Partner search for a Europe for Citizens project  
(Strand 2 - Town Twinning)

Introduction
The municipality of Cesano Boscone is looking for a partner town with whom to organize a Town twinning project. With this project we aim to go beyond the old fashioned image of town twinning in order to establish and strengthen cooperation and learn from each other, particularly in the field of active participation of youth in our local community.

The proposed cooperation and the desired partners
We would be pleased to cooperate with similar towns (see the description of our town at the end of this document) in France, Belgium or Spain. Considering that Cesano Boscone has no twin cities, we expect to involve one/two towns with whom we would be pleased to establish a successful and solid twinning relationship. Our partner should seek to promote civic participation and to develop opportunities for societal engagement and volunteering at EU and local level.

Europe for Citizens - Democratic engagement and civic participation – Town twinning
The "Europe for Citizens" program, which provides funding to town twinning projects, supports projects bringing together citizens from different EU countries. More specifically, the cooperation shall take the form of a programme of activities which may involve children from our local schools and a youth exchange/volunteers exchange – involving our local associations/institutes. The project should take into account specific priorities for "Democratic engagement and civic participation" (Strand 2), which are:

- Understanding and Debating Euroscepticism
- Solidarity in times of crisis
- Combatting stigmatisation of "immigrants" and building counter narratives to foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding
- Debate on the future of Europe

Envisaged activities
Concerning the involvement of our local schools, we could imagine a competition in order to create a Twinning Logo and a Penpal project. Concerning the Youth Exchange, it is a visit of a group of young people, between 18 and 25 years old, of approximately one week. We would like to pay particular attention to the choice of participants (willing volunteers). The Exchange should be preceded by a planning visit of 1 or 2 organizers of the group of visiting young people. Anyway, a programme of activities has to be previously developed together.
Financing of the project
Europe for citizens finances actions with a limited lifetime during which proposed specific activities are implemented. The maximum eligible grant for a project is 25 000 EUR. The maximum project duration is 21 days and applicants must have the professional competences and motivation to carry out the proposed project - evaluated on the basis of consistency with the objectives of the programme, quality of the activity plan of the project, dissemination, impact and citizen involvement.

For more information
For further information you may visit our municipality’s website: http://www.comune.cesano-boscone.mi.it/

You may also be interested in the website of the European Union funding programme for Town Twinning:


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About us
The municipality of Cesano Boscone is a town of approximately 23,568 inhabitants in the Province of Milan in the Italian region Lombardy, located about 6 kilometers southwest of Milan. Cesano Boscone borders the following municipalities: Milan, Corsico, Trezzano sul Naviglio. It is served by Cesano Boscone railway station. It has an area of nearly 4 km² and its citizens are called “Cesanesi”. Its Patron Saint is St. John the Baptist and its saint day is 24th of June.