

The ISTITUTO COMPRENSIVO CESAREO-SALGARI, is located in Palermo the capital city of Sicily in the south of Italy. It is 35 km far from the Falcone-Borsellino international airport with a network of public transport (buses and train) as well as private transports (transfers, taxis). Our school has been an integral part of the local community for 50 years with 1400 students and offers traditional education as well as intensive music classes. We believe our school is a place of warmth, friendship, and collaboration. Our dedicated team of staff members, including both teachers and administrators, is committed to helping every student reach their full potential.

Our main goals:

- Encourage students to use a variety of strategies to solve problems and communicate their ideas, especially in real-life contexts. We strive to improve our students' knowledge and inspire them to be curious and open-minded about learning and exploring other cultures. Respect for cultural diversity is a core value, while also emphasizing the importance of appreciating and preserving their own language and culture.
- Enhance school inclusion and the right to education for students with special educational needs through individualized and personalized pathways, also with the support and collaboration of local social-health and educational services;
- Enhance the school as an active community, open to the local area and capable of developing and increasing interaction with families and the local community.

2 CHARACTERIZATION

The ICS Cesareo-Salgari is composed of 4 schools;

- 2 Nursery school with 200 children (aged 3 to 5)
- 1 Primary school with 645 pupils (aged 6 to 10)
- 1 Lower secondary school with 552 pupils aged (11 to 13)

The teaching staff of the school cluster consists of 198 teachers including:

- 14 early childhood educators
- 45 support teachers
- 20 communications assistant

Our school develops projects of various types: Arts, Music, Italian, Maths ,Science, Foreign languages certifications (Cambridge, DELF, DELE) Legality, Environment, Inclusion, School orchestra and Choir, School sports.

2. OUR PARTICIPACION IN ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

In the 2024/2025 school year we applied for our first Erasmus + project “**Nuove opportunità per nuove abilità**” (published on <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/project>) to give our school the opportunity to open up to the European dimension and to experience the benefits of mobility activities for learners and staff, in order to expand and improve the educational offer, linguistic and digital skills and broaden the use and dissemination of good educational practices and innovative and stimulating teaching methodologies for all.

Thanks to the implementation of this Erasmus+ project, we want to achieve the following objectives:

1. Improve the language skills of the entire school community.
2. Enhance the digital skills of teachers, students and ATA staff.
3. Strengthen cultural identity and the sense of belonging to the EU, encouraging multicultural comparison and the exchange of good practices.
4. Experiment with innovative teaching methodologies, such as experiential, collaborative, personalized learning and teaching.

The project foresees **15 teachers mobilities and 15 students mobilities:**

COURSE AND TRAINING

COURS-01 – Germany (2 teachers)

COURS-02 – Finlandia (3 teachers)

COURS-03 – Spagna (2 teachers)

COURS-04 – Francia (3 teachers)

JOB SHADOWING

JOBSH-01 – Romania (3 teachers)

JOBSH-02 – Finlandia (2 teachers)

This multidisciplinary group of teachers with experience in differentiated instruction, diversity and innovative methodologies aims to learn, share and co-develop inclusive and collaborative practices with European partners

STUDENTS MOBILITY of the 2nd and 3rd classes of Lower Secondary School

01 – Spain (5 students)

02 – Ireland (5 students)

03 France (5 students)

Our commitment

The ICS Cesareo-Salgari is committed to: collaborating with European schools; sharing expertise and innovative practices; hosting international teachers and students; promoting inclusive, equitable and high-quality education.

We aim to build meaningful partnerships that benefit all participants and contribute to the development of a more inclusive European educational community.

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