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TWINNING FOR PEACE PROJECT

Four Municipalities in four different European countries discussing crucial issue for the future of the continent

By Twinning Committee of Colle Umberto Municipality

How much important is the North - South Axis for European Union in order to ensure a peaceful and prosperous future to the European continent? Migration, cooperation, conflicts, terrorism: all these themes are actually on the top of the Agenda of most of the European Leaders. **Twinning for Peace project, funded by the European Union under the Europe for Citizens Programme (Town Twinning)**, intends to discuss about this crucial issue in the framework of a long lasting cooperation among 3 different European Municipalities (Colle Umberto in Italy, La Balme de Sillingy in France and St. Lawrenz in Malta), with the perspective of the new friends of Buje (Croatia). **From the 5th to the 9th of December 2015**, Colle Umberto Municipality will host a 5-days twinning experience composed by the Celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Twinning between the Italian municipality and St. Lawrenz, a conference with international experts focused on "how to improve the cooperation among EU and the southern borders in order to avoid conflicts, in the light of the Great War experience" and 2 days of study visits in the most famous "memories" of the First World War in Dolomites.

More than 120 international guests are expected to join the event. The communication and dissemination of the whole project is on "young's hands": a communication team, composed by local young citizens of the 4 municipalities involved, had been created and is actually working hard to disseminate the project aims and results. So, save the date!!



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A picture from the twinning experience in San Lawrenz (Malta) | August 2015

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STORY OF THE TWINNING COMMITTEE OF COLLE UMBERTO

30 – years experience in twinning activities since 1980

By Colle Umberto's young communication team

The project "Twinning for Peace" is an initiative of the Twinning Association Colle Umberto, an association **founded on 13rd March 1995**, after a long period of cultural exchange between the communities of Colle Umberto and **Le Balme De Sillingy** (Haute Savoie, France).

The first visits were in 1980 and 1982, with the purpose to meet different realities and to start new exchange programs between the two towns, addressed especially to the young. That was a value for students for the knowledge of French language, usually studied during secondary and high schools.

After the ceremony for the tenth anniversary of the twinning and after the signature of the Protocol, the multifunctional centre of the secondary school "Tiziano Vecellio" in Colle Umberto was entitled "Le Balme De Sillingy".

In 2005 the municipality of Colle Umberto signed the Protocol of twinning with the municipality of **San Lawrenz (Gozo, Malta)**. The aim of this Protocol is to involve all citizens in terms of culture, environment, economy and sport.



Two «symbolic» pictures of the history of the twinning in Colle Umberto

Twinning for Peace project is also the occasion to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the twinning experience with San Lawrenz and the best way to do that is inviting a **new municipality (Buje, Croatia)** to join the event.





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THE MUNICIPALITY OF COLLE UMBERTO

A little but welcoming town located between Venice & Dolomites

By Colle Umberto's young communication team

Someone, somewhere, says:

"One dream, one soul, one prize, one goal, one golden glance, of what should be, it's a kind of magic, one shaft of light that shows the way".



Twinning for peace probably is the beginning, and at the same time the continuation, of the European Union. What is the main reason of that friendship? They have different religions, languages, ways of thinking, and many more things, but one is the fact: we never, in the history, have seen such a long period of peace in Europe, and now the new generation must maintain and improve the collaboration and the tolerance between nations. In 2015 we want to give our little contribution on that, with a small but important project involving four town from four different countries: Colle Umberto (IT), San Lawrenz (MT), Le Balme (FR) and Buje (HR). In this brief (but we hope useful) newsletter we want to tell about our town, hosting other people in December 2015: it is *a sunny and pretty little town on the first hill we found arriving from Venice*. **Colle Umberto** is the union of several old rural districts. In the last 30 years, thanks to a good geographical position and the fast growing population, it becomes an animated town. Colle Umberto municipality host an old Abbey (San Pietro in Colle), a castle and some Venetian villas (Villa – Castello Lucheschi) and the international Festival of Street / Figure Theatre dedicated to Fausto Braga. Colle Umberto is also the home town of Ottavio Bottecchia, a very famous cyclist.



Colle Umberto: international puppet's fair



Colle Umberto: landscape

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Colle Umberto (IT)

St Lawrenz (MT)

La Balme de S. (FR)

Buje (HR)