The project aimed to strengthen in the students the sense of belonging to their community and contributed to the construction of pupil’s personal identity - through the research of their "roots" in their territory. It looked at children of school of childhood, primary and secondary 1st grade school with the aim of:

- Safeguard the elements and expressions of Intangible "local" Cultural Heritage;
- Appreciate the artistic and cultural history of Calabria;
- Awareness of their worth as vital components of traditional cultures.

The project was carried out from December to May, during school hours and extracurricular times, and involved 20 classes. The project was conducted in an interdisciplinary way by: study of local history, researching local traditions, customs, social practices, rituals events and festivities; knowing traditional crafts, musical traditions and folklore; guided tours and educational trips; searching oral traditions and expressions (including language as a vehicle of intangible cultural heritage).

The subjects covered were as follows:

- the dialect (sayings, proverbs, stories, tales ..)
- theater in the vernacular
- games of popular tradition
- music, songs and folk dances
- festivities and religious rites
- research and guided tours of places
- local art and crafts (the know-how, the tools, objects, artifacts, gastronomy)
- "symbol".

In this way the students have learned to know better their territory, reinforcing the sense of social identity and their belonging to the same territory, realizing the importance and the characteristics of belonging to a group and learning to compare customs and traditions of their territory with the "other" cultures today in our country. There were fittings with Institute projects such as: E-Twinning INDIRE, Education affectivity, Environmental Education and health, Guided tours and educational trips.

Project partners were:

- Department of Education of the City of Catanzaro (which ensured the transport of pupils in the city area);
- Foundation PATRIZO PAOLETTI of ROME (route to be carried out only with the I A Lampasi-Todaro the module "I’ll tell you the place");
- Garden Club La Zagara and State Forestry, Cultural Associations "Catanzaro is my city " and "Mirabilia";
- Foreign schools (Canary Islands, Germany and Romania).
The methodological-didactic, was multidisciplinary and cross-curricular disciplines. The activities were carried out in different ways: Lectures, Workshops, Workshop activities, Educational trips, Meetings with external experts. The methodology was that of cooperative learning, starting from the cooperation between pupils, promoting the development of educational goals of cooperation, solidarity, responsibility, and relationships with others, also known to be effective to enhance the quality of learning. This gave centrality to the class group, while teachers managed and organized learning experiences conducted by the students themselves, which controlled their tasks process.

Verification was carried out during the course in an informal way through various tools (questionnaires, tests, written reports, oral presentations of content, text or audio-visual multimedia, simulation activities, participation in initiatives in the area). Students rebuilt with enthusiasm the history of their land enhanced their historical "roots" and their cultural traditions. In particular the students at the end of the trail: have gained a greater awareness of the different vital dimensions of their country, with their own historical and cultural traditions; developed their identity, their autonomy and new skills; transferred the acquired skills in all fields of experiences along the way.

A form of verification is the "final product" – a photographic and digital dossier - which aims to document the most significant phases of the proposed itinerary through the most emblematic works produced by the classes concerned. The experiences of the project will also be advertised on the school website.

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