



## Istituto Comprensivo 2 “Arnolfo di Cambio”

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### **Description of the organisation**

Istituto Comprensivo 2 "Arnolfo di Cambio" is composed of 3 kindergartens, 4 primary schools and 3 lower secondary schools based in three different municipalities. It has about 140 teachers and 30 administrative and technical staff.

### **Experience of the organization in previous European projects**

Istituto Comprensivo 2 "Arnolfo di Cambio" has been participating in many European projects since 2005. The Institute strongly believes in the local/global approach to education as its today students are the European citizens of tomorrow. The Institute was involved in the eTwinning action since its launch in 2005, cooperating with partners from all over Europe and beyond. The Institute was awarded the eTwinning European prize in 2010 and the National prize in 2010, 2012, 2019, becoming an eTwinning School in 2017. The Comenius programme saw the Istituto Comprensivo 2 "Arnolfo di Cambio" partner in 3 projects (Trekking through History, Bridge over Water, One Europe Many Cultures): all of the project aimed at making students aware of the European history and values, relating the process of unification with the characteristics of today Europe. In the same field, the Institute participated in The School Opens to Europe project in partnership with the Northon High School of London (UK) and the Orczy Istvan Altalanos Iskola of Szeged (HU). The Institute received yearly Quality Labels for its participation in European and National Projects.

### **Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area**

The Institute' educational offer strongly addresses the development of active citizenship from a very early age. Basic skills in this field aim at providing students with social and intercultural competences applying different educational methods and tools. One of the most important aims of the Institute's educational objectives is to make students aware of the life in the community they live. Within this objective, in the last 10 years students from Istituto Comprensivo 2 "Arnolfo di Cambio" have taken part in the Kids' Municipality project to facilitate the knowledge of how the municipality is managed and organized and the challenges it has to face daily. A tight link to the territory is given also through the Culture project to study the ancient history of Colle di Val D'Elsa area as an Etruscan settlement.

### **Contributions that can be provided to the project**

Primary and secondary schools can make a major contribution to active citizenship through active practice that can take place in the school community as an example of the wider community beyond school. Our school believes in promoting equity and non-discrimination while imparting fundamental values of active citizenship and intercultural competences.

### **Reasons of involvement in the project**

In 2018 the Institute involved its students in the outlining of 'a new school', inviting them to express their ideas and expectations of their ideal school environment (project name: My Dream School). Still in 2018, the Institution started the We Are a Team project, where students learnt the relevance of collaboration among peers.

The Institution approach to education is not limited to students and teachers: in the past years parents and families have been involved in the Words to Be Together project to create a sense of belonging to a given community. In 2019 the Institute successfully participated in a journalist competition for young writers, promoted by the local newspaper 'La Nazione': as result, two classes were awarded with the main prizes.

### **Contact Person's Experience and Expertise**

Francesca Bartalucci, foreign languages teacher since 1997, is the person responsible for the POF (Educational Offer Plan). She is also member of the Institute teams for the Comenius and e-Twinning projects. She is the person responsible for the English language certification in collaboration with the British Institute of Florence.

Laura Maffei, Humanities teacher since 2000, is e-Twinning Ambassador, mentor and moderator of the CSS featured Group "Virgilio - your eTwinning guide" and a qualified teacher trainer in the fields of pedagogical use of ICT, PBL and European projects. She is also an expert in Intercultural Communication and Didactics.

Ida Sabatino, History teacher since 2013, is an expert in Inclusive Didactics and IT tools for Didactics. She is also a certified support teacher.