



## Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region



### Preface



In little more than ten years the European Union has achieved many exceptional goals (internal market, free movement of citizens, euro, enlargement) that have had a positive impact on the quality of life of European citizens. Nevertheless, there has been a lack of communication about these advantages, as shown by the

rejection of the European Constitution in Holland and in France.

Through “Plan-D”, the European Commission intends to relaunch the communication actions, underlining the necessity to act more and more at local level.

Thanks to their competences and to their direct knowledge of needs and expectations of citizens, Regions represent an essential link between the European Union and local bodies, above all with regard to the specific aim of consolidating integration among member States and of re launching the enlargement process.

Therefore the communication policy of EU could be fully successful only through the direct involvement of Regions.

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### “The teaching of citizenship”



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#### THE HARMONY OF DIVERSITY

#### IN FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA A UNIVERSE OF VALUES

Harmony ... A word for union, proportion, accord. Diversity is the value of difference and variety. How successfully could that difference be respected and cultivated? That has always been the mental attitude of Friuli Venezia Giulia. The “Harmony of diversity”.

#### An evocative idea, that conjures up the image of a land of crossing paths.

Geographically, here, the Alps and the Balkans merge to plunge into the Adriatic. To blend the great cultures, the Slavic, the German, the Latin. That unique mix gives the following incentive:

Friuli Venezia Giulia must become the reference point for integration, cultural and tourist exchange, goods, services and knowledge between the Western part of Europe, the Centre and South. Its geopolitical location will enhance the diversity of ethnic groups, languages, cultures, professions and traditions.

#### Quality of life and safety are the jewels of the XXI century:

Sparsely populated, eminently green non-urban areas with cultivated fields, parks, forests, lagoons. The harmony of nature reigns unchallenged. The harmony of diversity.

#### IN THE ERA OF KNOWLEDGE...

Will be a model of political, social, economic integration, the international reference for applied scientific research giving rise to innovative business, thus contributing to wealthness and life quality for everyone.

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Trieste, a view of Piazza Unità from the sea



### **“The teaching of citizenship”**

A project carried out by Friuli Venezia Giulia

Autonomous Region and Europe Human Resources in collaboration with secondary school students of the Region to draw up a shared glossary of key-words, proposed during the discussion and to the relative definitions suggested by each school with regard to the Charter of fundamental rights and other subjects related to EU.

The aim of the project: a direct involvement in the building of Europe of students as well as a development of their active citizenship.

The actions coordinated by Europe Human Resources in the school year 2005/2006 can be summarised in the following stages:

#### **1. Preliminary information to secondary schools:**

Carrying out in secondary schools of an “information-plan” on Europe and the values it is based on, through:

distribution of publications and computer products explaining the topics of European and inter – cultural integration, which will guide the awareness of the transition from a local territory to an enlarged European space, characterized by cultural diversity;

short meeting to check the students’ interest and willingness to discover different neighbouring cultural realities;

on-line visits as information and orientation instruments.

#### **2. Reflection workshops in 14 selected secondary schools of the Provinces of Trieste, Udine, Pordenone and Gorizia:**

Reflection workshops during school time and after school, gathering impression, information and significant opinions , about different aspects of European Union, also thanks to videoconferences with regional and European institutions.

#### **3. Final paper regarding the key- word definitions given by the students:**

The main objective is to document the reflections emerged from the confrontation within the schools, drawing a final paper of the project, containing a “résumé” of the keywords given by the students and other definitions. This “paper/glossary” was published in may 2006 with the coordination of the production by Europe Direct Trieste.

To make the implementation stage of the European integration project of the Regional Directorate for International and European relations and Local Bodies, visible via the internet to the informative, formative and school and professional orientation network of the regional territory.

This publication is only a part of a series of initiatives, which are to be included, during this year, in the broader context of the implementation of Plan-D by Regional Administration of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region.

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