

## A WEEK IN ROME

Ten students of the school “Regina Margherita” of Palermo, together with two teachers, Grace Macaluso and Lidia Mulè, have just returned from Rome where they spent a great week with their Finnish partners in the project Erasmus plus “Migrations: broadcasting a new outlook”.

Rome has represented for the two groups the last step of a path started in 2016. We have chosen this town because it is the perfect city where you can have a real multi-ethnic experience and where we had the opportunity to get in contact with different cultures and different people coming from every part of the world. We have seen that in the metro, on buses, in public places, in the fantastic artistic and historical places in Rome you could listen to three or more languages at the same time and realize how different cultures are mixed everyday there.



On Monday April 16<sup>th</sup> we all went to Casella Hall where we had a meeting with three members of the Piazza Vittorio Orchestra.

It is a unique example of multi-ethnic orchestra formed by lots of musicians coming from different countries of the world.

Pino Pecorelli, one of the main members of the orchestra, has

told us about their story together with two other foreigner members, one from Tunisia and one from Ecuador.

At the end of the meeting they also played their original instruments, coming from their own countries; they succeeded in creating a special atmosphere, rich with interesting and exotic sounds. It was really amazing!

On Tuesday and on Wednesday we worked as volunteers at the Caritas “Giovanni Paolo II” canteen. It was the perfect experience to get in contact with situations related to the topic of our project: we welcomed and helped needy people who come there to get a meal; we also gave a hand at the end to clean and tidy the place.



It was a great experience not only for us but also for the Finnish group that know another kind of reality in their country.

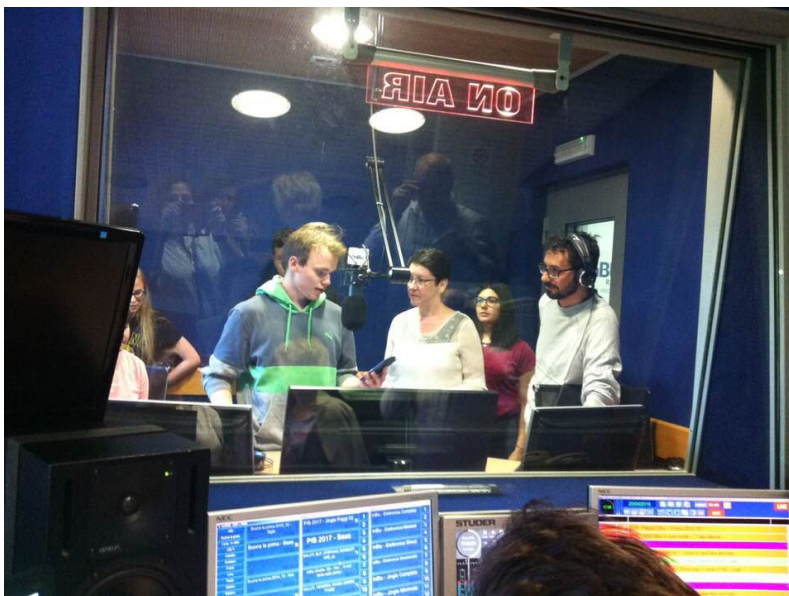


On Wednesday evening two Italians and seven Finnish people went to the Olympic stadium to take part at the match Roma-Genoa.

Three of us wore the t-shirt of Radja Nainggolan, a Roma football player, and here another event of integration happened.

A Belgian reporter stopped us for an interview to realize how popular this player is in Rome.

On Thursday we dedicated the day preparing the radio transmission for the next day. On the last day, on Friday, we all went to the radio called “Radio InBlu” and we recorded an interview about the whole week spent in Rome. It will be broadcast to let our project know and once more promote issues about migration and integration.



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