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Project

ORESTE

Observatory to Reconstruct after Emergency a Society for TEens

Network about environmental disasters and resulting social crisis. Models of intervention and best practises

EU Programme: COST – European cooperation in science and technology

Key policy issue: Individuals, societies, cultures & health

Lead Partner: Provincia dell'Aquila

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Presentation of the ORESTE project

Context and general objectives of the Proposal:

Environmental disasters can cause serious damages both to territory and to involved communities. This kind of injuries cannot be healed only through the simple restoration of the destroyed buildings and structures. Along with the so called "material reconstruction" also an intervention on population, the support to social fabric must be planned. The most recent social dramas related to the environmental disasters that have occurred in Europe have certainly enlightened institutions' renewed ability in operating promptly and in taking care of the involved people. But, at the same time, they have demonstrated a more and more evident inadequacy in managing the social issues caused by catastrophes.

The clear signs showing social structure's weakness during shock time are often undervalued and sometimes totally ignored. This is an appraisal mistake that can generate some negative effects within implicated people. This matter is a very relevant one under sociological, psychological, medical, as well as other perspectives.

The project ORESTE - Observatory to Reconstruct after Emergency a Society for Teens - through the constitution of a European network involving experts in facing and managing social crisis situations related to environmental disasters – aims to realize an Observatory for the reconstruction process as a virtual meeting point for researchers. They will be interested in analysing, studying and managing those conditions that can lay social system on the line and will be pointing out at the necessity of a certain level of social balance for the development of younger generations.

Aims and Activities of the Project:

COST program aims at joining researchers and experts from different countries who work on specific subjects. It intends to support innovative and interdisciplinary new research networks in Europe by funding meetings, conferences, short term visits and dissemination activity.

The project ORESTE - Observatory to Reconstruct after Emergency a Society for TEens, within its own scientific skills, intends to contribute to a punctual analysis of the social and economical problems related to the shock situation caused by environmental disasters. The making up of an Observatory for the reconstruction is the first action to guarantee the study about involved populations and to give support to knowledge. Furthermore, it aims to specify best practises and competences for the definition of social intervention hypothesis, able to sustain young generations of citizens. The activities of the project can be summarized as it follows:

1) Analysis, monitoring and research activities within the initiatives the regions, the states and Europe assume in order to manage post-traumatic situations; the start up of mutual support relations among implicated people; the support to activities aiming to reconstruct community relations; study about risk communication; the reconstruction and valorisation of historical towns; the recovery of services, of industrial and agricultural productions;

2) definition of research and intervention projects in the fields of:

- social policies
- work policies
- educational and learning programs
- urban reconstruction
- reconstruction of historical villages

according to a cooperational relationship with the authorities in charge of the recovery and resume of local systems.

3) Tutoring and educational activities for the researchers working at the partner universities in the field of:

- mass emergency sociology
- observation methodology about disasters
- monitoring and social intervention

in order to support implicated population and young generations particularly in facing the difficulties related to the disintegrating effects due to environmental disasters.
