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THE PATHWAYS FOR TRANSVERSAL COMPETENCES AND ORIENTATION “PCTO”

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INTRODUCTION

The Barcelona Convention emphasizes the importance of training and educational programs;

The Mediterranean Action Plan of the UN Environment Program (UNEP/MAP) has released the “Young Person’s Guide to the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention” aimed at ocean literacy practitioners, educators and young readers aged 11-17 (2022);

UNEP/MAP invites also to promote the use of the document among educators during extra-curricular activities to raising awareness of the UNEP/ MAP-Barcelona Convention system’s mandate and objectives for healthy marine and costal ecosystems that underpin sustainability and resilience in the Mediterranean region.



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UNEP/MAP's INFO/RAC Regional Activity Centre has participated in an initiative within the framework of "The Pathways for Transversal Competences and Orientation - PCTO" activities.

In particular, INFO/RAC has promoted the training course entitled "*A lesson in environmental governance: discovering actions for the Mediterranean Sea and its coasts*".



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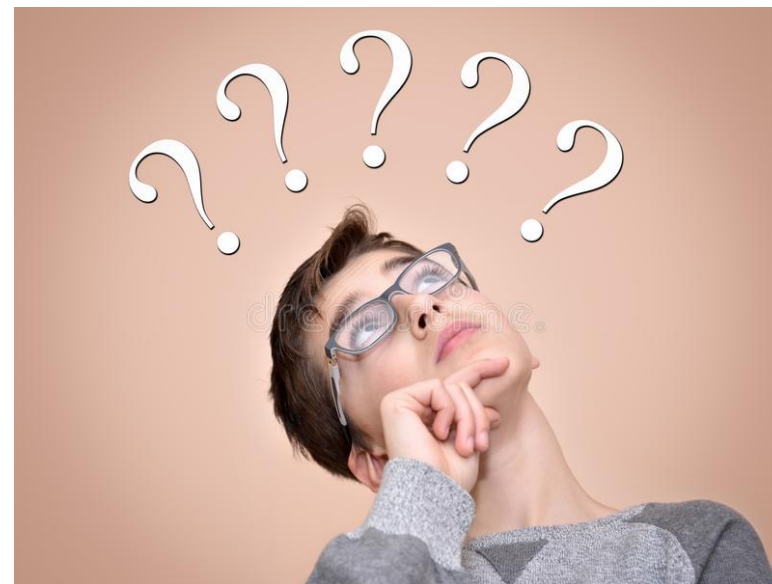
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HOW DID THE PCTO COME ABOUT?

How well do young people know the national and international institutions responsible for environmental protection?

Certainly, young people want to be heard and want to participate in global discussions on environmental and sustainability issues.

Spotlight on young people for a better future, i.e. greener, more inclusive and more digital (2022 European Youth Year). Hence the idea of 'our' path to bring young people closer to the institutions through knowledge and their roles with particular reference to the environment.

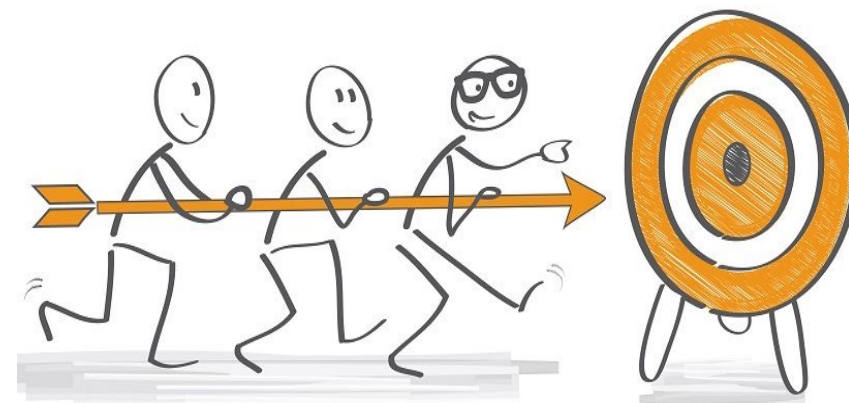


WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE PCTO

To provide students with an overview of the role and tasks of the main national and international institutions in environmental matters, with particular reference to the United Nations Environment Programme's Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP);

To promote the Italian version of “The Young Person’s Guide to the Mediterranean Action plan and the Barcelona Covention”;

To transfer the experiences gained in the framework of the communication and information activities of INFO/RAC.



HOW DID THE PCTO WORK?

The training course started on 7 February 2023 and ended on 20 April, and involved the third and fourth year students of the “Liceo Ginnasio Torquato Tasso” high school in Rome;

The training course was organised in 7 theoretical lessons and 2 practical activities aimed at the active involvement of the students with the production of dissemination material on the topics dealt with;

The teaching activities are held by INFO/RAC Centre and Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security (MASE) representatives.



HOW DID THE PCTO WORK?

The training course addressed the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention), its governance mechanisms and decision-making processes, as well as the role of the Convention's Regional Centres, with particular reference to the Information and Communication Centre (INFO/RAC);

The last day of the PCTO was marked by the organisation of "Environmental Info-Day" event at school, during which the students, with material produced and presentations made during the practical activities, have illustrated to their classmates, teachers, parents and guests about what they had learnt during the training course.



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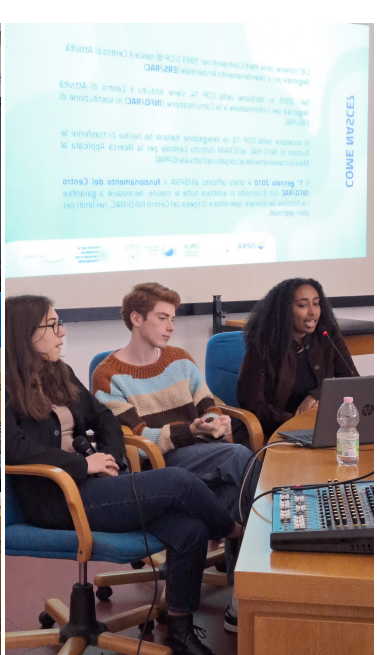
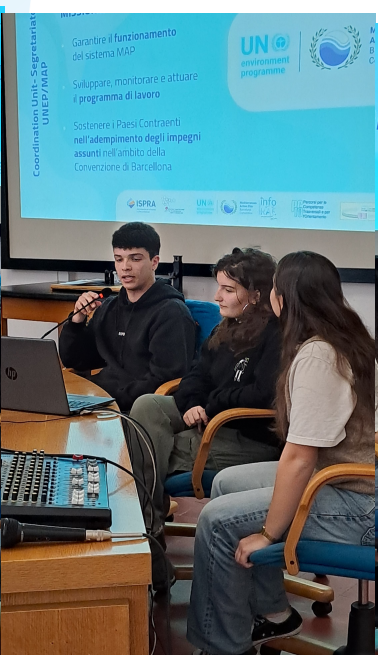


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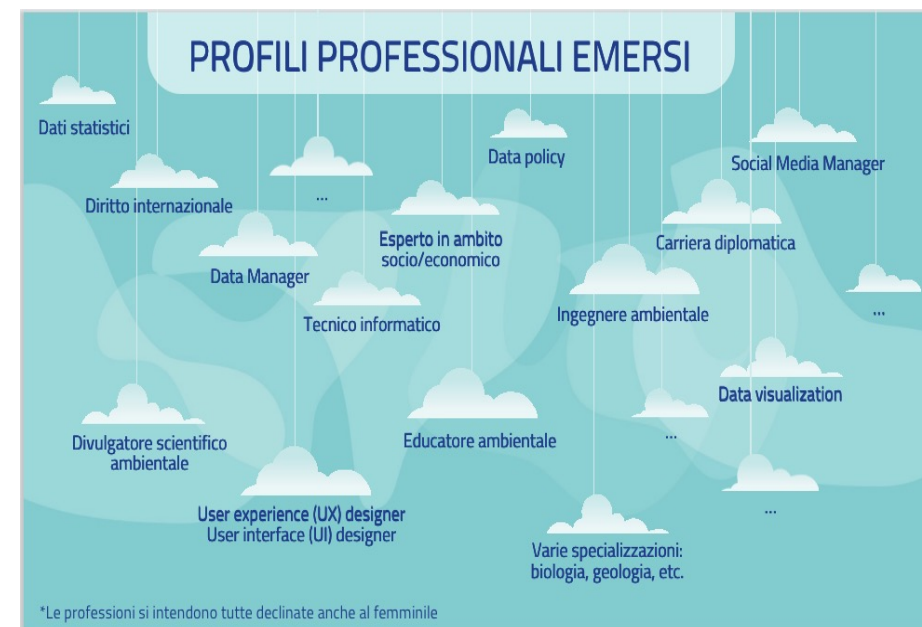
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ACTIONS FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM

Replicate the PCTO as a best practice in another Italian high school;

Promote the PCTO in the MAP community to invite each member to share this experience in their own country and raise awareness among young people in high schools;

Promote the book "*Young Person's Guide to the Mediterranean Action Plan and the Barcelona Convention*", translated into the national language, through national initiatives.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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