

SMILE - Sharing Messina Ideal a Lesson for all Europe



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6 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved **27** citizens, of which 26 participants from France and 1 participant from Italy.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Bazoches-sur-Guyonne** (the home of Jean Monnet), and in **Tremblay**, in France (Paris area), on **07/05/2015** and on **26/05/2015**.

Short description: The event was devoted to a training and workshop session, dedicated to stages and values of European integration process, aimed at encouraging the participation of young school students in the competition entitled "60 ans après Messine: donner un nouvel élan à L'Europe" reserved for French schools. The contest was later completed by an award ceremony dedicated to French resident participants, particularly students from the school Licee des metiers – "Helene Boucher".

Event 2

Participation: The event involved **109** citizens, of which 107 participants from Italy, 1 from Germany and 1 from Romania.

Location/ Dates: The event took place at the Royal Palace of **Caserta** (Italy), on **08/05/2015**.

Short description: The event was dedicated to a reflection, in view of the Europe day, on European history, actualities and values, introduced by experts and local administrators. It was also devoted to the awarding of Italian schools students, winning the competition "60 anni dopo Messina, dare nuovo slancio all'Europa".

Event 3

Participation: The event involved **106** citizens, of which 102 participants from Germany, 2 from Italy, 1 from France and 1 from Poland.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Berlin** (Akademie der Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung), on **09/05/2015**.

Short description: The event was dedicated to: the celebrations for the Europe day 2016; a reflection on EU's values and future; the presentation of objectives and contents of SMILE project. It also held the solemn award ceremony for the German schools competition "60 Jahre nach Messina: Ein neuer Aufschwung für Europa", interspersed by musical interludes and political representatives interventions.

Event 4

Participation: The event involved **29** citizens, of which 8 participants from Luxembourg, 11 from France, 3 from Poland, 3 from Belgium, 3 from Finland and 1 from Greece.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Luxembourg** (Nouveau Centre de Congrès du Kirchberg), on **19/05/2015**.

Short description: The event was dedicated to the implementation of an historical and laboratorial training experience for young students of local schools. They were requested to realize a product for the competition "60 ans après Messine: donner un nouvel élan à L'Europe", addressed to young residents in Benelux countries. Later the awarding of the most deserving works.

Event 5

Participation: The event involved **183** citizens, of which 152 Italian and 32 from other EU countries (14 from Germany, 7 from France, 3 from Luxembourg, 3 from Spain, 1 from Greece, 1 from Poland, 1 from Finland, 1 from UK and 1 from Netherlands).

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Messina** (Palacultura), Italy, on **05/06/2015**.

Short description: The event was dedicated to the solemn celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Messina Conference, in the places where it was held. It consisted of various conference activities (ranged from the historical study, developed by international experts, to the debates on the future of Europe, with broad involvement of young people), award ceremonies and presentations of the winning works in the different partner countries. It was also presented for the first time the exhibition “Sicilia in Europa, l’Europa in Sicilia”, realized by EU in cooperation with CIME. Much attention has been transversely devoted to the topic of the new Mediterranean challenge to the European integration project. Project partners have also been involved in several friendly gatherings. The program of celebrations has been completed by the interventions of institutional figures from Europe and southern Mediterranean shore. At the end of celebrations, participants approved a new “Messina’s Appeal”.

Event 6

Participation: The event involved **69** EU citizens, of which 32 from Italy, 10 from Belgium, 6 from France, 5 from Germany, 3 from Spain, 3 from Greece, 3 from UK, 2 from Luxembourg, 1 from Denmark, 1 from Poland, 1 from Malta, 1 from Austria and 1 from Bulgaria.

Location/ Dates: The event took place in **Brussels** (CESE – Jacques Delors Building), Belgium, on **14/03/2016**.

Short description: The event was devoted to the presentation and final evaluation of project SMILE activities at European institutional level, and to a round-table discussion on how the celebrations of Messina Conference could generating some important insights and lessons to prepare for the celebration of the 60th anniversary of Rome Treaties.