

**Strategic Partnerships
Key Action 2
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Dreams – Fostering Diversity in Primary to Secondary School Transition to Prevent Early
School Leaving**

2nd Partnership Meeting
9 March 2020
Joint Staff Training
10-13 March 2020
Palermo (Italy)
Practical Details and General Information

Sicily

Sicily is the largest of the 20 regions of Italy (area of almost 26,000 km²) and one of the most densely populated (5,043,480 people). It is also the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea and with surrounding minor islands, it constitutes an autonomous region of Italy, the “Regione Sicilia”. Host to the Mount Etna (3,320 mt) – the tallest active volcano in Europe, it has been hosted to numerous dominations throughout its history.

Its economy is mainly based on the agricultural sector, as well as on third-sector activities such as services and tourism. The region is still one of the four convergence regions in Italy. Mafia still plays a negative role especially on the island’s economy although it is much weaker now than in the past, also thanks to civil society initiatives such as “[Addio Pizzo](#)” [Racket Goodbye].

For further info on Sicily: http://www.regione.sicilia.it/turismo/web_turismo/.



Figure 1. Provinces of Sicily

Palermo

Palermo originally means “all-open-harbour”. It is the capital of Sicily and with its metropolitan area it is the fifth most populated city in Italy with around 1.2 million people. Palermo is Sicily’s cultural, economic

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and touristic capital. It is a city rich in history, culture and art, which can be defined as a mosaic of cultures (Phoenician, Norman, Arab, Greek, French, Spanish historic and architectural traditions).

For further info on Palermo:

http://www.palermotourism.com/datas/Operatori/Download/opuscoli/file/Mich_ENG_b.pdf

eVenue

The meeting venue will be at our premises, which are found in the city centre of Palermo, close to the Central Railway Station:

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**[Where we are \(Google Maps\)](#)*

Which airport(s) to fly to

- ✓ **Palermo Falcone and Borsellino Airport:** it is the closest airport to Palermo (see section hereunder).
- ✓ **Trapani “Birgi” Airport:** A shuttle bus links this airport to Palermo’s city centre every 2/3 hrs for a journey of around 1h45: <https://autoservizisalemi.it/tratte/aeroporto-trapani-birgi/>, ticket price: € 11.
- ✓ **Catania Fontanarossa Airport:** a shuttle bus links this airport to Palermo every 1h30/2h for a journey of around 2h30: <http://www.saisautolinee.it/>, ticket price: € 14.

How to get from the Palermo airport to the CESIE

By bus:

Exit the arrivals terminal of the airport and walk 100m on your right-hand side, up to the “**Prestia e Comandé**” bus stop. Buses depart every **half an hour** to Palermo (last departure at 24.00) and take approximately 50 minutes to arrive to the city centre of Palermo. The closest bus stop to the suggested hotels (see further down) is the last one at the **Central Railway Station of Palermo** (Piazza Giulio Cesare/Stazione Centrale). Ticket price: € 6.30. Tickets can be purchased directly at the Kiosk in front of the bus stop at the airport or booked online.

More information available here: <http://www.prestiaecomande.it/>.

By train:

The train station is under the arrivals of the airport, one floor down. The trains leave roughly twice an hour and take 60 mins (Punta Raisi – Palermo Stazione Centrale): <https://www.trenitalia.com/>. The ticket costs € 5,80. You need to get off at the Stazione Centrale stop, the last one – and you are in Piazza

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Giulio Cesare, close to CESIE. **Anyway, take the bus “Prestia e Comandé” is the best option as the train can be quite long.**

By taxi:

The taxi is **around € 45**. Standard fees were agreed between taxi companies and the Municipality.

Taxi sharing:

Shared taxi costs €7 per person. When you exit the arrivals, walk to the right-hand side and if available you will find a taxi with a yellow sign “Taxi sharing”. Be sure to take the service offered by “Taxi sharing” and not a common taxi that would be more expensive, around € 45.

“Taxi sharing” could drop you off directly at your hotel if it is on the way. Ask them for this option! Pay attention because taxi sharing could not accept payment by credit card.

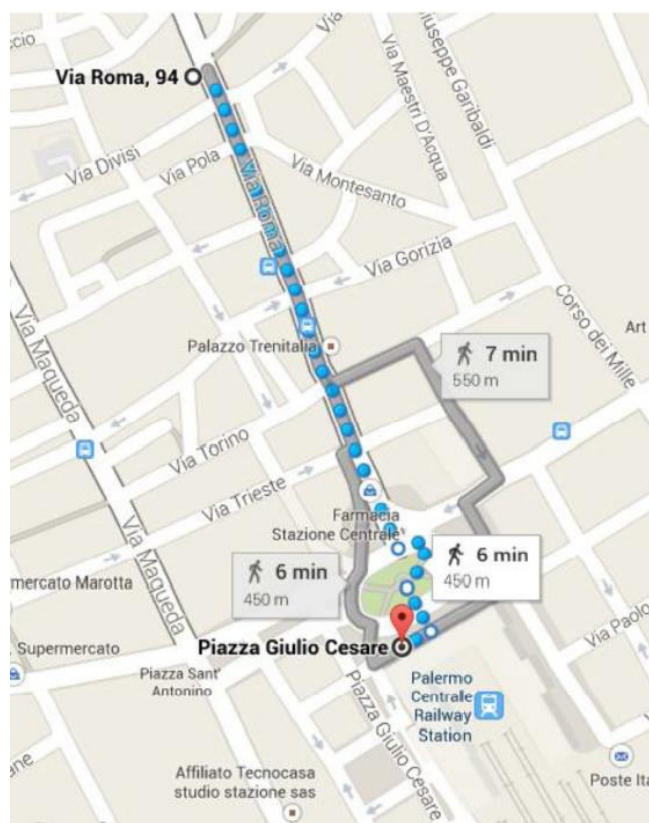


Figure 2. From central station to CESIE

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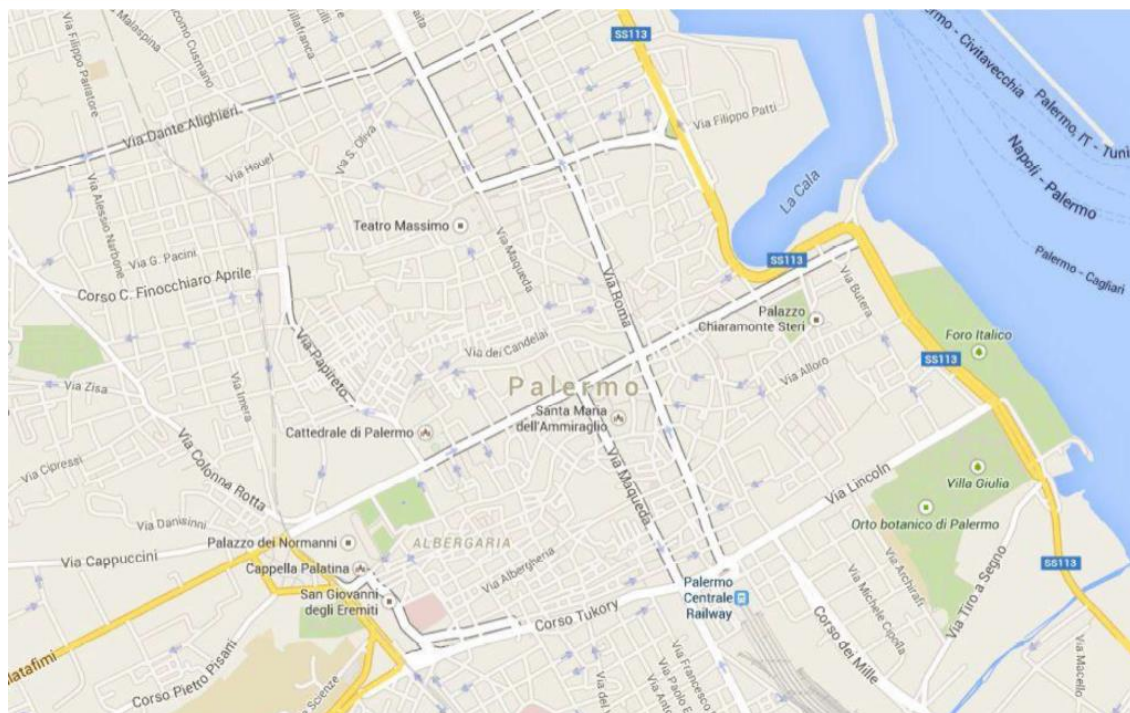


Figure 3. Palermo city centre

Accommodation:

We recommend the following hotels for you to book:

[Ambasciatori Hotel](#) [Single € 55/70 – Double € 80/100]

[Hotel Quinto Canto](#) [Single € 100 – Double € 115]

[Hotel Posta](#) [Single € 70 - Double € 80]

[Hotel Cortese](#) [Single € 25 - Double € 40]

[Hotel NH Palermo](#) [Single from € 95]

[B&B Teatro Santa Cecilia](#) [Single € 25/30 – Double € 50/60]

[Hotel del Centro](#) [Single € 40 - Double € 44,00]

Other suggestions:

<https://abnb.me/acaCuAr62X>

<https://abnb.me/m4PKTFs62X>

<https://www.hotel-bb.com/it/hotel/palermo-quattro-canti>

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Do you want to visit any monuments in Palermo?
Here are some suggestions!

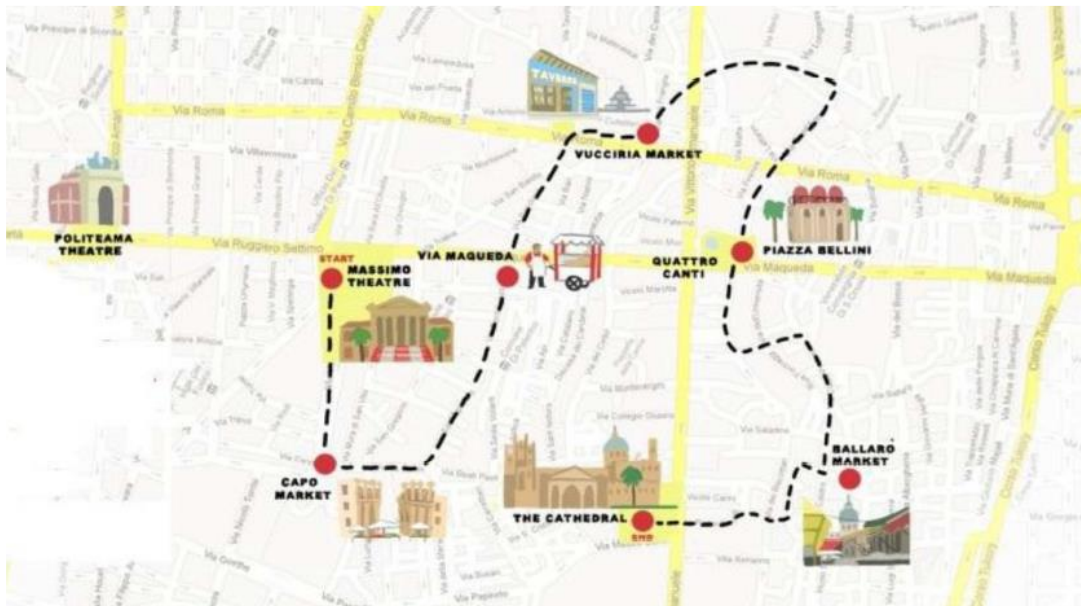


Figure 4. Historical sights in Palermo

Politeama theatre: an example of neoclassical architecture, this beautiful and imposing theater is the work of Giuseppe Damiani Almeyda. It was inaugurated on June 7th, 1874. The Politeama presents a grand entrance under a monumental triumphal arch with Mario Rutelli's Quadriga bronze of Apollo, representing the "Triumph of Apollo and Euterpe" at the top, next to a pair of Benedetto Civiletti's bronze horses and cavaliers representing the "Olympic Games".



Massimo theatre: Palermo's Teatro Massimo "Vittorio Emanuele" is not only the largest theatre in Italy, but also one of the largest in Europe. This imposing structure with its neoclassical exterior, stands on the site of a church and a monastery, demolished at the end of the 1800's to make way for the building of the theatre.

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Vucciria, Ballarò and Capo Street Markets: they are three of the oldest food markets in Palermo. Sicily's outdoor market tradition dates from the ninth-century Saracen rule of the island, which explains their striking similarity to Arab souqs. Even some of their names are Arabic in origin. Nowadays, the market's Arabic roots are still evident and it is well worth a detour if not a specific visit in the morning when the level of hustle and bustle is at its highest. It concentrates mainly on the sale of food and the fish stalls are of particular renown.



The Cathedral: Palermo's cathedral, is situated just down Corso Vittorio Emanuele. As an architectural complex, it is characterized by the presence of different styles, due to a long history of additions, alterations and restorations, the last of which occurred in the 18th century. The remarkable exterior is a must-see, while the interior is rather plain in comparison. Emperor Frederick II, "Stupor Mundi" is buried here.

Quattro Canti: the "Quattro Canti" is the junction in Palermo. Effectively, it is the centre point of the four areas of the old town centre. You will almost inevitably pass through it and it is worth stopping for five minutes to have a look at its sculptures which were commissioned by the Spanish Viceroy in 1611. The sculptures on each of the four corners depict a variety of themes, including the four seasons, four Spanish kings and the four patron saints of the old town areas.



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Looking forward to welcoming you in Palermo, CESIE is waiting for you!
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