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## WONDERS of WASTE (WOW)

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# VARIETY

Italy is a country with many different features, both geographical and cultural.

Additionally, our isles: real pearls of nature!

Culturally, it could be divided into three areas: north, center and south.

Italy is a parliamentary Republic, divided into regions. Each region is divided in different provinces, and each province in municipalities.

Regions and provinces have different dialects and popular traditions.

Geographically, it ranges from mountains, where the weather is mainly cold and continental, to the mild Mediterranean climate on the coasts.

We have extended fertile plains for wheat and livestock farming.





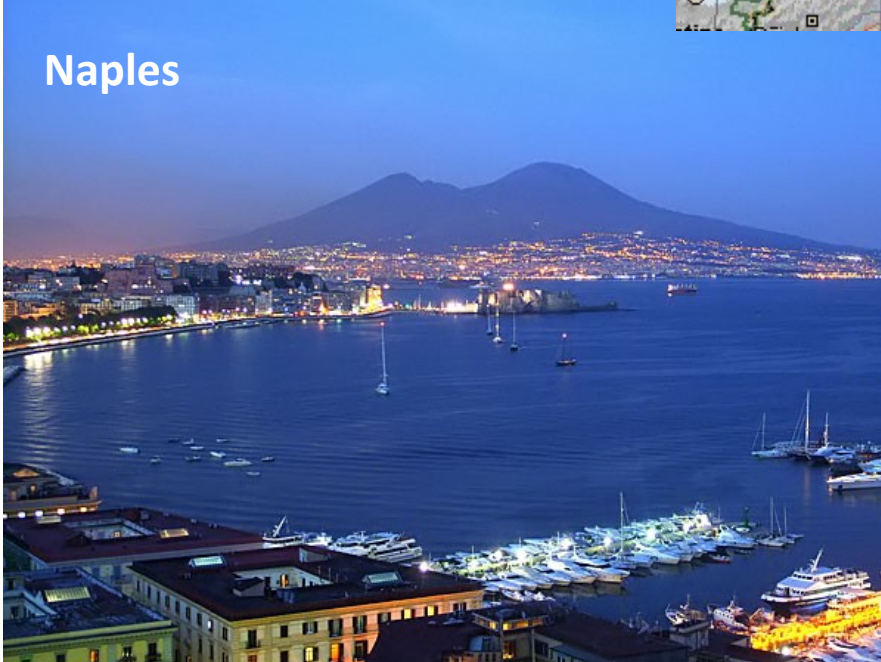
Capri



# SOUTH



Naples



Wind mills in Sicily



Hills in Tuscany



Florence



**CENTER**

Rome





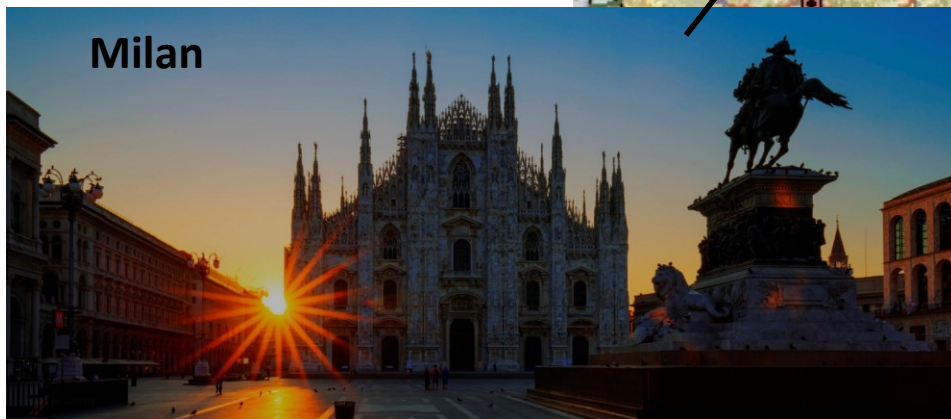
Pastures on Alpes Mountains



Venice



# NORTH



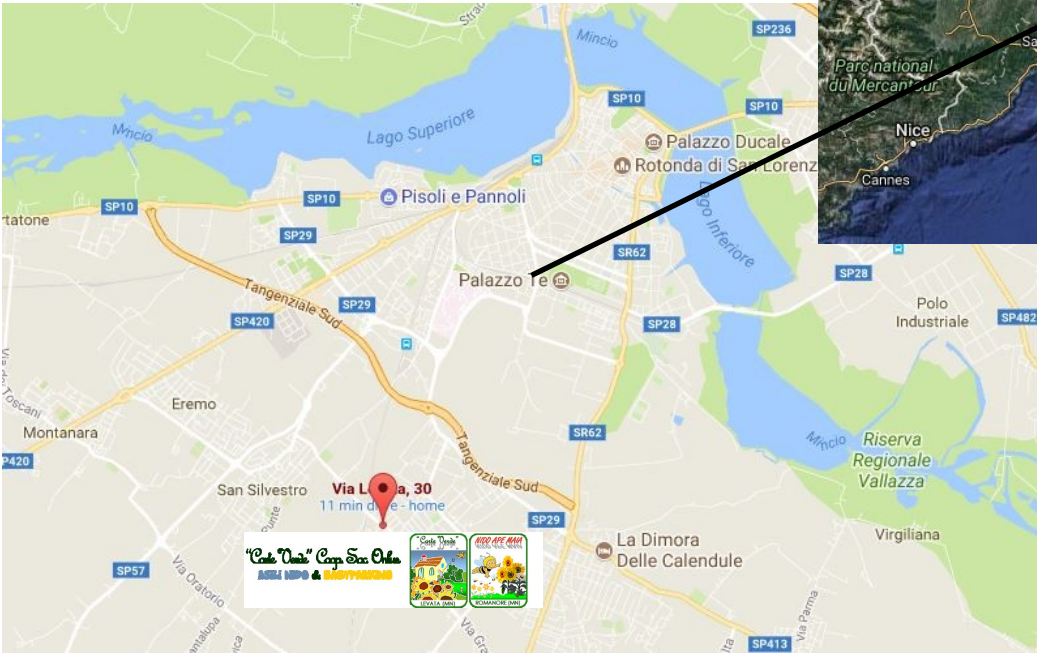
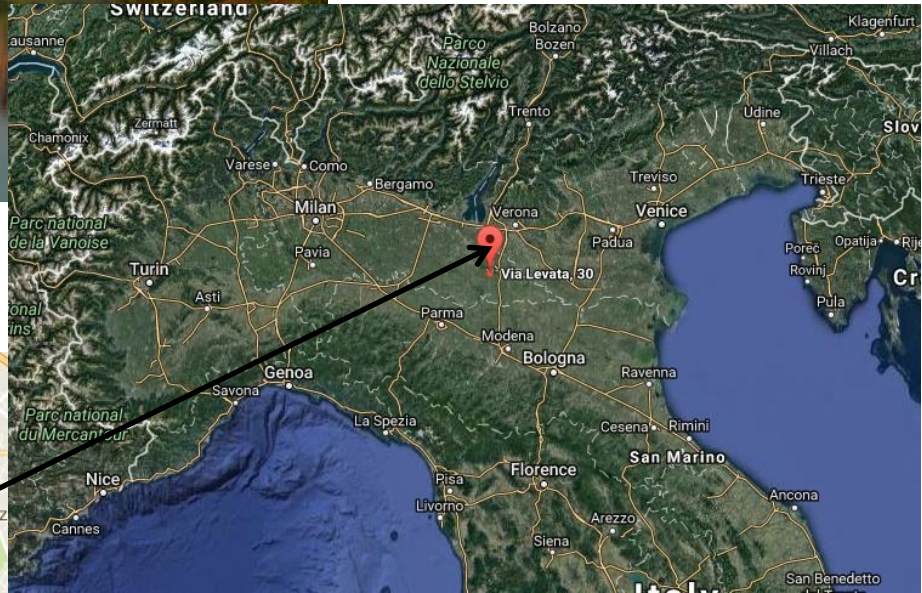
Milan



Po Plain



Mantua







One of the most beautiful provinces in **Lombardy region** is **Mantua**, reach of art and culture. Placed in the South of the Po Plain, Mantua was built next to Mincio river, in the area where it creates a deep meander, that embraces the city and creates the Upper Lake, the Medium Lake and the Lower Lake.

### **History:**

Roman myth says that Manto, daughter of Tiresias (famous blind Theban Oracle in Greece), went to Italy and gave birth to Ocno, son of the Tiberinus Genius of the river Tiber. Ocno found the city of Mantua naming it after her mother Manto.

Historically, it was founded as an Etruscan village, then it was Gallic and finally Roman. Around year 1000 it became part of the Canossa Family property, and then it turned free commune. Starting from 1328 with the Lord of Mantua **Luigi Gonzaga**, the village starts its cultural and artistic growth. The name of Gonzaga Family remained strictly linked to the history of our town until 1707, when Mantua was conquered by Austria. Mantua fought for long time to get independent from Austria and to be joined back to the Italian Reign in 1866.

### **Sightseeing:**

Among the most interesting building in the area, first of all there are the Ducal Palace (**Palazzo Ducale**) with its 500 rooms with frescos by artists such as Giulio Romano, Raffaello e Mantegna. It is connected to many buildings through hallways and galleries, yards and gardens: the most impressive is the medieval **San Giorgio Castle**. This all makes the wonderful Ducal Palace look like a «city-palace» that extends on about 35 thousand square meters.



Nearby, in Piazza delle Erbe (Herbs square) there are other 3 gorgeous buildings: **Rotonda di San Lorenzo** a church that dates back to year 1000, **Palazzo della Ragione** the medieval court house, and **Palazzo del Podestà**, home and offices of the commune government from the 13<sup>th</sup> century on. Beside them, the wonderful Clock Tower (**Torre dell'Orologio**) with the astronomic clock that dates back to 1400s (still working!).



As of catholic buildings that deserve a visit in town, the **Duomo** (also called Saint Peter Cathedral), with the Romanic bell tower, its right side wall in gothic style and its façade in neoclassic style; **Saint Andrew's Church** (Basilica di Sant'Andrea) designed by Leon Battista Alberti, where Mantegna's, Correggio's and Giulio Romano's masterpieces are collected, in addition to the vestiges of "Sacri Vasi", the sacred vases.

In the eastern area of the city, we have the impressive **Palazzo Te**, with its great **Bridal Room**, one of the most beautiful places in Mantua, deep in the green and designed as location if idleness and mundanity for Prince Federico II Gonzaga.





Corte Verde is...

Weaving Together Territory – Countryside – Family

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OUR (current) NUMBERS:



Children:	24	19
Age:	0-3 years	
Teachers:	4	4
Square meters:	175	165
Start of activity:	2004	2010

Corte Verde literally means GREEN COURT - It is a NON GOVERNATIVE SOCIAL COOPERATIVE  
Founded in 2003 by Fabiola Caprioli and Luca Marocchi

**Corte Verde's Future Projects:  
Brand new multiservice facilities  
for 3-6 year-old children, families and elderly.**



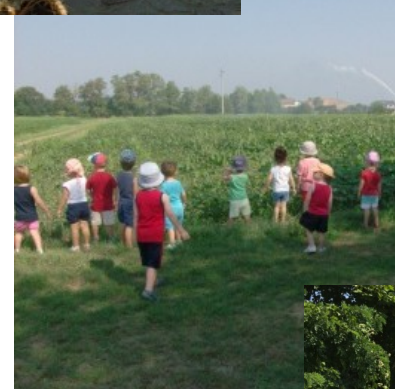


## Experiences among Water, Land and Fire





We are walking in a never-ending space. It is sunny and we start to feel tired, when all of a sudden we see it far away... It is the spreader, a necessary equipment to water the soy plants (so we are told) but to us it is something magic: it refreshes us, it excites us and it can even create rainbows! Gorgeous, it's a pity we have to go back to the kindergarten...







## Experiences among Water, Land and Fire

Every day and in every season, our outdoor walk is a magic: we meet our animal friends, we can plunge into high grass, if it just rained we can sink our boots in the wet land, if the sun comes out we can follow the footprints of the dogs or hares on the ground and when we are super lucky, we can even see the footprints of legendary Luca's tractor and collect what's left of the corn ears after Luca's harvester has passed. Certain days, we see appearing from nowhere some gigantic round balls that we call "bales".





## Experiences among Water, Land and Fire

We can go out also today: Luca says he will show us something magic. How great... we can collect wooden pieces and leaves that the wind made fall from our gigantic trees. We have also found some little brown stones, that Luca calls chestnuts and that come from trees living in the mountains. All together we have made a big pile of wood and leaves. Luca calls us around him, he hits two stones one against the other and... There is grey thing moving among the wooden pieces... it is smoke!

After a short while little yellow tongues shows up among smoke and leaves... hurray for fire!

Yellow, warm and crackling, so hot that the brown little balls that Luca put in a pan turned black...

We taste them... Delicious!!!  
Hurray for our FIRE!!!





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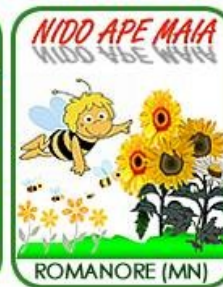
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# Herbs in Water



# MAKING FLOWER COLLAGE



# Visit to a DAIRY FARM



# Fruits & Veggie Games



# GROW FOOD









# **PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES FOR WONDERS of WASTE (WOW)**

**Project n. KA201-EA5BB9BB**

# Organic Compost: Helped by technology...



# Organic Compost... without any help!



**... and related activities!**



# Our Jericho Rose:







# Activities with natural materials: Writing with choal!





**Clean water...**



**... Dirty water.**

# The importance of **WATER** for plants:



# Natural materials for shapes and numbers



**Bottles to reduce plastic**

# Our children clean the lawns:



# Art works with leaves and natural materials collected during our walk:



# **Our first Rubbish Family In the bathroom of the little ones!**



**Work in progress for the other bins!**

# OUR TOP 10 WASTE ITEMS:



**Grass:**  
we have a big lawn and  
we need to cut the grass  
very often to let the  
children play safely.

**Wood:**  
**We have many trees  
and when we cut  
branches we have a lot  
of wood as waste.**







**Paper:**  
**A lot of paper from  
office work, from food  
packaging, from  
cleaning.**

**Kitchen waste:**  
**Remained food, fruit skins,**  
**etc...**





**Glass :**  
**Baby food in little  
glass containers.**

**Aluminum:**  
**Food arrives in our  
kindergarten in  
aluminum containers.**





**Plastics:**  
**Food for special diets (very little children, tomato allergy, etc.) arrives in our kindergarten in plastic single-dose containers.**

**Diapers:**  
**Our children produce tons of these.**  
**For the last 3 years we used to have compostable diapers, but this summer the company stopped production.**

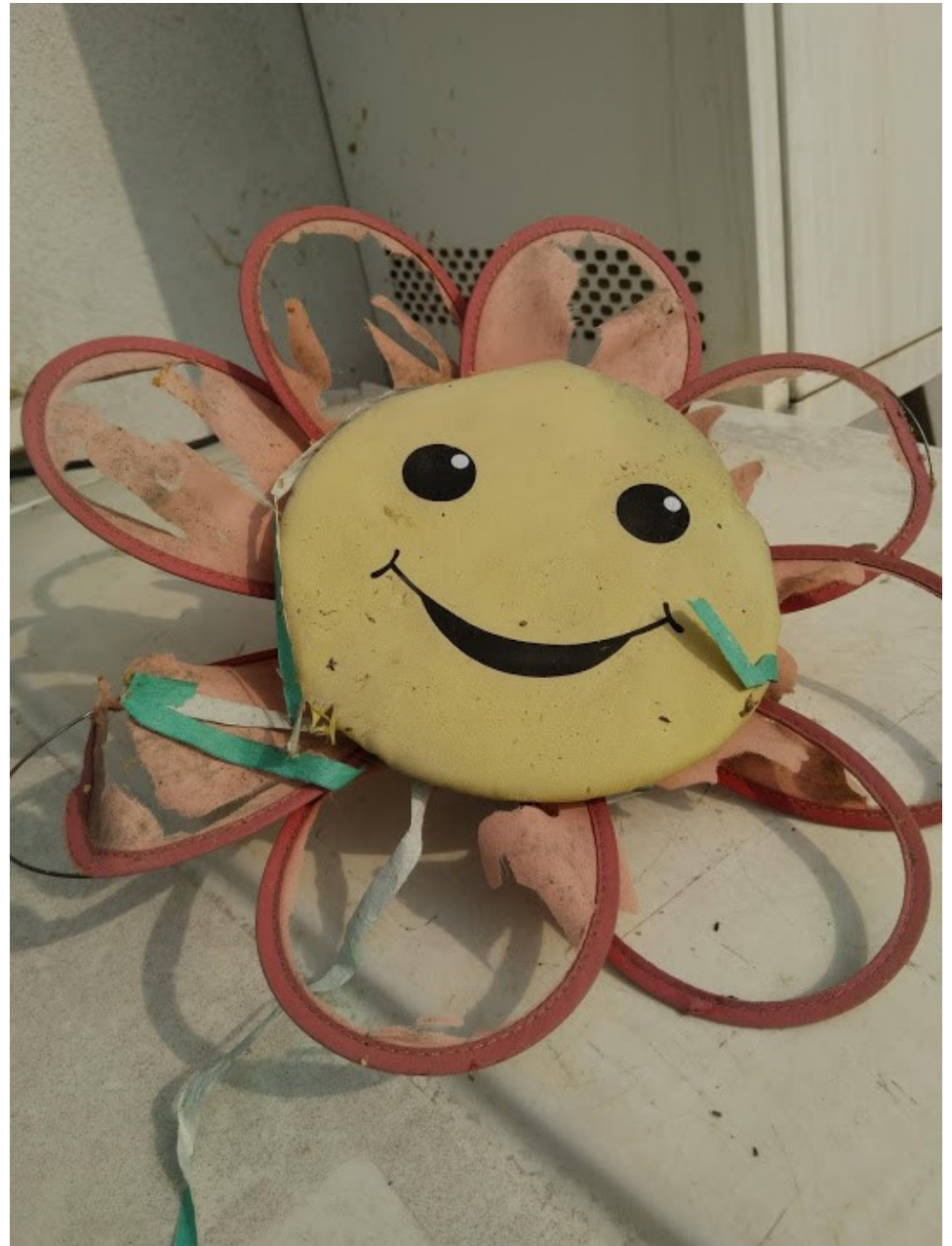




**Vinyl gloves:**

**We use many of these to wash our children during diaper change. Unfortunately, due to hygienic rules, there is no low-impact replacement.**

**Broken toys:**  
**It happens to have**  
**broken toys, composed**  
**by various materials.**



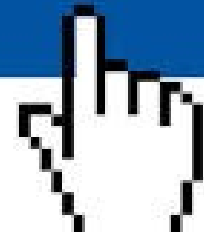


# SCHOOL FLEA MARKET

**Coming soon on...**

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**HAPPY 4R TO EVERYBODY!**