The ERINAT project Educatione ai Rischi NATurali (Training on Natural Risks) offers training on environmental safety within the context of Life Long Learning through a permanent training process aimed at providing the population with a basic education and awareness, how to act, and selective behavior patterns which guarantee a safer living environment for citizens to who take part in the voluntary world.

During academic years 2008-'09 (ERINAT 2008) the educational experiment promoted by the Land Protection Office of La Spezia’s Civil Protection Service began, developing the ERINAT Project with the Regional Education Office for Liguria U.I.V. - Territorial Sector of La Spezia and the Prefect’s Office of La Spezia, Offer Plan.

The project was initially addressed to the students of the Province of La Spezia basic secondary schools. Informational material is handed out at the end of the lessons for subsequent reflection by teachers, families and peer groups (Peer Education) and evaluation tools are carried out under the guidance of the Fire Brigade assisted by the volunteers from the Civil Protection Offices of La Spezia.

ERINAT 2009 at the final year classes of the lower secondary schools in the Province of La Spezia have been given the chance to take part in the project which included the POF (Training Operation Forces).

The success of the initiative (Fig. 3) and the growing number of enrollments (Fig. 1) have encouraged the organizers to plan ERINAT in greater detail and turn it into an educational process that places greater emphasis on self-protection needs and makes the lessons adherent to the same educational principles, together with the lessons on risk and their potential deterrent effects and how to adapt for each individual and collective behavior. The contents have been supplemented and the number of resources devoted to the educational protection risk (course given by experts from the Provincial Authorities of La Spezia) and the question of forest fires (organized by the State Forest Rangers Corps of La Spezia) have been included alongside the seismic risk and aimed to do in the event of an earthquake. This is because the risk of falling activity is a real need and today the risk of fire is a reality that La Spezia has to face.

The number of students who have taken part in ERINAT 2009.

Student satisfaction feedback from students in the academic year 2009-'10.

Fig. 1. Number of students who have taken part in ERINAT.

Fig. 2. Customer Satisfaction feedback from students in academic year 2009-'10.

Fig. 3. Questions included in the Customer Satisfaction questionnaire filled by students in academic year 2009-'10 and represented in Fig. 2.

The winners of ERINAT 2012 competition.

CONCLUSIONS

The ERINAT project (Training on Natural Risks) has been educating students from La Spezia and, in an indirect way, all adults in their family, on safety since 2004.

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