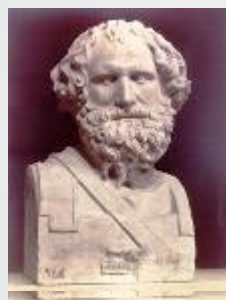




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What is a competence?

The competence can be defined as *a combination of knowledge, skills, values and attitudes*. Being competent means to solve a problem in the real world


Key competences





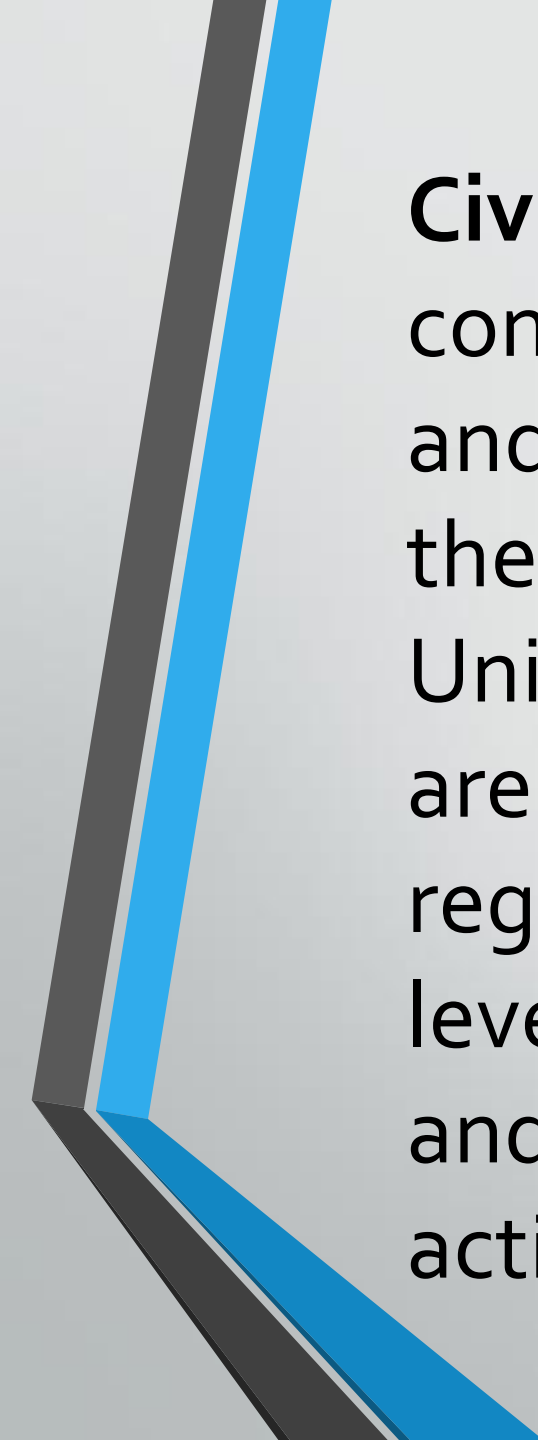
Social and Civic Competences

The need for students to develop competences at school has increasingly gained importance and has recently become prominent in educational systems worldwide thanks to social and economic motivations.



Social competence includes the ability to communicate in different environments, to show tolerance, express and understand different viewpoints.

The competence is based on the attitude of collaboration, assertiveness and integrity. Individuals should have an interest in socio-economic development, intercultural communication, diversity and respect of others.



Civic competence is based on knowledge of the concepts of democracy, justice, equality, citizenship, and civil rights, including how they are expressed in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and International Declarations and how they are applied by various institutions at the local, regional, national, European and international levels. This involves critical and creative reflection and constructive participation in community activities, in particular through voting

Our students visit the Town Hall



The students meet the Mayor

During the meeting our students asked some questions to the Mayor to understand how the Municipality works. The questions are the result of a series of activities carried out with the involvement of groups of students at school.



Our students' active participation in debate concerning social problems was focused on some priorities: local and economic development, employment, citizens' security and municipal cleaning .



Interview to the Major

- What is the role of the Major?

The major represents the citizens of the town and works for their interests.

It is a very difficult task but also very grateful. The mayor is elected directly by the people. The Major with his collaborators (Assessori) governs the town. They make up the “Giunta” or Executive Committee.

- What's the role of the Town Council ?

It is a representative body and its members (20 deputies) are elected by citizens every 5 years. The Town Council meets regularly to make proposals or approve the Executive Committee deliberations.

- **How is the public administration divided and which sectors provide services for citizens?**

There are 9 different departments, for example education, tourism, sport, welfare etc, with a single head in charge of departmental responsibilities.

He collaborates with the Major and his Councillors who are four and appointed by the major to solve the problems of the town from a political and administrative point of view.

- **What is the function of the general secretary in the Town hall?**

The general secretary is the «notary» of the town hall. She is appointed by the major from a selected short list

- **What does the public administration do to promote and encourage young people into politics?**

The first step is their involvement through local youth associations but the school itself should encourage all the students to be active citizens. So each student can find out the interest into politics. The human activities are political ones.

- **What is the difference between active and passive electorate?**

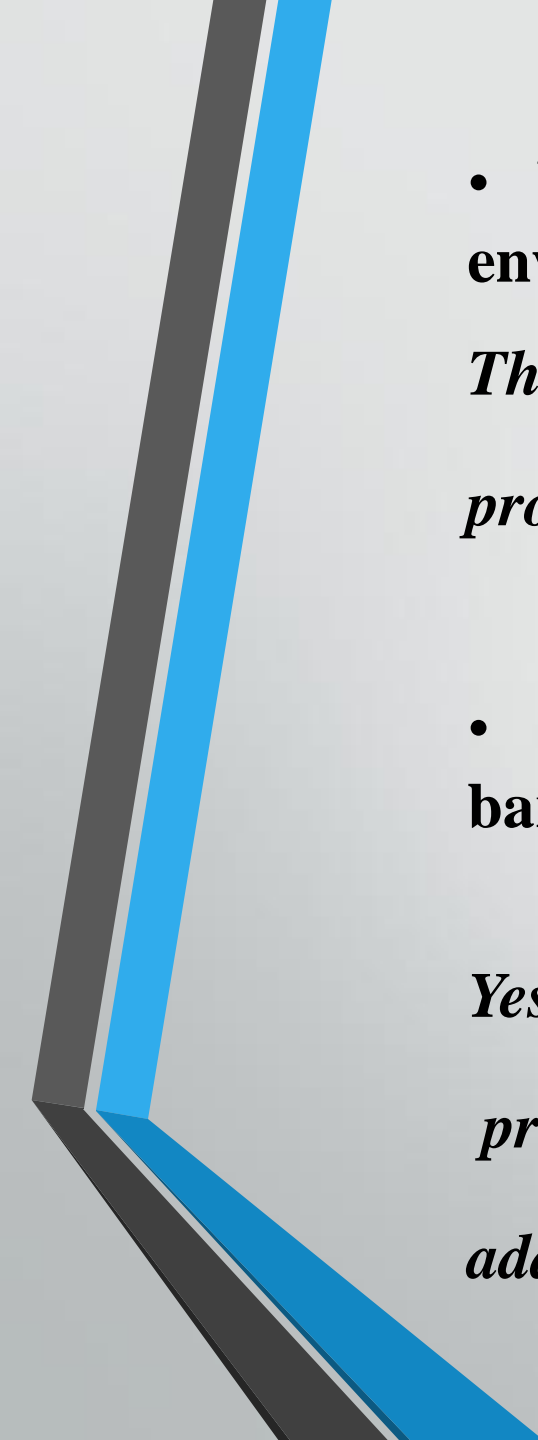
The active elector carries out the right to vote. The passive elector is the one who is voted.

- **What specific reasons are there to give Sicily special statute as a region?**

Sicily has special statute to allow autonomy in areas such as: safety, taxes, health...For example our region can decide when schools have to start, which may be on a different day from the other regions.

- **How do the financial operations of the town hall work?**

The government draw up budget and the town council has to agree. The budget is divided into two parts: one is connected to the income and the second to the expenditure. If the income is higher than the expenditure they must spend the surplus within the municipality, if the income is lower than expenditure there is a deficit to be filled by internal strategies within the various departments.

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- What does the municipality do to ensure the protection of the environment?


The Municipality has already started by the time waste collection to protect the environment and reduce taxes to citizens

- Has the Municipality arranged the removal of architectural barriers?

Yes, we have provided a number of parking spaces for the disabled and pregnant women close to the public buildings and there is a project to adapt the pavements to the needs of people with disabilities





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1. Communication in the mother tongue
 2. Communication in foreign languages
 3. Mathematical competence and basic competences in science and technology
 4. Digital competence
 5. Learning to learn
 6. Social and civic competences
 7. Sense of initiative and entrepreneurship
 8. Cultural awareness and expression

