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The Peace Education Institute, University of Ljubljana,
Association for Culture and Education PiNA**

cordially invite representatives of the academic community,
students, Non-Governmental Organisations, Civil Society
Organisations and other members of the public to

International Final Conference of the project MILEAGE

**Mentorship for impact –
Raising the quality of study practices in
Higher Education**

29th October 2025

**Aula Rubino, Department of Engineering
Viale delle Scienze, Building 8, University of Palermo, Italy**

Hybrid Event

About project MILEAGE

MILEAGE aims to improve the quality of study placements at Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) by strengthening the support system, especially through better trained mentors, career advisors, and coordinators. It fosters permanent collaboration between HEIs, NGOs, and Career Centres, using a student-centred approach that considers student needs and enhances inclusivity.

Key activities include training for mentors and counsellors, developing digital tools and “support boxes,” piloting an innovative study placement model, and setting up quality standards.

The project also emphasizes recognizing community engagement in academic outcomes and helping students bridge academic knowledge with practical skills to enhance employability. Partners from Slovenia, Italy and Finland collaborate, combining universities and NGOs, under the Erasmus+ KA2 programme.

The international conference of the MILEAGE project will present the project results to relevant stakeholders and the public and provide a space for sharing, exchange and networking to share knowledge and experiences.

Members of the Conference Board

- Antonino Margagliotta, University of Palermo
- Alessia Valenti, CESIE ETS
- Elina Pöyry, University of Oulu
- Leeni Toivanen, The Peace Education Institute
- Sabina Otoničar, University of Ljubljana
- Lara Bandi, Association for Culture and Education PiNA

Registration open until 28 October 2025 at
<https://forms.gle/6NpYMF6cZdWGIswQ9>

Conference Programme

8:30 (CET) Registration of participants

9:00 (CET) Welcome speech

prof. Massimo Midiri, Rector of the University of Palermo
prof. Livan Fratini, Director of the Engineering Department, University of Palermo
prof. Antonino Margagliotta, UNIPA Project Coordinator, University of Palermo

9:30 (CET) Key note (Lectio magistralis)

Giovanni Caccamo, Italian singer-songwriter, author of the book "*Manifesto del cambiamento. Voce ai giovani*" (*Manifesto of Change. A Voice for Young People*)

10:30 (CET) Presentation of project results

prof. Tomaž Deželan, Project leader, University of Ljubljana

10:45 (CET) Round table – Quality of the study practice: challenges, opportunities

Moderator: Alessia Valenti, Project manager, CESIE ETS

Discussants:

prof. Elina Lehtomaki, University of Oulu

prof. Raimondo Ingrassia, Delegate to activities related public engagement, placement, stage and practices, University of Palermo

doc. Sonia Gargano, Head of Operational Unit - Teaching and Internship Agreements, University of Palermo

12:00 (CET) Lunch Break

13:00 (CET) Parallel Workshops - Research findings of MILEAGE experience

Workshop 1 –
Toolkit for
Career Counsellors
(in Italian)

Workshop 2 –
Toolkit for
HEI Coordinators

Workshop 3 –
Toolkit for Mentors

15:00 (CET) Spaces for internship orientation

prof. Antonino Margagliotta, UNIPA Project Coordinator, University of Palermo

15:30 (CET) Conference conclusions

16:00 (CET) Inauguration of MILEAGE Corner – UNIPA Placement Pavilion

prof. Antonino Margagliotta, UNIPA Project Coordinator, University of Palermo

17:00 (CET) End of event