

Klassenrat Italy

In the Secondary School our Department of Education gives the students the possibility to devote 2 hours a month in each class to the discussion of problems linked to the students' school life.

Our school hosts foreign students and migrants because of its specificity and location, being a Catering Secondary School and being close to a big refugees camp, and these monthly meetings offer the opportunity to integrate into the class group and the school community all the students with poor cultural background, language difficulties, disadvantages of all kind.

After the approval of the ERASMUS + project M.E.S.A.S. we have organized a general assembly with all the students attending our school to explain the aims of the project and to show the activities planned in the application. The Italian Coordinator has underlined the importance of the Klassenrat to be considered as a moment not only of discussion but also of integration.

At the end of the school year the coordinator has read some reports written by students and has emerged that the relationships in the class have improved; the foreign students have spoken about their bad life experience and this has contributed to a wider acceptance of them by their schoolmates. Some preconceptions have been exceeded and there is much more cooperation in all the class activity among the students.

The students' evaluation of the Klassenrat has been extremely positive.