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Over the weekend of Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September 2024:
The delegation from the twinned municipality of Ajdovščina was present at the meetings planned as part of the project co-funded by the European Union.

Positive result for the first stage in Quiliano of the “Twinning In Community” project

The first stage, held in Quiliano, of the European project ‘Twinning In Community’, with the theme ‘A gymnasium for democracy and reading to join’, was a success. The programme of events took place on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 2024, marked by participation in conferences, workshops and visits to the Quiliano area. Participants included delegations from the twinned municipality of Ajdovščina (25 guests, including 17 children aged between 8 and 15), young people from the Quiliano Boys' Town Councils, some members of the Twinning Committee and other participants.

“*This first phase of ‘Twinning In Community’* represents for our Administration,” say Mayor Nicola Isetta and Councillor for Twinning Nadia Ottonello, “a significant stage of the path, already started during our previous mandate, aimed at restarting the relations of friendship, twinning, closeness and sharing of good policies with the Slovenian Municipality of Ajdovščina. Through the cooperation with the Offices of the European Commission, AICCRE Liguria, and with the managerial and administrative coordination of the Mayor's Secretariat Office, we have taken a further step towards the promotion of the values of democracy, participation, shared growth and solidarity of our territory, based on the principles of our Constitution and the founding acts of the European Union, in the wake of the lesson left to us by the Ventotene Manifesto. A path, this one, that we intend to continue already during 2025 with the transfer of the Quiliano delegation to Ajdovščina.”

During the three days in Quiliano, a significant interchange developed between the Library Lavričeva knjižnica of Ajdovščina and the Biblioteca Civica Andrea Aonzo of Quiliano, also through the deepening and knowledge of experiences and the interchange of some books.

We would also like to mention in particular the conference held on Saturday, 7th September, at the Council Chamber, on the topic “The Boys and Girls Town Council - a lasting experience”. During this occasion, the friends of the Slovenian delegation were able to learn about the successful good practice adopted by the City of Quiliano since 1998, which has enabled several generations of young Quilianese to be trained and educated in democratic life and participation. During the conference, coordinated by Councillor Nadia Ottonello, the testimonies of the former mayors of the previous Boys' Town Councils were illustrated.

Another significant moment was the workshop entitled “Dialogues of Images”, which allowed the delegations from Quiliano and Ajdovščina to share an experience in the fields of bibliopedagogy, andragogy and inclusive reading.

During the three days, the delegations also conducted special guided tours of the Town Hall, Villa Maria, the Sports Palace and the Park of San Pietro in Carpignano.

At the end of this first stage, the young people from Quiliano and Ajdovščina filled in satisfaction questionnaires, aimed at finding out the reactions from the days they shared. The reactions were



positive, starting from the real and direct sharing with people of the same age, the possibility of communicating and forging new personal relationships, and collaborating with peers from another country. The handing over of the participation certificates and the final greetings with “goodbye to see you soon in Ajdovščina” thus crowned this very intense weekend that is destined to become part of the recent history of the City of Quiliano.

The contents, material, photos and videos of the three-day workshop are being included in the appropriate section on the institutional website of the City of Quiliano, at the following link:
<https://www.comune.quiliano.sv.it/index.php/progetto-twinning-in-community>