

## **TASKS BEFORE MOBILITY IN ITALY**

- 1) Watch the film “Lord of the flies” or any other film about democracy
- 2) Get info about Democracy (How and When it was born; What does Democracy mean?; How many types of Democracy are there? etc).
- 3) Make an outline of the Democracy in your Country
- 4) Make a presentation about Democracy using the material collected during the various tasks.

Dear partners,

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, during the Italian Mobility, all the Erasmus+ class will take part in a role –play “Easy steps to a democratic assembly”. I’m going to give all the right info explaining how to carry it out.

*In the human society  
Thinking is the biggest transgression of all.  
Murray Ringold - Educator*

## **EASY STEPS TO A DEMOCRATIC ASSEMBLY**

(Role-play about the implementation of Democracy, about 2 hours)

The Erasmus+ Project students will be divided into 2 groups:

A larger group will act as City Councillors while the smaller one will act as journalists who will get the information to give to the citizens.

### **The steps of the activity.**

- 1) Opening of the representative Assembly in the City Council Hall.
- 2) A student will become the temporary President of the Assembly and will call the roll  
After the roll, every councillor will take loyal oath on the democratic institutions saying the following:

**“I, (name), do solemnly and sincerely promise and swear (or declare) that I will truly and faithfully, and to the best of my skill and knowledge, execute the powers and trusts reposed in me as councillor, on behalf of the City Hall in accordance to the interests of our Republic and our Region”**

All the councillors will sign their oath.

3) Next step: election of the Mayor

the candidates will be on opposite sides and after their short self-introduction, they will be elected on a voting paper given by the City Hall.

The candidate who gets most votes will be elected.

4) Election of the City Council President following the same procedure used to elect the Mayor.

5) The President will appoint the secretary.

6) Evaluation and discussion on two alternative deliberation proposals, only one can be carried out:

a) A party will explain the first proposal **“The building of a Youth Playground”**.

b) The other party will explain the second proposal **“A Youth Bike Sharing Service”**.

7) Free debate on the proposals supervised by the President.

8) The Mayor will participate in the debate.

9) After the debate is closed, the President will ask the councillors to vote by raising their hands. The proposal which gets most votes will be carried out.

10) Self-evaluation and discussion on the task just carried out: everyone will briefly describe their own experience (about 4 lines).

11) The group of students who will play the role of journalists will make some video interviews to the City Council President and to the Mayor using their phones.

Distribution of a medal to all students as a memento of the event.

Please, I ask you to choose one of the students coming to Italy to apply as Mayor. He or she will introduce themselves saying why they want to become the Mayor of Comiso (just a few words...) Then, choose another student to play the role of a journalist to take photos and make video interviews in order to upload them on Etwinning and on the Website.

Furthermore, as for the activity on Human Rights (Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May), please tell your students (or you can do it together) to go on the website [www.youthforhumanrights.org](http://www.youthforhumanrights.org) where they can watch videos on Human Rights, get information on the international organizations and on the champions of Human Rights such as Mandela, King, Roosevelt and Ghandi. With the info collected the students will work into groups to make posters.