# Activity Description – Erasmus+ Mobility: Bulgarian-Italian Cultural Exchange

Project Title: Enhancing Intercultural Dialogue and Learning through Mobility

Activity Type: Short-term Group Mobility of Pupils

Receiving Institution: I.C. Giardini Naxos, Giardini Naxos, Italy

Sending Institution: 32 SU s izuchavane na chuzhdi ezici "Sv. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia, Bulgaria

Location: Sicily, Italy

Dates of Activity: 15 – 21 March 2025

Participants: Bulgarian pupils (age group: 12 years old) and accompanying teachers

Host Format: Homestays with Italian families and educational activities hosted by the Italian school

## Activity Objectives:

* Foster Intercultural Dialogue and European Citizenship.
* Enhance Language Competence.
* Promote Interdisciplinary and Experiential Learning.
* Encourage Personal Growth and Social Integration.
* Deepen Awareness of Europe’s Natural and Historical Heritage.

## Activity Implementation and Daily Breakdown:

### Day 1 – Arrival and Integration (Saturday, March 15):

Participants arrived from Sofia and were welcomed by host families and school staff. The focus was on acclimatization and initial social interaction.
Goal: Ensure smooth transition and foster early connections.
Outcome: Pupils felt secure and positively engaged.

### Day 2 – Immersion in Italian Family Life (Sunday, March 16):

Pupils spent the day with host families, experiencing Italian culture firsthand.
Goal: Deepen understanding of Italian customs and daily life.
Outcome: Strengthened interpersonal bonds and cultural awareness.

### Day 3 – School Introduction and Culinary Experience (Monday, March 17):

Students participated in Italian language and technology lessons, followed by a cooking class.
Goal: Promote practical learning and social interaction.
Outcome: Improved language skills and engagement in cross-curricular tasks.

### Day 4 – Historical Excursion to Taormina (Tuesday, March 18):

Guided tour of the historic town with educational focus.
Goal: Learn about Italian heritage through experiential learning.
Outcome: Increased historical knowledge and observational skills.

### Day 5 – Natural Heritage Exploration: Mount Etna (Wednesday, March 19):

Visit to UNESCO site Mount Etna for environmental education.
Goal: Understand geological processes and environmental stewardship.
Outcome: Strong interest in natural sciences and sustainability.

### Day 6 – Education and Archaeology (Thursday, March 20):

English lesson and archaeological park visit.
Goal: Practice English and explore ancient history.
Outcome: Cultural enrichment and peer communication.

### Day 7 – Reflection and Departure (Friday, March 21):

Final goodbyes and reflective activities.
Goal: Summarize learning and strengthen ties.
Outcome: Enhanced confidence and lasting memories.

## Learning Outcomes Achieved:

* Improved communication in Italian and English.
* Enhanced intercultural sensitivity and understanding.
* Interdisciplinary knowledge in history, archaeology, technology, and culinary arts.
* Stronger independence, adaptability, and teamwork.
* Appreciation for European heritage and environment.

## Impact and Follow-Up:

This activity promoted lasting collaboration between the partner schools. Students demonstrated motivation to continue language learning and engage in future European projects. Follow-up included reflective activities, dissemination events, and preparations for future mobilities.