

## "European Schools Gala 2013"

### Presentation

E.S.C.O.T. – EUROPE presents the international event: "European Schools Gala 2013", to be held on 2, 3 and 4 May 2013.

For three days Montecatini Terme will become a meeting point for Europe, attracting students and teachers of secondary schools of as many as thirty European countries.

This is a second edition of a great event where to experience altogether art, culture, sports, friendship and thermal wellness. In a festive atmosphere all participants will reap benefits in terms of personal growth as human beings as well as from an educational and cultural point of view.

Many activities are scheduled for this event. It will start with an opening ceremony, with a parade of delegations of the participating schools, presenting themselves on the international scene with self-produced video-clips followed by the twinning between European schools through drawing of lots. It will follow an entire afternoon dedicated to sport events.

The next day, during the Round Table entitled "The importance of twinning in European schools for innovative didactics", foundations will be laid for teaching methods endowed with new meanings and perspectives, based on twinning between countries and the use of new technologies connecting people and bringing down distance and thus prejudices.

Concerning the health education, there will be the conference entitled "Thermal wellness for young people" and the Terme di Montecatini will be open to European schools.

The highlight of this event, though, is the prize-awarding Ceremony.

Under the supervision of European Authorities, different categories of prizes will be awarded to the European schools.

The event will be concluded with guided tours that will help the European students to discover the internationally known art treasures of this Tuscany territory starting from Montecatini Terme and its nearest art towns.

E.S.C.O.T. – EUROPE has always placed great emphasis on young people, considering them an important resource for the future of Europe.

We cherish the conviction that efforts have to be made to invest in their educational path and in their health education, offering students key experiences for their wellness and their cultural, professional and human growth.

The *European Schools Gala* aims to be one of such experiences; an important event moving around Europe, open to all European secondary schools.

Montecatini Terme will host the second edition of this event; another European town will then take on the next edition.

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2 - 3 - 4 May 2013

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**MONTECATINI TERME**  
**Palaterme**  
Thursday may 2nd, 2013



**MONTECATINI TERME**  
**Teatro Verdi**  
Friday may 3rd, 2013



**FLORENCE**  
Saturday may 4th, 2013

- 09.15 am** Meeting point at the "Palaterme" Sports hall via Cimabue, 20 Montecatini Terme  
Participants' registration
- 10.30 am** Authorities' greetings
- 10.50 am** Opening Ceremony:  
European Schools Gala 2013.
- Welcome music and dance performance  
Parade of European schools: schools present themselves on the international scene.
- 11.30 am** **Twinning** between European schools through drawing of lots
- 12.00 pm** Mini – tournament "Music Volley" (boys)
- 14.30 pm** Mini – tournament "Music Volley" (girls)
- 17.00 pm** Mini – tournament soccer 5 (boys)
- The winning school will be awarded the prize "The sportiest School in Europe"
- 19.30 pm** Prize-giving: Trophy "The sportiest School in Europe".

- 09.20 am** Meeting point at the Teatro Verdi Convention Hall – viale Verdi, 45 Montecatini Terme
- 09.40 am** Authorities' greetings
- 09.50 am** Round Table:  
"The importance of twinning in European schools for innovative didactics"  
speeches, considerations, remarks and final discussion of head teachers, teachers and students about this theme
- 10.50 am** **European OPEN DAY** for Secondary Schools in Europe: presentation
- 11.00 am** Conference:  
"Thermal wellness for young people"
- 12.00 pm** Lunch break
- 13.30 pm** Screening of video-clips produced by European schools on the theme:  
"Marriage between School and Health Resort: the thermal wellness for young people"
- 15.00 pm** Ceremony of delivery: certificate of attendance
- 16.00 pm** Prize-giving ceremony for the competition:  
"The best video clip of European School"
- 16.15 pm** Closing ceremony and **Party**
- 17.30 pm** Terme di Montecatini open to European schools (guided visit to Health Resort)

- 10.00 am** Meeting at Santa Maria Novella Square for an orientation tour of the city centre: passing through the narrow streets of Santa Maria Novella towards the Cathedral, bell tower and Baptistery
- 11.30 am** Visit to Signoria Square, Uffizi, Palazzo Vecchio, Old Bridge while enjoying the colourful street market, the jeweler's and the fiorentine artisans
- 12.30 pm** Lunch break
- 14.30 pm** Meeting at Pitti Palace for a walking tour of the Oltrarno area
- 16.30 pm** Greetings

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