

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	COMUNE DI VENARIA REALE (VENARIA)
<b>PIC number:</b>	914343729
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Cultural Activities, Sports, Traditions, Learning, Exchange and Sustainability - CASTLES

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	1
<b>Event name:</b>	Event in Venaria Reale
<b>Type:</b>	Cultural and sport activities; workshop
<b>In situ/online:</b>	in-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Venaria Reale, Italy
<b>Date(s):</b>	13-17/10/25
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.comune.venariareale.to.it/it/page/castles-scambi-culturali-e-educativi-venaria-reale-sinaia-vizille">https://www.comune.venariareale.to.it/it/page/castles-scambi-culturali-e-educativi-venaria-reale-sinaia-vizille</a> <a href="https://www.primaria-sinaia.ro/2025/12/30/proiect-castles-cultural-activities-sports-traditions-learning-exchangeand-solidarity/">https://www.primaria-sinaia.ro/2025/12/30/proiect-castles-cultural-activities-sports-traditions-learning-exchangeand-solidarity/</a>
Participants	
Female:	47
Male:	53
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Italy]:	75
From country 2 [Romania]:	18
From country 3 [France]:	7
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Total number of participants:	100
From total number of countries:	3
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	

The event in Venaria Reale (13–17 October 2025) constituted the Italian mobility phase of the CASTLES project (Cultural Activities, Sports, Traditions, Learning, Exchange and Sustainability). It brought together a total of 100 participants, including students, teachers, institutional representatives and local citizens from Italy, Romania and France, in a structured programme of educational, cultural and sports activities aimed at strengthening intercultural dialogue, European identity and active citizenship.

The event involved an international delegation of 7 representatives from France and 5 from Romania, alongside 11 Italian lower secondary school students and 3 Italian teachers, as well as 11 Romanian students and 2 Romanian teachers. They were joined by 61 local citizens from Venaria Reale, who participated in various roles, demonstrating strong community engagement and contributing to making the event a shared European experience in which the entire local community opened its doors to international exchange. Overall, 47 participants were female and 53 male, ensuring a balanced and inclusive participation.

On Monday 13 October, the Romanian delegation from Sinaia arrived at Turin-Caselle Airport in the evening. The group was officially welcomed by representatives of the Municipality of Venaria Reale and the host families, marking the beginning of the intercultural exchange and fostering a first moment of informal integration.

On Tuesday 14 October (Day 1), the French delegation travelled overland and arrived in Venaria Reale. During their stay, they took part in several moments included in the Venaria programme, contributing to the institutional and intercultural dimension of the exchange. On the same day, the Romanian students were welcomed at the Don Milani school. The morning was dedicated to ice-breaking activities, mutual presentations and socialisation. Students presented multimedia and paper-based works about their respective cities and cultural contexts, encouraging peer learning and intercultural understanding. A key educational activity was the launch of a collaborative storytelling workshop, during which students began creating a shared narrative that would rotate and evolve among the partner schools. The activity promoted linguistic exchange, creativity and cooperation.

In the afternoon, all the international participants walked to the Reggia di Venaria Reale, where they took part in a guided visit of the Royal Palace, its Gardens and the Chapel of Sant'Uberto. The visit deepened their knowledge of European history, architecture and cultural heritage. The group also walked through the historic centre of Venaria, reinforcing the connection between local identity and European heritage.

On Wednesday 15 October (Day 2), all the international participants together with Italian students travelled to Turin to visit the National Cinema Museum. The guided visit allowed them to explore European audiovisual culture and reflect on cinema as a tool for storytelling and intercultural communication. After the museum visit, the group toured the historic city centre of Turin, enhancing their understanding of Italy's historical and cultural context. The afternoon was left free to encourage informal interaction within host families, strengthening social bonds and intercultural dialogue.

On Thursday 16 October (Day 3), all the international participants, together with a group of Italian students and teachers, visited the Castle of La Mandria and the surrounding park. They explored the royal apartments and learned about the historical and environmental significance of the site. This activity combined cultural heritage education with sustainability awareness, as students reflected on the preservation of historical landscapes and natural environments.

In the afternoon, the group visited the Romanian Orthodox Parish in Venaria Reale, where they met Father Valeriu and engaged in cultural and recreational activities. This moment created an opportunity for intercultural dialogue, discussion on traditions and religious diversity, and mutual understanding. The day concluded with a public restitution event at Teatro Concordia. During the event, students presented the outcomes of the week's activities to local authorities, families and community members. The delegations from Italy, France and Romania also took part through speeches delivered by their respective institutional representatives, highlighting the shared European dimension of the project and the cooperation between the partner municipalities. A networking buffet followed the presentations, strengthening dissemination, local visibility and informal exchange among participants and stakeholders.

On Friday 17 October (Day 4), students participated in sports activities at the Centro Sportivo La Reale. Under the supervision of professional instructors, they engaged in team-based physical activities designed to promote inclusion, cooperation, fair play and healthy lifestyles. The sports component reinforced the values of solidarity and teamwork central to the project. In the evening, host

families accompanied the Romanian delegation to the airport for their departure. On the same day, the French delegation also returned to Vizille.

Throughout the entire mobility, accommodation with host families played a crucial role in fostering informal cultural exchange, daily interaction and long-term relationships between the communities of Venaria Reale and its European partners.

Overall, the event successfully combined education, culture, heritage, sport and civic participation. It strengthened mutual understanding, encouraged active citizenship and reinforced sustainable cooperation between European local communities, fully aligning with the objectives of the CERV Town Twinning action.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).