

"Capacity Building and Strengthening Institutional Arrangement"

Subcomponent Awareness Building

"Presentation of available tools to develop contents and to prepare environmental educational products"

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1. Environmental Education for Sustainable Development (I)

 Education for sustainable development (ESD) is the challenge for the next years, in order to integrate the values of sustainable development into all aspects of learning and education, to encourage changes in behaviour for a more sustainable and equal society for all

 These are the overall goals of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (DESD) proclaimed by the United Nations for the period 2005 – 2014



1. Environmental Education for Sustainable Development (II)

Key characteristics of ESD

Interdisciplinary and holistic

<u>Values driven:</u> make shared values and principles explicit so that they can be examined, debated, tested and applied

Critical thinking and problem solving

<u>Multi-method</u>: use together different and new pedagogies such as word, art, drama, debate, experience, working-group that help teachers and students to work together to acquire knowledge

Participatory decision-making

Applicability

Locally relevant



1. Environmental Education for Sustainable Development (III)

Reorientation of education

 Besides the review of existing curricula (objectives/ contents) to develop trans-disciplinary understandings of social, economic, environmental and cultural aspects of sustainability, ESD <u>needs a review of traditional</u> <u>approaches to teaching, learning and assessment</u>

These include:

- Skills for creative and critical thinking;
- Collaboration and cooperation;
- Decision-making, problem solving and planning;
- Using appropriate ICTs (Information & Communication Technologies);
- Practical citizenship



1. Environmental Education for Sustainable Development (IV)

Among the crucial actions suggested by the UNECE Strategy for ESD, there is the develop of adequate educational tools and materials, for teachers, educators and learners

In this context, the use of electronic, audio, video and multi-media resources and visual aids is encouraged and recommended, for both learning purposes and sharing information

Briefly, ESD is fundamentally a matter of values, to be communicated and shared in a way that should be accessible, namely to new generations: this challenge implies a re-orientation of curricula, methodologies, and tools

This implies also to develop the research, to provide teachers and educators with specific and transdisciplinary skills, and to support them with adequate materials, products and tools



2. APAT's activities about environmental education (I)

What are we doing?





2. APAT's activities about environmental education (II)

The main tasks of the APAT in the field of Environmental Education are:

- •To be partner in national and international projects in order to promote the environmental education and to raise an environmental awareness among both children and adults
- •To promote initiatives of environmental education at a national level, through the Working Group C.I.F.E. of the Environmental Agencies' System, by means of a dedicated Technical Secretary
- •To participate to the National Technical Table of the INFEA System and, inside it, to the 'Cultural Feeding Group'
- •To take part in European and international networks' activities (MEDIES, UNESCO, UNECE), aimed to exchange experiences and raise awareness towards the environment



3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (I)

APAT is also involved in activities and projects to develop new kind of tools and products to spread environmental education, such as :

- The Flepy project
 - The leaflets of environmental education
- •The Laboratory Training Course on Environmental education for a sustainable development
 - The European Toolkit 'Jiffy Quiz'



3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (II)

The 'Flepy' Project



"Flepy" is addressed to children between 3 and 7 years old. It was originally created for the Flemish Environment Agency (Belgium).

With the co-operation of the European Commission (DG Environment), the project was translated and adapted to be used in 12 Countries, members of the "Green Spider Network", among which Italy.



3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (III)

Flepy, an easy tool to learn the environment

Flepy is a fantasy and colourful character, able to swim and to fly, who meets the matters of the pollution of air and water and becomes friend of children to fight for a better, green and healthy world.





3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (IV)

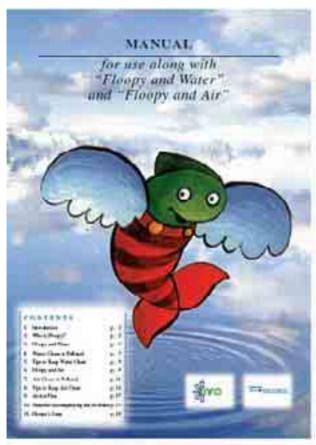
In the educational kit, there are different tools such as booklets, posters, stickers, video, a card game, a pupil and a Manual for educators



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3.Tools and product for Environmental Education (V)



Manual for educators



Poster of the Flepy project



3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (VI)

Some examples of educational messages:











3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (VII)

Once upon a time...



- "In the middle of the luresi, lives a strange arillinal. ris name is Flepy.
- He can swim like a fish and fly like a bird. Flepy can also walk a little, but not very well. He lives in a nice freshwater pond.
- One day, Flepy decides to go on a holiday. He takes a bag, puts food in it, and leaves.
- His friend Slowy goes along with him..."

to be continued...



3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (VIII)

A case of success!

Promoted in Italy trough the network of the Environmental Agencies (APAT / ARPA / APPA), the Flepy Project has had a great success in many schools, developing projects and very creative activities among children (in the picture, an example from a school in Tuscany).

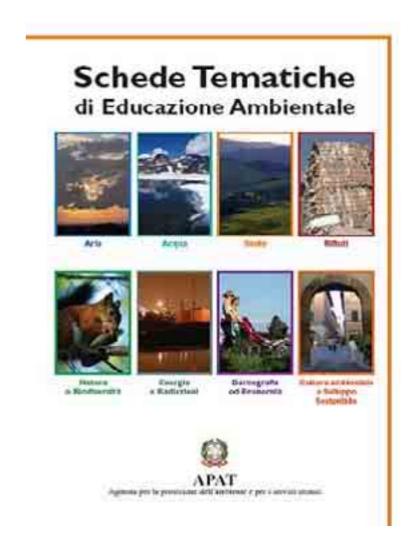




3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (IX)

APAT has also realized a series of 8 Thematic Leaflets of environmental education on these matters:

- ✓ Air
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Soil
- ✓ Waste
- ✓ Nature and Biodiversity
- ✓ Energy and Radiation
- ✓ Demography and Economy
- ✓ Environmental culture and sustainable development in order to provide non technical public with some basic information on them.





3.Tools and products for Environmental Education (X)

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3.Tools and products for Environmental Education (XVI) 7) DEMOGRAPHY AND ECONOMY

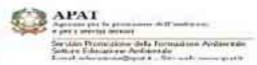




3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (XVII)

8) ENVIRONMENTAL CULTURE AND SUISTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT





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3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (XVIII)

≈the Laboratory Training Course on

Environmental education for a sustainable development ≈

Among the activities into the Working Group C.I.F.E., APAT is carrying on a Laboratory Training Course on the environmental education to sustainable development, addressed to the environmental education's heads and operators of the Regional Agencies, with the aim of deepen some environmental issues, to develop new skills and competencies and to define some common educational projects for the future



3. Tools and products for Environmental Education (XIX)

≈ The European toolkit 'jiffy quiz' ≈



APAT is also involved in the activities of European Commission – DG Environment, for the promotion and the diffusion of environmental information and best practices in lifestyle and behaviours by means of interactive tools, such as the Jiffy's Eco Quiz – the European environmental toolkit for citizens.

Playing Jiffy's Quiz, you can "Check your facts - Change your ways", test your knowledge, and get practical advice on how to improve the environmental impact of your day-to-day actions.



4.The Unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future' (I)

Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future is a multimedia education programme published by Unesco, as a contribution to the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development that was held in Johannesburg

The programme contains 100 hours (25 modules) of professional development for use in pre-service teacher courses as well as for the in-service education of teachers, curriculum developers, education policy makers, and authors of educational materials and products

TLSF helps students to better understand the world in which they live, addressing the complexity and the interconnections between problems such as poverty, environmental degradation, urban wastes and decay, human health, and all the matters that threaten the protection of the environment and human being

APAT has developed a reduced version of the Unesco programme in italian, in order to promote its utilisation by teachers and/or students and to make it

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4.The Unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for SustainableFuture' (II)

TLSF - Main Objectives:

- •To clarify concepts and themes related to sustainable development and how they can be integrated in all subject areas across the school curriculum
- •To enhance skills for integrating issues of sustainability into school subjects and topics
- •To enhance skills for using interactive and learner-centred teaching and learning strategies that support knowledge, critical thinking, values and citizenship objectives implicit in reorienting education towards sustainable development
- •To encourage awareness of available information and communication technologies (ICTs), of the potential of multimedia-based approaches to education and of the internet as source of educational materials
- •To enhance skills in computer literacy and multimedia education.



4.The Unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future' (III)

TLSF - Main Contents:

The programme consists of 4 Thematic Learning Areas:

- I. <u>Curriculum rationale</u>: a general overview of the questions faced, that provides with the definition of some key-issues used in the follow.
- II. <u>Teaching about Sustainability across the Curriculum</u>: how to integrate sustainability in the school curricula.
- III. <u>Interdisciplinary Curriculum Themes</u>: some interdisciplinary issues are proposed, in order to match sustainable future with some challenges of today life.
- IV. <u>Teaching and Learning Strategies</u>: innovative methodologies needed to achieve the objectives of education for sustainability.



4.The Unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future' (IV)

First Thematic learning areas 'Curriculum Rationale'

Main issues:

- Sustainability = complexity interconnection among social, economic and environmental matters. Role of Education as key-strategy towards sustainable development.
- Sustainability = emerging and evolving concept sustainable development must be considered together with the changes in the life of people and in the local reality and territory.
- Sustainability = challenge for the future education for sustainability enables the new generations to build alternative and better futures, looking for solutions to environmental issues.



4. The Unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future' (V)

Second thematic learning areas 'Teaching about Sustainability across the Curriculum' - Main issues:

- A basic premise of education for sustainability is that just as there is a wholeness and interdependence to life in all its forms, so must there be a unity and wholeness to efforts to understand it and ensure its continuation. This calls for both interdisciplinary inquiry and action.
- Education for a sustainable future involves a comprehensive approach to educational reform. It extends beyond the boundaries of individual school subjects and requires the attention of teachers, educational administrators, planners and curriculum agencies.
- ➤ A disciplinary focus is often helpful, but education for a sustainable future can be integrated into and across different school subjects or areas of the curriculum, and it is relevant to all educational objectives.
 - ➤ In particular, Citizenship education, Health education and Consumer education should be investigated.



4. The Unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future' (VI)

Third thematic learning areas 'Interdisciplinary Curriculum Themes' - Main issues:

Sustainable Development is strictly related to social and cultural matters, such as agriculture or hunger, that deal with diversity between the North and the South of the world.

In particular, are investigated the following issues:

- Culture and religion
- Local knowledge and sustainability
- Women and sustainable development
- Population and development
- Sustainable <u>agriculture</u> and <u>tourism</u>
- Sustainable Communities



4. The unesco programme 'Teaching and Learning for Sustainable Future' (VII)

Fourth thematic learning area 'Teaching and Learning Strategies' - Main issues:

➤ This Area is namely addressed to teachers, and provides alternative teaching methods and tools, that could enhance the learning of sustainable development.

With special regard about:

- <u>Learning through Experience</u>: students are encouraged in critical thinking, problem solution and make decision approach;
- Learning through Enquiry: students are made more active and responsible in their investigation and about their own knowledge;
- Learning for the Community: the aim of the education process is not the classroom but the social context in which students live, and they must learn how to think and to solve the real issues of their local community.



5. Working- group presentation



In the working group organized by APAT and EEAA, will be debate and discuss the concept of Education for Sustainable Development, focusing on the definition, characteristics and objectives. In particular will be performed the following activities:

- •Exchange of experiences on the International Strategy (UNESCO) of ESD and on the local programmes and activities of implementation
- •Exercises to develop different educational tools to communicate contents of Environmental Education, addressed to several typologies of public
- •Exercises on the elaboration and dissemination of educational tools (for example leaflets, booklets, cd-roms, etc.)