

**Report of the Competition 2006, Italy:  
“City and country, a relation that changes during the time”**

Fondazione per la Scuola della Compagnia di San Paolo

The topic of the third edition of the Italian EUSTORY Competition was: “City and countryside - a changing interrelation”.

The Fondazione per la Scuola received 22 projects from 18 Italian schools. About 400 students worked on these 22 projects. Most of the classes worked on the topic by researching old traditions of the countryside or by analysing the differences between lifestyle in the city and on the countryside. In their competition entries many students stated that life in the countryside for them is more attractive.

In this third competition round the number of participants slightly increased due to a better promotion of the competition. The teachers were well informed about the endeavour and could thus better integrate the competition in their teaching. Regional meetings for history teachers proved to be good occasions for promoting the competition. Thus representatives of the Fondazione per la Scuola joined several of such conferences where they presented the idea of the EUSTORY project. Moreover the Fondazione established closer contacts with some important national newspapers. Thanks to these contacts it may be possible to publish some articles about EUSTORY written by Prof. Cavalli, professor of sociology at the University of Pavia and member of the advisory board of the Fondazione per la Scuola. This would be another step to make the EUSTORY project known to a broader public.

The topic of the fourth edition, that started in November 2006, is "Borders - places of encounters and fight". Because of organizational changes of the Fondazione per la Scuola, the competition had to be announced later in comparison to previous years.