

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPETITION

"ACT CHANGE - Adapting to Climate Change in Time"

Foreword

The "Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities", with the contribution of the European Community (LIFE+ Programme), promotes an international competition reserved for students of secondary high schools for the creation of a Multimedia **CD-ROM or DVD** on the topic:

The Climate Change

Perception and understanding of the phenomenon
Awareness of consequences and perspectives
Proposals and adaptation strategies

The competition aims at raising public awareness on issues related to climate change produced by pollution and wild exploitation of resources of the earth, so that any citizen could put pressure on their governments to force them to promote appropriate policies to address the serious impact on the environment and find a remedy for it before too late. The competition is reserved for all educational institutions of higher education of the project partner cities, namely the Municipality of Bullas (Spain) and the member Municipalities of the "Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities" of Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania and Greece.

The theme of the Competition

In front of the phenomena caused by climate change - often with catastrophic consequences due to changes in the rainfall regime, the succession of long periods of drought, the increase in global temperature, the geological upheaval, etc. - the process of Adaptation along with the Mitigation strategies of the effects, represent two different and complementary types of actions which are to be taken to cope with the impacts caused in the territories and the urban layouts.

To avoid the devastating impacts, difficult to manage, and above all to govern the inevitable effects that **unfortunately now** recur with some regularity, it becomes necessary to increase the resistance of the natural system, people's security, the safeguarding of the economic, social and productive system of each community, that is the possibility of increasing the adaptability of the urban and anthropological system to current and future impacts caused by climate change.

At the local level, the management of the impacts of climate change requires the definition of an increasingly integrated approach that takes account of the human environment as a whole, the mobility, the urban layout, from the fabric of society to the historical, cultural and landscape patrimony (protection of biodiversity, reduction of the risk of landslides, landslips and flooding, river course layouts and coastal erosion, land consumption, protection of sites), providing control, monitoring and above all prevention.

Create a "Multimedia CD Rom or DVD"

The competition consists of creating a "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" (Power Point or Video) of 5 minutes maximum time limit. The "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" will be submitted by:

- the class as a whole;
- a group of learners from one class;
- a group of learners belonging to different classes of the same school.

Each group may avail itself of the coordination and the collaboration of teachers. We must emphasize the importance of teamwork, shared, the very result of a deeper insight and a close analysis of the subject matter.

Regulations

1. A competition is announced, called "**ACT CHANGE - Adapting to Climate Change in Time**", which consists in the creation of a "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" on the theme described in the introduction.
2. The competition is addressed to groups of learners, classes or schools of higher education of the cities which are involved in the project "ACT LIFE+" and are members of the "Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities" of the following countries: Spain (Municipality of Bullas), Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania and Greece. Please. note that due to the diversity of these Countries' educational systems, the competition is restricted to students aged 14 to 18.
3. Technical characteristics of the "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD":
Video formats allowed
The allowed video formats are: AVI, QuickTime, MPEG 1, 2 or 4, Power Point.
Duration of the video
From 60 seconds up to a maximum of 300 seconds.
4. Every "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" must be associated with a brief written description (maximum 20 lines) in the author's national language and in English.
5. Admission to the competition is free.
6. The creations must be accompanied by:
 - name, address, telephone, fax, e-mail address of the school;
 - list of the learners / authors of the "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD", including dates of birth, class and section attended;
 - names and surnames of the teachers who coordinated the work and the subjects they teach;
 - Name and surname of the head of the school;
 - permission to use the "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" for the project and for the different activities to be carried out with the "LIFE+" programme (the permission is to be signed by the teacher who coordinated the work or by the school head)
7. Delivery mode: each school is expected to collect the creations and submit them by ordinary mail to the following address:
Comune di Ancona - Forum delle Città dell'Adriatico e dello Ionio, Progetto "ACT LIFE08 ENV/IT/000436", Largo XXIV Maggio, 1 - 60100 ANCONA, ITALY.
8. All the creations must be received **by March 31st, 2012**, the date of the postmark being the proof.

9. By sending the work, the school ensures that the creation is original and relieves the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Cities of any responsibility towards any third party who, for whatever reason, had to demur at the uses provided for by law.
10. A specific Commission of 3 experts appointed by the "Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities" (including an expert on communications, a teacher, an expert on environmental issues) will choose the winners. The Commission will examine the compliance of the projects with the conditions of the competition regulations and, at its sole discretion, will announce the winning "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" and will mention two further noteworthy projects.
11. The Commission will evaluate each individual work by using marks ranging from 1 to 5 and taking into account the following parameters:
 - ideation and creativity;
 - communication skill;
 - collegiality and involvement of more students;
 - scientific coherence.
12. All the material produced by the schools and submitted can be shown in websites or arranged for an exhibition or publication.
13. The winning project will become the exclusive property of the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities, which buys all rights to use it and reproduce it, record it, store it, publish it, without any limit of space and time, by any means of reproduction, even not known today, the author of the project waiving any right to his work of genius, except to his moral rights, as provided by law. The author agrees not to make other uses of the creation submitted for the competition. Any change will be needed for its use will not be agreed on with the project author.
14. The competition promoters accept no responsibility whatsoever for the projects submitted to it. Participation in the competition implies the unconditional acceptance of all the rules contained in the present announcement, and all those determined by the laws and regulations in force.

Awards

- ✓ 1st prize (winner): supply of hardware and software for a value equivalent to 5.000 Euros;
- ✓ 2nd prize: supply of books on the competition theme for a value equivalent to 300 Euros;
- ✓ 3rd prize: supply of books on the competition theme for a value equivalent to 150 Euros.

The winning "Multimedia CD-ROM or DVD" will be screened during the closing session of the ACT LIFE+ project.

For any further information:

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