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Application form “AEBR-Cross Border Award” 2006

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Title: “The teaching of the citizenship”

1. General information

1.1 Applicant border / cross-border region:

Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Slovenia, Carinthia, Region of Veneto

1.2 Project initiator:

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1.3 Partners:

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1.4 Title of the measure [project(s), activity/activities, programme(s)]:

Regional Law No. 6, dated January 31st, 1989, “Norms to promote European integration process and to favour the implementation of EU programmes; Financing of initiatives of the institutions and the associations of the FVG”.

1.5 Period

School years 2005/2006 – 2006/2007.

1.6 Links to other projects, measures and/or programmes (only if given):

The Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia has gained a significant experience in working on cross-border and transnational cooperation activities, namely in the framework of the INTERREG cooperation. Since the beginning, the Region was actively and proficiently involved on the programming and the implementation of the INTERREG I and INTERREG II. Finally, it became Managing and Paying Authority for the program INTERREG IIIA Italia/Slovenia. Most recently, Friuli Venezia Giulia is participating to the coordination of the programs INTERREG IIIC and INTERACT.

Along with managing and coordinating roles, the Region has participated and is participating to numerous and various projects of cross-border cooperation both as a leading and also as participating partner.

The Region considers “The teaching of the citizenship” as a *spin off* of INTERREG III projects between schools and strictly linked to the 28 projects running along and across our borders (11 related to Italy/Slovenia and 16 to Italy/Austria).

2. Contents

2.1 Objectives of the measure [project(s), activity/activities, programme(s)]:

A project carried out by Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region and Europe Human Resources in collaboration with secondary students of the regional schools 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 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 student’s 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 with students from Slovenia and Carinthia, 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; and presented to the schools the 9.th of May, Europe's Day.

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 the Regional Administration of Friuli Venezia Giulia Region.

2.2 (Actual) Implementation of the measure [project(s), activity/activities, programme(s)]:

The plan has been presented at CoR (Committee of Regions) in Bruxelles, on last June during the Forum about european media and Plan D. In autumn, the results of the initiative will be produced in slovenian and german languages and distributed and discussed in the high schools of the border area Italy/Slovenja and Itay/Austria.

2.3 Specific cross-border effects:

The aim of the project was a direct involvement in the building of Europe of students as well as a development of their active citizenship in both border areas.

3. Contribution of the measure to:

3.1 The EU's Plan D – Communicating Europe – going local:

Yes x No

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.

3.2 The general added value of cross-border co-operation:

- European	x	- economic	<input type="checkbox"/>
- political	<input type="checkbox"/>	- socio-cultural	x
- institutional	x		

4. Further annexes yes x no

Which ones?

- a) Short description of the project contents (in English)
- b) Specific comments with regard to 3.1 (in English)
- c) Specific comments with regard to 3.2 (in English)
- d) List of projects INTERREG III between schools Italy/Slovenja and Italy/Austria
- e) List of projects INTERREG III between schools Italy/Slovenja and Italy/Austria
- f) Book "Gli studenti del Friuli Venezia Giulia incontrano l'Unione europea": cover
- g) Book "Gli studenti del Friuli Venezia Giulia incontrano l'Unione europea": introduction (in English)

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