



## **Press Release Comenius Regio ARCADIA.logue December 2014**

The educational cooperation between Greece and Italy in the framework of the European partnership Comenius Regio ARCADIA.logue was successfully continued. This partnership, which has been coordinated by the 1st Directorate for Secondary Education of Athens (DI.D.E. A'Athens) and the Regional Office for Education of Puglia-Southern Italy (Ufficio Scolastico Regionale per la Puglia) was a four day bilateral meeting between the two partners held in Italy.

The meeting began unofficially on Monday, December 15th 2014, with a working lunch in Lecce and went on with the partners' visit to the town of Lecce. The members of the Greek delegation were the Director of the 1st Directorate for Secondary Education of Athens Dr. Leonidas Mantzos and the School Adviser for Secondary Education and the coordinator of the partnership Dr. Dimitra Makri. Dr. Ioannis Makris, the chief musician, who was constantly present and active, was also a member of the Greek delegation.

In the afternoon, the assistant Headmaster of the Istituto Comprensivo of Corigliano d' Otranto Mrs. Tina Calambria received the members of the Greek delegation.

In the evening, there was a workshop which the chief musician Dr. Ioannis Makris took part in, aided by the group of musicians called "Argalio".

The workshop was held in the cultural centre of the Municipality of Corigliano d' Otranto.

On Tuesday December 16th 2014, there was a workshop on schedule. The workshop started with Dr. Ioannis Makris, the chief musician, the educators and the students of the Istituto Comprensivo of Corigliano d' Otranto.

The workshop's subject realized by Mr. Makris was the following "Knowing each other: musical traditions of Greece and Italy". The workshop was closed with songs in Griko sung by some students under Mrs. Sandra Abatte's direction.

The meeting went on with a visit to the Hellenophone town of Calimera. There was an official reception at the Town Hall by the Deputy Mayor

Mr. Giuseppe Matei and there was a special visit to the museum and to the park of the town where there is a tomb column.

Mr. Sylvano Palama, the President of the Association "Ghettonia" and Mr. Luigi Raho who teaches fine arts at the Istituto Comprensivo of Corigliano d'Otranto, were present there.

The visit in this area was closed by visiting the San Vito Church (Sacra Roccia di San Vito) where there is a unique stone with a hole which is an element of the local folklore.

In the afternoon, the schedule went on with a seminar at the Tabacchificio in Melpignano, which was attended by the Headmasters and the Educators of the Salento region, Mr. Inglese, the Director of the Ufficio Scolastico Regionale per la Puglia, Mr. Leonidas Mantzos the Director of the 1st Directorate for Secondary Education of Athens (DI.D.E. A' Athens) and the Mayor of Melpignano Mr. Ivan Stomeo opened the seminar works.

The lecturers who participated in this seminar were Mrs. Anna Trono, Mr. Eugenio Imbriani and Mrs. Isabella Oztasciyan d'Arnesano -they are all university professors- Mr. Ivan Stomeo -the Mayor- and the school adviser Mrs. Dimitra Makri.

The seminar was coordinated by the Headmaster of the Istituto Comprensivo of Corigliano Mrs. Porziana di Cosola.

The seminar was also attended honourably by the Mayor of Corigliano d'Otranto Mrs. Ada Fiore and the President of the hellenophone association "Prozumi" Dottoressa Adele Campi. The evening was closed with an official dinner at the hellenophone town of Zollino.

On Wednesday December 17th 2014 the schedule began with a working meeting concerning the common products to be delivered of the partnership.

The meeting was held at the Istituto Comprensivo of Corigliano d'Otranto and went on with a workshop whose subject was "Some Mediterranean Sounds" at the Istituto Comprensivo of Calimera. The participants were a number of students, educators, parents and some local authorities members.

The workshop was realized by Dr. Ioannis Makris the chief musician. Later on, at the same place there was a presentation of a CD edited by the DI.D.E. A' Athens in the framework of the Comenius Regio ARCADIA.logue partnership containing music composed by Dr. Ioannis Makris. The subject of these compositions was "Sounds from the Salento and Arcadia regions".

The workshop and the presentation of the CD were part of the Musica 2.0 programme which has been elaborated by the Ufficio Scolastico Regionale per la Puglia.

In the evening, the greek partners accompanied by the coordinator of the partnership representing the Istituto Comprensivo of Corigliano Mrs. Anna Amato visited the old part of the town of Taranto and the town's National Museum.

On Thursday December 18th 2014 the partners had a brief visit to Specchia where there was a meeting between the town's Mayor Dottore Rocco Pagliara, the Deputy Mayor responsible for the cultural affairs Dottore Giorgio Biasco and some members of the town council. This was a working meeting.

Later on, there was a visit of the town of Specchia, which was organized by the municipality authorities and the Mayor of the town of Corigliano d'Otranto Mrs. Ada Fiore who accompanied the partners during the whole visit to Specchia.

Then, the greek delegation attended the seminar whose subject was "The Mediterranean Diet as an immaterial cultural heritage" held in the Istituto Statale Professionale (Servizi per l'Enogastronomia e l'Ospitalità Alberghiera) d'Otranto in the framework of the Biennale 2016 having the same particular subject. In the evening, the greek partners left for Athens.

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