



Ecologic Regatta

Lipari > Messina



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Once the strong educational value of the initiative had been acknowledged, and an effective action for disposal had been established, the project has received the patronage of the Ministry of Environment and of the Ministry of Education (which made it a pioneer project for every school in Italy) as well as the support of associations which deal with environment protection.

At the eighth edition, the event expanded, welcoming a conference on the future of schools in minor islands; at the ninth, the project obtained a contribution of 15,000 Euros from the European Social Fund, through the Sicily Regional Operational Programme (ROP) thanks to a twinning with schools of minor islands.

The latest edition of the Regatta, as well as including the well-established participation of Eolian students, also saw the involvement of 16,000 Sicilian schools, with a total of about 400 pupils which competed and visited the Eolie Islands.

The Scuola Media "G. Galilei" of Canneto a Lipari developed a didactic project entitled "La ricchezza nella pattumiera" ("The richness of the waste bin"), the final point of an educational theme on garbage disposal.

From the beginning of the school year the pupils collect aluminium cans which they assemble with adhesive tape, to form rafts on which they race in the bay in front of the school. At the end of the semester, after the race, the cans are handed to the Commune of Lipari for disposal. The "Ecologic Regatta" has been taking place for nine years.