



Call for participants

EuroMed program in Rondine Citadel of Peace

TRANSFORMATIVE PEACE EDUCATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO EMPOWER STUDENTS FROM EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES TO BECOME LEADERS FOR PEACE.

About Rondine Cittadella della Pace (Rondine Citadel of Peace)

Rondine Cittadella della Pace is an educational organization committed to reducing armed conflicts around the world and spreading its own method, The Rondine Method. This method embraces a relational approach for the creative transformation of conflicts in various contexts.

Its objective is to contribute to a planet free from armed clashes, where every person has the tools to manage conflicts in a creative and positive way.

These are the main programs for education and professional experience that are implemented in Rondine Cittadella della Pace:

-The World House:

For over 25 years, university students have been coming to Rondine Citadel of Peace from countries where armed conflicts are still ongoing or have recently ended. During the two years of their program in the Citadel of Peace, called World House, students discover the human being behind their perceived "enemy" as they share their daily life in Rondine. They succeed in transforming creatively the concept of the "enemy" overcoming their psychological resistance, which enables them to regenerate relationship with others. By the end of the program, students acquire the tools to promote actions and projects that seek to transform conflicts and contribute to the integral development of their countries

-The Rondine Quarto Anno:

Every year since 2015 about 28 secondary school students coming from all over Italy have been attending their fourth year of secondary school in Rondine. This one-year program enables the students to experience the Rondine Method in the unique and multicultural environment of the Citadel of Peace, enriched by the presence of the World House students. These young people have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore their own identity and learn to tackle the challenges of the 21st century by investigating the world, analyzing perspectives, sharing ideas and taking action.



-The Rondine Method in Italian Secondary Schools

It is a three-year educational program, formally acknowledged by the Italian Ministry of Education, implemented in 13 Italian secondary schools. It is an attempt to elevate education and transform it by embedding *The Rondine Method* in the National High School Curricula.

About the EuroMed program

An innovative and unique educational and professional program for international students aged 16-18 coming from EU member states and Mediterranean countries, who are willing to experience first-hand the stimulating, intercultural life of Rondine Cittadella della Pace, familiarize with the Italian language and culture and become local and global citizens through a full immersion in the three core programs offered by Rondine's International Center for Education. This one-year program – starting in July 2023 – draws from the QAR educational curriculum and integrates it with additional courses hosted by Rondine's network of schools in Arezzo. The program includes a wide range of formal and informal activities, which empower students to become global citizens who can navigate the complexity and the conflicts of our time.

The EuroMed program: main focuses

Italian language course (Online from July to September)

3-month intensive course of Italian language and culture

Formal education (from September to June)

3 days a week, students will have the chance to attend classes hosted by Rondine's network of Public High Schools in Arezzo, which implement The Rondine Method. Students can choose the type of school according to their learning goals and educational priorities.

Training program (from September to June)

Students will have the unique opportunity to experience the intercultural educating community of Rondine Cittadella della Pace by sharing their daily life and lectures with the World House students and the QAR students for 3 days a week.

Students will receive high-level training on topics related to conflict management, communication skills and methodologies. The training program will be carried out by Rondine's team, as well as



international academics, professionals and educators. Through formal lectures, seminars and non-formal activities, the training program will provide the students with essential tools and knowledge to increase their self-awareness and to develop concrete social-impact projects in their countries of origin.

The training program includes 4 courses:

1. Italian culture, art and nature (full immersion in the art and culture of Tuscany and Italy)
2. Theater workshop
3. Conflict transformation and the challenges of the 21st century
4. Social innovation and entrepreneurship

In addition, students will participate in 3 educational trips (Brussels and the European Union institutions, Calabria region and the civil society movements fighting organized crime, Rome and the Italian political institutions).

Daily life

A shared daily life, social coexistence and dialogue are the key elements of the Rondine experience. Students will enjoy the unique opportunity to widen their intercultural horizon thanks to real-life encounters and living side by side with international students coming from different backgrounds, cultures and experiences. The interpersonal relationships established in one's daily life are the key to shape a new global mindset and transform conflicts into opportunities of personal and social growth.

Civic engagement

EuroMed students will be involved in institutional events, public activities, social media campaigns, educational training for schools and other organizations, voluntary work and charity activities. Therefore, they will be active participants in all the initiatives that Rondine promotes and adheres to, with the aim of fulfilling Rondine's mission.



Who are we looking for?

- High school students **aged 16-18**
- Students coming from all **EU countries** and all **Mediterranean countries**
(Applications from students coming from other countries will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the candidate's merit and motivations)
- Students who are **curious, proactive**, open to **dialogue** and committed to transformative change in the fields of justice, sustainable development, peace
- Students who are eager to **experience a truly immersive intercultural and international experience**
- Students who are willing to explore and engage in the active management of conflict – relational, social and international – to become *Young Leaders for Peace*

Selection steps

1. November 2022 – April 2023: Call for participants
2. April 2023– June 2023: Interviews and final selection
3. July 2023: Start of the first edition of the EuroMed program

The required documents are

- Official certified secondary school (high school) transcripts showing all courses and grades.
For transcripts not issued in English, please send a English translation.
- Presentation video (max 90 seconds);
- Motivation letter;
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume;
- At least one recommendation letter, signed by a professor from the student's school;
- Notice on personal data protection (hand-signed) – [download here](#).

Those interested in participating in the Rondine EuroMed program must send the above-mentioned documents by March 31, 2023 to the following email address: noam.pupko@rondine.org or stella.ficai@rondine.org



Tuition and fees

Program tuition fee: 25,000 €

The tuition fee to attend the EuroMed program in Rondine includes:

- Online Italian course
- Full board accommodation in the center of Arezzo at the “Vittorio Emanuele II” National Boarding School; the boarding school has two separate structures for males and females. The rooms are for two or three people with shared bathrooms. The presence of educational staff is guaranteed 24 hours a day.
- Transport (the daily bus service from and to Arezzo and Rondine and the necessary transfers for the various activities);
- Rondine’s training course (about 200 hours);
- Three study trips;
- Educational field trips on the topics: Interreligious dialogue, Remembrance, Team Building, Trekking;
- Theater workshop;
- Tutor –mentor in daily support of the class and of the individual students;
- All materials used for the activities, tablets and textbooks;

(Expenses not included in the tuition fee are: the travel expenses to/from Italy and visa procedures, holiday travels, personal and medical expenses, and every other cost not specifically mentioned in the list above)

Main partners

The EuroMed program is implemented by Rondine Cittadella della Pace in collaboration with a network of public high schools in Arezzo:

- V. Colonna High School of Human Sciences – lead school of the network.
- F. Petrarca Classical High School,
- F. Redi Scientific High School,
- ITIS Galilei,
- Petrarca art school