



Activities of environmental education and training

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING UNIT

Main activities

The Unit designs and carries out **education and training activities**, including post-graduate training, dealing with environmental e sustainable themes, to spread sustainable culture based on scientific data and to promote a responsible approach to environmental problems.







ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING UNIT

Main activities

The initiatives are addressed to different targets and are also developed with other Research Institutions, Universities and Schools.



Environmental education initiatives for schools, and other target groups



Specialistic training courses for environmental technicians of SNPA, Public Administration and other Research Institutes



Internship for University students and School-work alternation programs for School students





Through the Program of EES initiatives addressed to schools, we want to:



provide a link between technical and scientific knowledges, which are the core-business of our Institute, and sustainability education tools and methodologies, to achieve an **interdisciplinary**, active and participatory learning

The main institutional references for these activities are:

- target 4.7 of 2030 Agenda > Education to sustainable development (2015)
- the Italian National Strategy for Sustainable Development (2017)
- the **Guidelines for Environmental Education** (Ministry of environment, 2015) and the teaching **Guidelines for Civic Education** (Ministry of education, 2020)



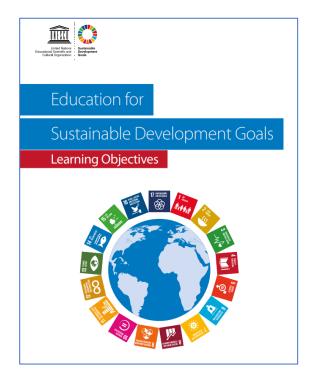








Theoretical and methodological references for EES



UNESCO, 2017



EU Commission, 2018



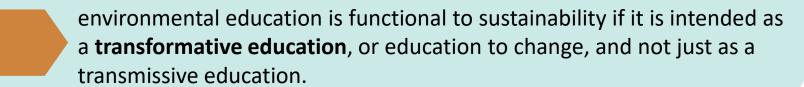
European Commission (JRC), 2022

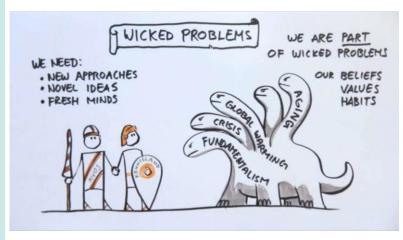




Education is a key to achieve sustainability, because:







In summary, we can say that a "quality education":

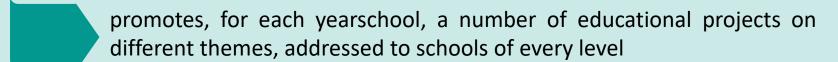
- promotes a critical, reflective and creative learning
- it is **oriented to learner** and to the learning process
- -it is **based on experience and problems** rather than themes
- -it is **aimed to provide citizenship' competences** (knowledge, skills and attitudes that promote ways to think, plan and act with empathy, responsibility, and care for our planet).

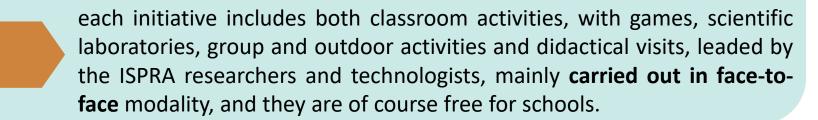






ISPRA Program of EES initiatives:





In the current schoolyear, **18 face-to-face initiatives** have been launched, that are currently taking place in **50 schools and over 200 classes**, in the Municipalities of Rome, Venezia, Chioggia, Ozzano dell'Emilia, Livorno, Palermo.

A fair number of the initiatives deals with marine ecosystem and biodiversity themes, such as Posidonia oceanica, the Mediterranean sea life, aquaculture, marine-coastal ecosystem, and impacts of human activities.

Also a **multimedia project** has been implemented, named "*Passeggiando nell'ambiente*" (*Walking through the environment*), based on the publication: https://www.isprambiente.gov.it/en/publications/luxury-publications/walking-through-the-environment?set language=en



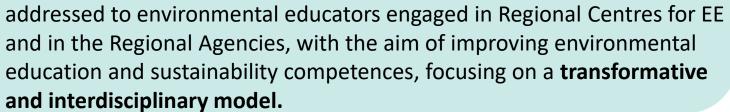






The training course: "Environmental Education for Sustainability: competences learned, competences acted" (2020 / 2021)





The course was carried out with a first part in **e-learning a-syncronous training Units** and a second part with **online syncronous laboratories**.

In 2021 the training course was replied also for ISPRA researchers and technologists involved in environmental activities for schools.

Thinking Holistically	Envisioning Change	Achieving Transformation
Integration:		
Systems	Futures	Participation
The educator helps learners	The educator helps learners to	The educator helps
to develop an understanding	explore alternative possibilities	learners to contribute to
of the world as an	for the future and to use these	changes that will support
interconnected whole and to	to consider how behaviours	sustainable development.
look for connections across	might need to change.	
our social and natural		
environment and consider		
the consequences of actions.		
Involvement:		
Attentiveness	Empathy	Values
The educator helps learners	The educator helps learners to	The educator develops an
to understand fundamentally	respond to their feelings and	awareness among learners
unsustainable aspects of our	emotions and those of others	of how beliefs and values
society and the way it is	as well as developing an	underpin actions and how
developing and increases	emotional connection to the	values need to be
their awareness of the urgent	natural world.	negotiated and reconciled.
need for change.		
Practice:		
Transdisciplinarity	Creativity	Action
The educator helps learners	The educator encourages	The educator helps the
to act collaboratively both	creative thinking and flexibility	learners to take action in a
within and outside of their	within their learners.	proactive and considered
own discipline, role,		manner.
perspectives and values.		
Reflexivity:		
Criticality	Responsibility	Decisiveness
The educator helps learners	The educator helps learners to	The educator helps the
to evaluate critically the	reflect on their own actions, act	learners to act in a cautious
relevance and reliability of	transparently and to accept	and timely manner even in
assertions, sources, models	personal responsibility for their	situations of uncertainty.
and theories.	work.	





Through training activities, we want:



develop updating skills in the field of environmental protection



create a system of **shared and advanced knowledge** on environmental legislation and on the most innovative methodologies and techniques for environmental protection

The courses are mainly addressed to **researchers and technicians of the SNPA**, of the **Ministry of Environment** ad other **Public Administrations**.

We also collaborate in the courses promoted by the **Police and Armed forces** for their personnel with environmental protection tasks, by **providing specialist teaching.**









To develop training courses, we adopt different methodologies:



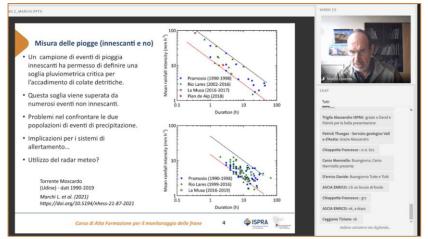






Synchronous distance learning

Asynchronous distance learning









Since 2015

More than <u>120 courses</u> have been promoted

More than <u>10.500</u> trainees

More than <u>3.100</u> hours of training

For each training course a <u>certificate of</u> <u>attendance</u> is provided to each student

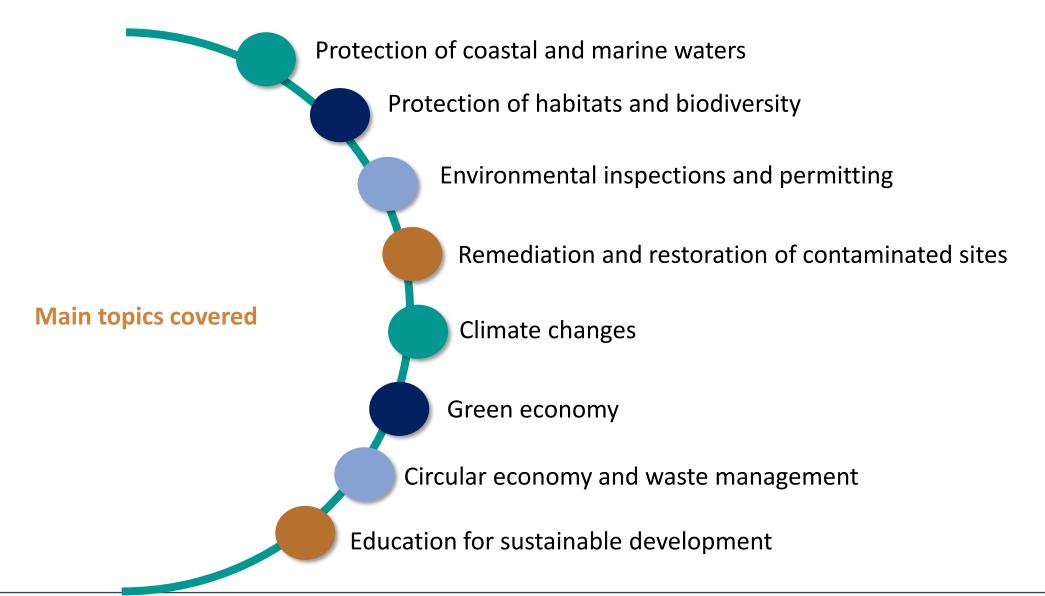
Since 2008 the environmental training courses have been certified according to UNI EN ISO 9001 Standards.





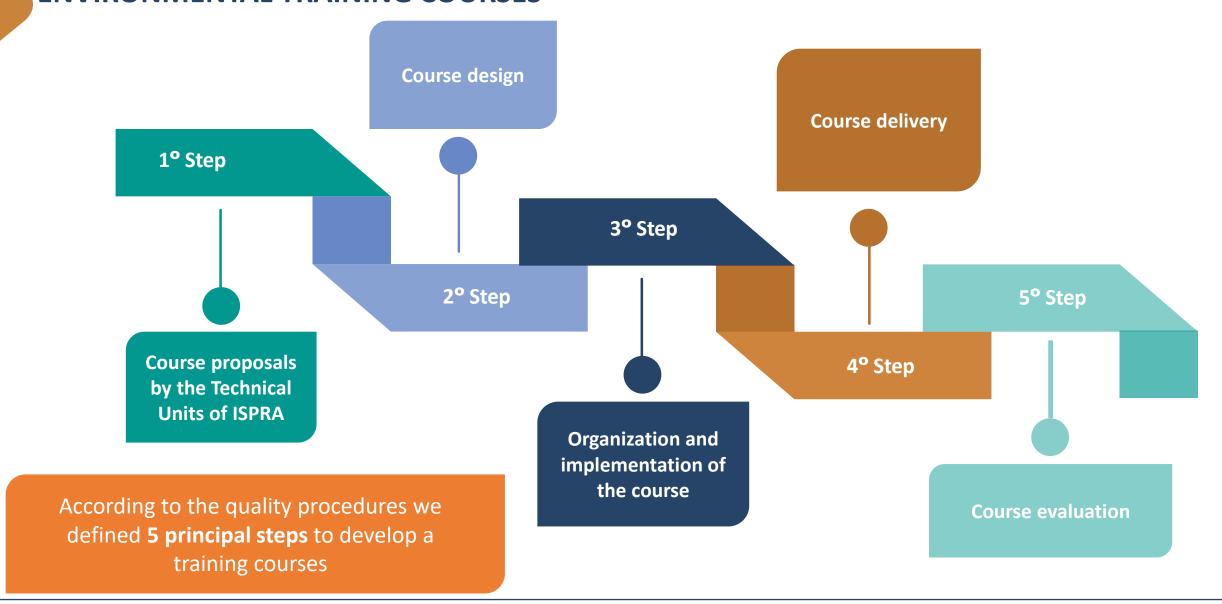
















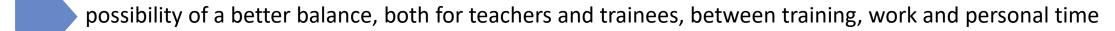
ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING COURSES Technical Units of ISPRA propose training courses on the base of training needs assessed, Course proposal by the Technical concerning environmental legislation and the new methodologies and techniques for 1° Step Units of ISPRA environmental restoration and protection. Training plan approved by **General Management** expected results training methodologies Course design in in collaboration specific learner target and starting • place and time, for facewith the Scientific Referent requirements 2° Step to-face courses • main topics evaluation tools teachers promotion activities • definition of detailed course programme • enrollment management Organization and implementation of formal involvement of teachers • realization of course monitoring and 3° Step the course according to the defined validation of the training contents by the evaluation tools (entry and satisfaction Scientific Referent questionnaire, learning assessment project dissemination of the news test, attendance registers) • daily registration of participants and support to teachers activities Face to face courses distribution of training material • verification of hours of attendance by participants **Course delivery** 4° Step → Synchronous e-learning • checking learning assessment test and satisfaction questionnaires • sending personal credentials and information to access to e-l platform **Asynchronous e-learning** help desk and periodic monitoring of the trainees' activities • checking learning assessment test and satisfaction questionnaires In order to have information on the achievement of the training objectives and test the **Course evaluation** degree of satisfaction of the trainees, we apply specific tools: 5° Step **Definition of specific tools** • a test to verify the level of previous knowledge of the students • a learning assessment test • a satisfaction questionnaire

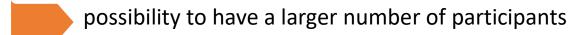
Distance Learning

Distance learning has become the most widely used method of delivering training courses, especially after the covid 19 pandemic.

The main benefits of the distance learning are:







Also, in the asynchronous distance learning:

e-learning resources can be accessed by learners anytime and anywhere

monitoring of training progress is easier both for tutors and learners

it is possible to track each training activity performed by learners

it is possible to activate unlimited number of course editions without adjunctive costs

It is possible to enroll an high number of learners



SCHOOL-WORK ALTERNATION PROGRAMS (PCTO)

Since 2017, ISPRA hosts high school students in alternating school-work activities.

School-work alternation is an innovative teaching method, which through practical experience helps students to consolidate the knowledge acquired at school and to test their aptitudes in a work environment, to enrich their training and to direct their future professional choice.



The training activities are developed on the basis of a training project developed by the school in collaboration with ISPRA, within the framework of a formal agreement

In 2022, 390 students have been involved in school-work alternation projects.





Thank you!

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