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Press Release



F.A.T.A. M.Or.G.Ana - From Apulia To Australia:
Multicultural Origins and Geographical Analogies



The Intercultural exchange project between Italy and Australia is starting up
FATA MORGANA from Bari to Australia
Promoted by Dilos Center of "Romanazzi" High School and financed by Regione Puglia

F.A.T.A. M.Or.G.Ana is neither an optical illusion nor a celtic mythological figure, King Arthur's step sister, but the acronym of a prestigious international project financed by the Presidency of Regione Puglia - Settore Politiche Migratorie – and to be realized by Romanazzi High School in Bari.

The initiative consists in a 2-week exchange visit to Australia for a group of pupils and teachers from Romanazzi and the hosting in Puglia for an equivalent Australian group of pupils of Italian origin. The journey will be preceded by a preliminary research and study on the natural environment, "minority" cultures, commercial sectors and services in Australia and Apulia.

The collaboration between Regione Puglia and Romanazzi is based on the long lasting projectual tradition of the Barese High School, which has already set up European projects such as : Programma Leonardo, Socrates, and international training period with Germany, Hungary, Holland cofinanced by CIPE and FSE (European funds). The project has taken shape with the aim of getting closer two geographically distant countries – Apulia and Australia – which have similar analogies, among which that of being emigrating-migrating countries.

With these premises in mind, Romanazzi High School has already started a linguistic, technological and artistic confrontation through a multicultural path where Italy and Australia can discover their identities even if they differ.

Regione Puglia, together with Settore Politiche Migratorie, an office set up in person by the President Mr R. Fitto, is particularly interested in promoting projects to do with emigration considering both the growing phenomenon of the migratory influx to Apulia and the necessity of a debate on the intercultural theme. For schools in particular and society in general, the intercultural theme represents a challenge to the traditional educational style, opening it up to new teaching techniques and linking it to new social and territorial phenomena.

The ambitious Fata Morgana project will be backed up and run by "**Dilos Center**" which is a territorial center working in the school with the help of teachers and pupils.

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The project will be documented with video and photographic material and on-line documentation. The team will control the results and promote its effects on the school life ,spreading information at regional and national level. At the same time the publication of the material and documents on the school web site will be completed. This pilot project is already operative, and it will begin next autumn.