

Project title	The Environment at School
Brief description	The proposal consists of the development of a joint project aimed at promoting environmentally sustainable training in schools as a consequence of the participation in the project RIS-ORTA (Orta's Lake Sediments Biological Restoration and Coastal Areas Active Bio-monitoring)
Promoter	Amici dell'Istituto Enrico Fermi's Association, Arona (NO) President: Sabrina Trotti The Association was constituted in January 2015. It is registered as an Association for Social Promotion (C.F. 91017800037), it is registered in the volunteering associations register of the Comune of Arona since 11-02-2016 and included within the regional register n-74/NO since 17.09.2018
Supporters	Fondo Ambiente Italiano Ecomuseo del Cusio Istituto Enrico Fermi di Arona
Introduction: The reasons for the initiative	Our project will allow savings both in terms of printed paper and in terms of economic costs for students and their families in the short term, considering the expenses related to the purchase of school material, positively impacting on our community's life, whose benefits will be immediately tangible. Moreover, it will incentivise a higher awareness of the issue of environmental pollution, by focusing the topic on our region and community. This is coherently connected with the directives of the Ministry for Public Education aimed at inserting civic education courses including an environmental component in public schools, starting September 2020
Beneficiaries of the project	The project is referred to the families and students of the Institute Enrico Fermi and of the secondary education schools benefiting from the teaching
Purposes	1. To improve students' knowledge of the topic, allowing them to live an experience parallel to their usual school path 2. To appreciate the role of the "Fondo Ambiente Italiano" and the other entities involved in the project, potentially acquiring interest in the other activities managed by those entities in a future perspective
Steps of the project	The project is divided into three main steps: 1. Selection of a group of students at the Enrico Fermi Institute in Arona. While the exact number will be determined later on, the students will be selected based on the interest showed during the school year. In the meantime, we will proceed with the annual payment and establishment of MLOL, a digital online library service, allowing not just the students, but all the Institute, to freely achieve books, audiobooks and national newspapers. This will significantly improve the offer of information material, while reducing the economic impact on the school and the families of our community.

	<p>2. After acquiring enough familiarity with the Ecomuseo and RIS-ORTA project, the training course for the students will take place. It will show them the multifaceted nature of the project, the related issues faced and adopted solutions so far, along with potential future perspectives. The course will be composed by a first introductory phase on the topic of environmental sustainability in our time. Then, there will be a focus on the topic in our territory, considering the parallel case of Lake Maggiore and the related issues in terms of pollution and safety, to which Legambiente and local administrations have recently paid more attention. The improvements obtained throughout the project RIS-ORTA can be used as an example to be followed and as a mean of comparison. Finally, the project will involve the students in the specific activities that the Association is already developing at the Institute, such as: the introduction of reusable water bottles aimed at reducing plastics consumption and related water dispensers, the pursue of compostable glasses for the consumption of hot drinks and the re-evaluation of a disused green area near the Institute, which will be designated as an external classroom for school activities, among which the teaching course described above.</p> <p>3. The students, following the education received, will work as environmental "Ciceroni" (tutors and speakers) to the benefit of the secondary education schools in contact with Fondo Ambiente Italiano, and for any other institute asking for it. The future "Ciceroni" of the project will then be able to explain not just to their peers but also to their families the potential and benefits of a correct eco-sustainable life-style.</p>
Personnel: roles and characteristics	The project realisation will require about 7/8 people, including volunteers and experts
Methods and instruments	The experience includes the training of students on behalf of specialised experts in environmental policy and technology, beyond the training of school personnel with regards to the use of the digital library
Evaluation indicators	<p>1. The growing number of the secondary schools which will decide to take part in the project</p> <p>2. The real participation of the community in the issues posed by the lake restoration projects in the area</p>
FINANCIAL PLAN	
1 Specialised personnel	€. 3.000,00
2 Supporting personnel	€. 2.000,00
3 Students' training	€. 5.000,00
4 Digital library service	€. 3.526,00
5 Trips and travelling	€. 1.350,00
6 Communication and visibility	€. 500,00

7 Stationery and general expenses	€. 200,00
8 Gear and materials	€. 200,00
TOTAL	€.15.777,00
The expenses do not include the hours offered by the Fondo Ambiente Italiano's volunteers, possibly around 150 hours	
HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US	
Digital library	Through the donation of €. 100,00 you can actively contribute to the expenses for the digital library
Train an environmental Cicerone (tutor)	This donation allows you to support with €. 250 the training of a future "Cicerone" (guide/speaker)
Train an entire school	With a donation of €. 1.000,00 you will be part of the growing list of supporting columns of the Association granting a secondary school of the territory the chance of benefiting from the environmental tutoring
Become a friend	Help us through the apposite communication means to spread the word, become a volunteer for the study afternoons, the management of books collection points or used books sale, the participation in the alumni committees or the projects dedicated to environmentally sustainable practises and digitalisation