

April 2020 - Open Letter



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We felt we had to write an open letter following the facts we are living nowadays, also taking inspiration from the solicitations that come to us from all parts of Europe and first of all from our "experience".

The forms of professional collaboration undertaken over the years have allowed us to get to know each other, to meet each other, to face together the educational needs of our young people and our trainers.

Today we have to face together a feeling of "uncertainty" that has inevitably caught all of us.

The learning MOBILITY and all the European cooperation activities have been overwhelmed by this emergency, but Scuola Centrale Formazione, together with all its members, wants to show closeness to all the foreign partners who, over time, have shown us friendship, empathy, helped us to manage critical issues and not least they have supported us also in these last hours.

We want to share with all of you some points of reflection that are more HOPES for the future that we are going to face:

1) We continue to cheer for our youths!!!

New generations are fragile in this situation and we must be on their side. Many of us have children, grandchildren,...we think about their future and we are committed to it.

Many of them have been denied the possibility to have a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience... an Erasmus trip is never forgotten!

We think that at the same time we need to rethink also ways and means to guarantee to our young people the possibility to open their minds and face different cultures.

We can't think to replace completely the geographical mobility with virtual exchanges, we can't think to replace a handshake or a hug with a smile exchanged through a video... but this emergency gives us the time to improve the quality of what we do, and to obtain the best possible result from technology.





2) We continue to share **EDUCATIONAL IDEAS** and **NEEDS!**

We share the reflection of a colleague of ours: "It is a time when, paradoxically, physical distance makes us feel more family and more community. Maybe from this common crisis we will be able to understand more the value and the very concept of common good. And to appreciate it and, perhaps, defend it. "

The emergency has made us fragile and imposed a stop on our professional and personal activities.

But we must react, and feeling all "on same boat" as Pope Francis told us a few days ago, can be a starting point for escaping loneliness. Therefore, our hope is that we can continue to share with all of you in a reciprocal way ideas, needs, new projects, themes of common interest.



Probably nothing will be like before; but we will be better because we have lived this experience and we have "protected" ourselves both from the virus and from indifference.

"Everything will be all right" only TOGETHER!

A strong (virtual) hug to everyone!

All Scuola Centrale Formazione 's Team