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INSIEME [TOGETHER]: ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT IN THE RUN-UP TO 2 JUNE

A series of meetings involving constitutional justices and school pupils will be held between 3 May and 2 June. The aim of the initiative is to reinforce the feeling of belonging to the *res publica*, understood as a community of women, men and institutions committed day in, day out to giving effect to the constitutional values underpinning our “togetherness”.

INSIEME is a new initiative promoted by the Ministry of Education and the Constitutional Court. **INSIEME in the run-up to 2 June**: this date marks a symbolic milestone and a starting point for constant efforts by institutions and citizens to find out more about the Constitution, which Law no. 92 of 20 August 2019 establishes as the basis for teaching in schools and civic education. The initiative involves an ethical, cultural and legal journey, which has its roots in the distant past but also looks to the future with the goal of building a shared civic awareness.

After “**Journey to Italy: the Constitutional Court in schools**”, which was abruptly halted by the pandemic in February 2020, this new initiative re-establishes direct engagement between the Ministry of Education and the Court - albeit subject to the organisational constraints imposed by the current emergency - and also marks the start of a return to normality.

The meetings scheduled between constitutional justices and upper secondary school pupils will address issues relating to constitutional principles, taking as a starting point the episodes from the **Constitutional Court’s podcast library**. They will therefore address art, science and freedom of expression (Article 33 of the Constitution); budgetary equilibrium as a public good, debt and young persons (Article 81); referendums (Article 75); gender equality (Articles 3 and 51); work and welfare (Articles 4, 32, 37 and 38); dignity and solidarity (Article 2); the re-

educative function of criminal sentences (Article 27) and much more still. Of course, they will also talk about the Constitutional Court, as the guarantor of fundamental rights and compliance with institutional rules.

Following an initial introduction by the justices, these issues will be discussed in greater depth with pupils.

Each meeting will be held remotely and will be streamed live over the Ministry of Education website in order to enable the greatest possible number of pupils to follow it, including those not directly involved in the meetings.

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