

Mining Culture Educational and Research Network

School activities

One of the objectives of the “WWMM – WorldWideMetaMuseum” project, is the **integration of schools and museums** in educational processes, by giving museums a tool for the composition of **online educational paths** under the form of stories through images. Schools can not only access these paths in order **to prepare or to deepen a visit** of the museum, but they can also **ri-elaborate in a creative way** the the museums contents, by creating and publishing their own stories through images, as **a concrete result of the activity into the classroom and into the museum**. For further details, see the attached documents.

MCERN (Mining Culture Educational and Research Network) is an **europaean project** based on WWMM and carried out through a partnership between Università di Milano – Bicocca (Facoltà di Sociologia, Dipartimento di Sociologia e ricerca sociale), Associazione I-Museum onlus, Suolo e Sottosuolo s.r.l., Universidad Politecnica de Catalunya, National Coal Mining Museum for England. One of the objectives of MCERN is **to build an international network** including several european mining museums and schools for the **development of many stories through images** focusing on mining activity under the technologic, geologic, ecologic, historic, economic and sociologic points of view.

Teachers and students of European schools are some of the main beneficiaries of the project. A small number of them will be involved in **a transnational experimental activity** that, in accordance to each school programme and in total autonomy eith respect to educational methods and strategies, envisages a certain level of coordination between partners, and a common action scheme based on some points:

1. Selection of a theme regarding mining activity (for example the geological processes that lead to the birth of a hyaciment, or miners’ life through the direct experience of miners and through historic documents). This aspect will be later deepened by each school, in part individually and in part in cooperation with a school of another country.
2. Visit of at least one mining museum, integrate with the educational activity that the museum itself provides.
3. deepening in the classroom, also using the stories throug images put into WWMM by the nuseums
4. Exchange of experience and knowledge via email etc. With the partner schools
5. Writing and publication of a story through images into the WWMM. The stories through images produced by the schools, will be translated into the partners’ languages by the project partners themselves.

The project aims to give teachers the chance to make some experimental activities with referral to specific objectives:

Activity	Objective
Correspondance with students of other countries	Development of linguistic abilités
Use of e-mail, access to the Internet, use of the WWMM site	Development of research activities, informatic alphabetisation
Writing texts for WWMM	Development of writing abilities