



The Regional Institute for European Studies of Friuli Venezia Giulia (Irse) announces the competition "Europe and Youth 2010". The competition is open to students in Universities and Schools of all levels throughout all the regions of Italy and the European Union.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THEMES

UNIVERSITY

N.B. The titles proposed for university students and recent graduates will not exceed a total of 20,000 spaces.

AGE LIMIT: participants must not be more than twenty-six years old on the deadline, 3 April 2010.

TWO SPECIAL PRIZES OF EURO 600,00 from the Foundation of the Cassa di Risparmio di Udine e Pordenone for papers on:

1. The Craftsman. "The material quality of things is revelatory of the human beings who thought them up and produced them, of their talent, and of their system of social relations" (Richard Sennett, sociologist in *The Craftsman*). "Technology makes us more human." (Stefano Moriggi, scientific philosopher). "Quantities are mutually-excluding, while qualities are complementary." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian). At a time when alarm signals prevail among economists, other voices are directed towards reflection on new paradigms of economic and social growth.

2. China and Europe. *The Man from Beijing*, by the Swedish author Henning Mankell, has been defined as a political thriller and historical novel of great contemporary importance, in which errors of the past and many "skeletons in the cupboard" of the rich nations re-emerge in a present day of upheaval. Use this as a starting point for your thoughts about the world scenario and the role of Europe.

TWO SPECIAL PRIZES OF EURO 600,00 from the Banca Popolare FriulAdria-Crédit Agricole for papers on:

1. Participatory Web and Marketing. From the USA to Europe, companies are increasingly adopting the most popular platforms of social network: Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, to interact with clients. Is this a new form of marketing and induced consumption, or an example of responsible consumer protagonism? Analyse examples and develop your reflections on the subject.

2. Immigration, a European Problem. The Lisbon Treaty will extend the power of the European Parliament to co-decision on a variety of questions, among which is the theme of immigration; Europe is going to have to tackle a question that touches the concepts of residence and citizenship, as well as the social and political rights of immigrants.

TWO SPECIAL PRIZES OF EURO 600,00 from the Banca di Credito Cooperativo Pordenonese for papers on:

1. Food Safety. During the FAO conference in November 2009, great importance was given to the urgent need for commitment to biotechnology and far-sighted policies to disprove prophesies

of demographic disaster. Gather information and illustrate a European Project of research on food farming biotechnology.

2. Soft Totalitarianism? "The defeat of political totalitarianisms does not exclude the possible victory of a soft totalitarianism, one which is based, not on failed strong ideologies, but rather on weak, inchoate ideologies, promoted by the power of communication." (Claudio Magris in *Utopia e disincanto – Utopia and disenchantment*). Taking this quotation as your starting point, analyse the current difficulties faced by the European political project.

Special prize "DEDICA 2010" of EURO 600,00 offered by the City of Pordenone for papers on:

Ah, Europe! On 2 February 2010, in Copenhagen, the German author Hans Magnus Enzensberger will receive the "Sonning Prize for European Culture", and in March 2010 he will be the protagonist of the Pordenone Dedicata Festival. Examine some of his essays on Europe from the 1980s and give your reflections on current problems. (Published in Italian, *Ah, Europa*, Garzanti, 1989, and *La grande migrazione*, Einaudi, 1993).

Other prizes of EURO 500,00, 400,00 and 300,00 for papers on:
Right to Privacy. Systems of information and communication, which provide immediate and uncontrollable diffusion of news through blogs, forums and social networks, present a problem: how to respect private lives while respecting the right to publish, especially in the case of people in public office. Compare legislation on privacy from at least three European countries and express your ideas on the subject.

University students and recent graduates: for added value during evaluation, it will be considered important for participants to prepare an abstract of 1500 spaces in English.

HIGH SCHOOL

N.B. These themes may be developed individually or by small groups of 2/3 persons. The works will not exceed a total of 10,000 spaces.

PRIZES of EURO 400,00, 300,00, enrolment in formative seminars studying European themes in the summer of 2010, books, CDs, audio-visual material for foreign language learning, etc.

1. Green Capital. Stockholm will be the green capital of Europe in 2010, having earned first place in the classification of environment-friendly cities. Gather information about the policies adopted and compare them with the policies put into effect in your city.

2. Women and Work. The absence of children's services is one of the major reasons for limited access of women to the labour market. Analyse the situation in at least three European countries, finding laws and initiatives that help reconcile family time with work, and discuss what is done on a national level and in your region.

3. Europe by Camper. Propose a journey: a European itinerary by camper with your family or a group of friends, restricting your choices to structures that are denominated 'Ecolabel', the certificate of excellence that guarantees respectful adherence to particular criteria, which can be granted to all receptive structures, even campgrounds.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

N.B. The works can be developed individually, by small groups, or by a class.

PRIZES of EURO 300,00, 200,00, books, CDs and audio-visual material for foreign language learning.

1. My Coach. Playing on a team: commitment, self-esteem, enthusiasm and rules to respect. Describe your experience and your relationship with your coach, and interview sports-loving friends or foreign teams you've encountered in matches and exchanges.

2. Ortoello – Community Gardens. In the United States, in Europe and in several Italian cities, 'city gardens' are being created: on apartment building terraces and balconies, in special areas set aside by city councils, and even in some schools – encouragement towards physical activity, towards learning how to grow plants, perhaps after interviewing a grandparent, and towards adopting healthy eating habits.

RULES

Works can be written in Italian or another language, in which case a synthesis in Italian is required.

Each participant or group of participants can submit a single work only. The works submitted (two copies for written works) must reach the IRSE offices (Via Concordia, 7 - 33170 Pordenone - Italy) before the deadline of 3 April 2010. They will be accompanied by a typewritten form, giving the following information about the contestant: name, surname, address (street, city, postal code and email address), date and place of birth, specification of school class or university course of study, name and complete address of School or University, name of teacher or teachers who assisted. **Obligatory: each work must be accompanied by a bibliography of works consulted and/or by a list of web sites consulted.** All participating works become the property of IRSE, and will be divulged through its publications and various projects. **The award ceremony will take place in Pordenone on Sunday 23 May 2010.**