentine society. The Municipality of Florence is very sensible to this items.

There were the President and the Vice President of Florence School of Dialogue, an important institution with a national and international reputation.

During this Seminar Daniela Cecchi and Giovanna Soffici illustrated the project and the actions that the Regional School Office of Tuscany undertook to disseminate the intellectual outputs and support teachers and schools to use of materials.



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