

Media education and citizenship teaching in our education systems
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<p><u>ME * in the education systems</u></p> <p>(MS=media education)</p>	<p>The Italian education system is in the throes of reform.</p> <p><u>ME</u> is explicitly mentioned in the new secondary school programmes as part of "citizenship education", based on cross-disciplinary activities freely organised within the institution with no specific guidelines. In primary education: both fixed and moving "image education" has been included in the programmes since 1986.</p> <p>Pupils who leave the Italian education system should know how to use the Internet and how to decode the information transmitted by multimedia. However, nothing is specified at curriculum or discipline level.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of Clemi by the Ministry of Education in 1983 • All media forms are included • Cross-discipline teaching with voluntary teachers <p><u>Decree</u> put forward by G de Robien, Minister for Education (recently signed). Media education (ME) appears under the heading, "social and civic skills" and in the "required core knowledge and skills" <i>"to be media literate and to be aware of the role of the media and its influence on society"</i>.</p>	<p><u>ME</u> does not appear in the curricula but the Ministry recommends integrating it as a "non-obligatory cross-discipline component". There is no plan to organise ME as a discipline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IIE: The Ministry of Education Institute for Educational Innovation developed ME in collaboration with the teachers (this centre no longer exists) - the 'Open University' of Lisbon - the 'Education and Media' association - school video competitions and other media projects are often organized within the framework of 'civic education' (CE). CE forms part of the official curriculum (45 or 90 mn/week depending on the age group). In primary education, teachers organise the input and debates, in secondary education the head teacher deals with this area
<p><u>School/Media Partnerships</u></p>	<p>RAI/TV: agreements with some schools.</p>	<p>Cleml/Fr.Télévision, Cleml/Arte agreements Press and the media week in schools (since 1989)</p> <p>Partnerships with regional press:</p> <p>Websites:</p> <p>www.presse-ecole.com (le Télégramme)</p> <p>www.ouestfrance-ecole.com (West France)</p> <p>Varenne Foundation Etc.</p>	<p>Various teaching supports include: "Público Na escola" (since 1991), media week in schools, launched by the Público daily newspaper.</p>

<u>Citizenship Education</u>	Cross-discipline activity freely organised by each institution. This falls within the framework of the wider "educazione alla convivenza civile".	Civic education in History-Geography lessons in secondary school (11-15 year olds) 'ECJS': civic law and social education in secondary school (15-18 year olds) + occasional operations in different institutions	
<u>European Studies</u>	Interdisciplinary projects in certain schools but nothing organised by the central institutions.	European and international sections (2002) in certain colleges "Abibac": French baccalauréat + German Abitur in 25 French secondary schools twinned with German secondary schools, after-school activities, 'European clubs', twinning, European Comenius projects, Spring Day in Europe and other specific operations launched by the teachers...	
<u>Project presented</u>	Comenius 1 between a school in Pavia and a school in Villeneuve d'Asq (cf. Pavia-Villeneuve project in 2005). NB: 1998, law on the autonomy of school institutions in Italy (financial and educational). Our project, which envisages a convention signed between the school inspectorate and the university of Pavia, is particularly innovative in that it is linked to a provincial ME teacher training project, supported by the inspectorate, the local council and the university.	fax! , the online international junior magazine: issues of fax! and cyberfax! organised with the Clemi and largely devoted to Europe ("Europe is us!", "Let's talk about Europe" etc) www.clemi.org/fax/calcyberfax.htm .	In a secondary school (11-15 years) on the outskirts of Lisbon, the pupils studied the way the media dealt with the presidential elections in Portugal in the European newspapers. The project was called: "Europe and us".