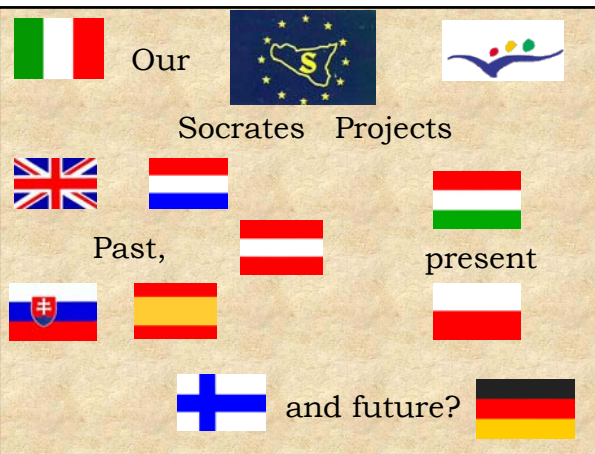


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- In the years from 2002 to 2005, our school worked together with two other European institutes:

The Bajza Joszef Gimnazium
from Hatvan



and a high school in Massluiss,
Holland.



We started a new project together,
based on traditions and memories.

- It was called "TOPICS":
- Taking
- Our
- Past
- Into
- Contemporary
- Society



Students from Catania and Massluiss

visited Hatvan in April 2001.



Students and teachers from Massluiss and Hatvan came to Catania



in September 2001.



They learned something about tradition and innovation in three important areas of Sicilian agriculture:

irrigation



wine



olive oil



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In January 2002, teachers from Catania and Hatvan participated in the *ABC - Across Borders Cooperation* – meeting in Vienna.



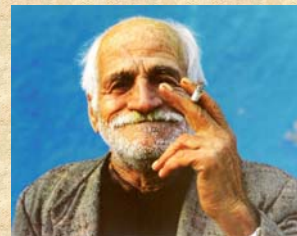
The *ABC* is an association sponsored by the Austrian Ministry of Education.

In Vienna, two new schools joined our project: a Liceum from Krakow, Poland, and a comprehensive school from Kezmarok, Slovakia.

With the new partner schools from Krakow and Kezmarok we began the theme of “*History and Memory*”.

The first aspect we discussed was the Second World War, and we tried to find people who still remembered something about it.

Many elderly people were ready, if not happy, to talk about their memories of the war.



It was a way to encourage communication across the generations and students had an opportunity to get to know their own grandparents from a new point of view.

In our school we studied the allied landing in Sicily, in summer 1943.



The results of this research were presented in form of a dialogue-slide-show-choreography

to students, teachers and parents in Catania, in May 2003.



It was later presented by two students

in Stadt Schläining, Austria, in June 2003,



at a seminar of the ABC.



Our project about the Second World War was presented again by the students

who visited Krakow and Kezmarok in March 2004.



In Krakow Polish and Italian students

worked together for peace.



In Kezmarok
Slovakchian,
Italian,
Polish and
Hungarian
students



studied
popular Easter
traditions.



Easter in
Sicily.

Our students
talked about



A new topic began to develop,
continuing the theme of
History and Memory.



We began with a questionnaire
on teenage lifestyles over the
last sixty years.



As a teenager,
where did you
usually meet your
friends, to spend
time together?



What did you do in your free time
out of school?

How old were you
when you were
allowed to go out
with friends in the
evening?



Members of the
opposite sex is a
topic increasing in
popularity!

What did you
talk about
with your friends?



It was presented in April 2004



when students and teachers returned to the ABC in Vienna



and celebrated the new member countries of the EU in Kittsee.





Teachers and students from Hatvan and Krakow



came to Catania again in October 2004





and a new questionnaire was prepared: "Childhood memories".






Students exchanged ideas and memories and realized that there were more differences between the generations than between the nations.


The final part of "History and Memory" regards our territory.



We examined and discussed changes in our city's lifestyle,

comparing old photographs and new realities.



We presented this new study at the ABC meeting in Krakow in April 2005



and in Hatvan in June.



What next?

Well, that is a big question.