



Castles for Children's Multicultural and Digital Experiences

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PODCASTLE

Transforming Cultural Heritage into a Living Learning Experience

What happens when children stop being visitors and become explorers, storytellers and creators?

PodCastle invites primary school pupils to discover castles, traditions and local history through research, artistic expression and digital storytelling. By combining cultural heritage, creativity, inclusion and podcast production, the project transforms every heritage site into a place where history comes alive and every child becomes an active participant in learning.

"Through these learning experiences, PodCastle transformed cultural heritage into a living learning environment where children became researchers, artists, storytellers and active citizens."

The PodCastle Methodology

Learning *with* Heritage, not *about* Heritage



Children learn best when they are actively involved in discovering, exploring and creating.

PodCastle is based on the idea that cultural heritage should not simply be observed—it should be experienced. Castles become living classrooms where history, architecture, music, storytelling, art and local traditions stimulate curiosity, imagination and creativity.

The learning journey begins with research in libraries and classrooms before moving into authentic heritage sites. Through observation, discussion and artistic activities, children investigate how people lived in the past, how castles were built, how communities evolved and how cultural heritage connects with our lives today.

PodCastle also encourages children to discover the cultural backgrounds of classmates from different countries, transforming diversity into an opportunity for dialogue, mutual respect and shared learning.

Throughout the process, pupils are not passive recipients of information. They become researchers, observers, writers, performers and creators, working together to transform their discoveries into original stories and educational podcasts.

The methodology combines

- Cultural Heritage Education
- Arts-Based Learning
- Digital Storytelling
- Social Inclusion
- Sustainability Awareness
- Active Citizenship

By connecting knowledge with creativity, participation and real experiences, PodCastle helps children develop curiosity, critical thinking, communication skills, teamwork and a lasting appreciation of cultural heritage.



Educational Resources for Schools and Cultural Organisations

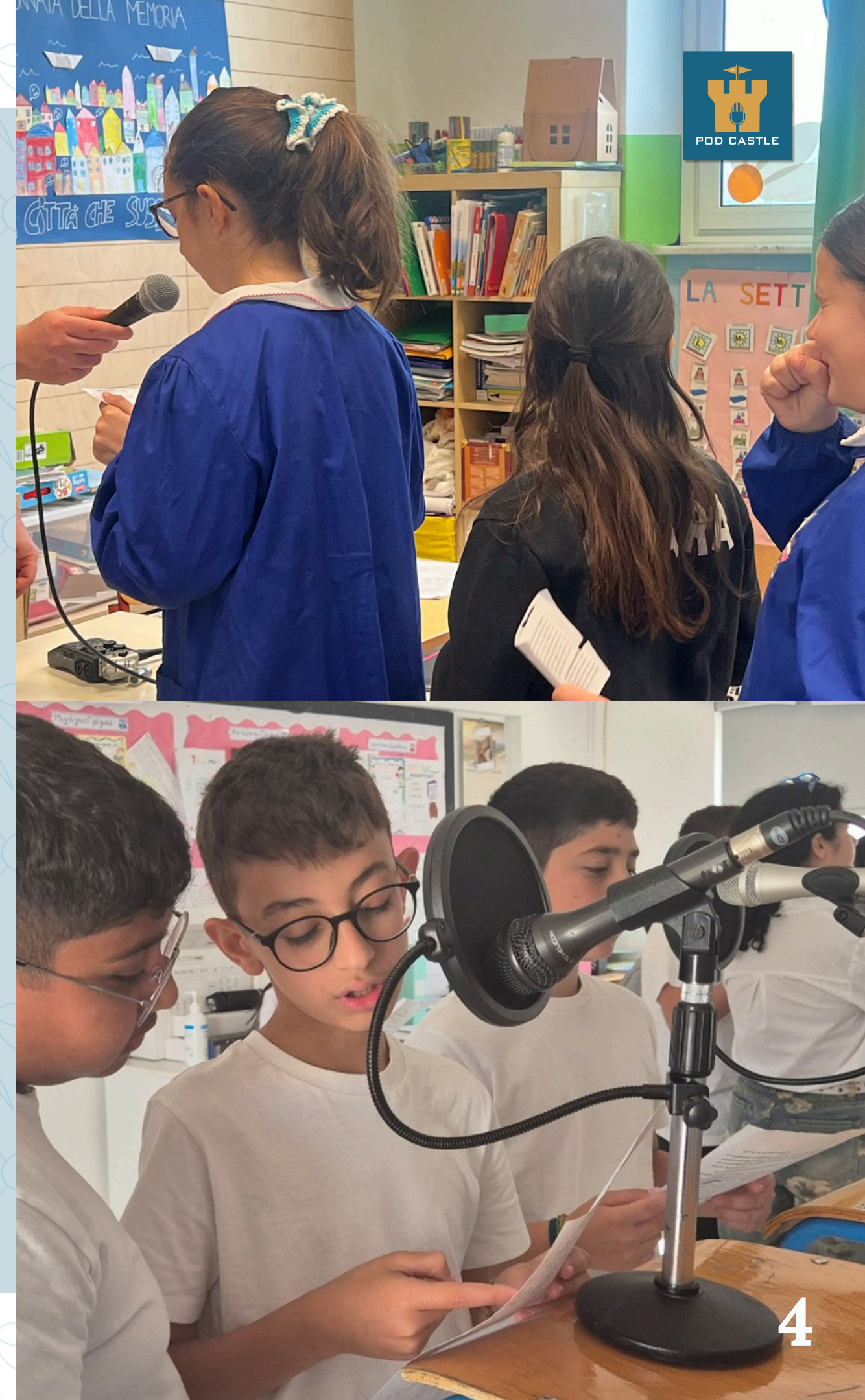
Fourteen Podcasts Created by Children

At the heart of PodCastle are fourteen original podcasts created by primary school pupils in Cyprus and Italy.

Each podcast is the result of a journey of discovery. Through research, heritage visits, observation, discussions and creative workshops, children transformed their experiences into engaging audio stories combining history, imagination and personal reflection.

The podcasts explore a wide range of themes, including castles and local history, architecture, sustainability, traditions, music, games, daily life, cultural diversity and children's visions of ideal castles.

Available in English, Greek and Italian, they are accompanied by multilingual scripts, making them valuable resources for cultural heritage education, language learning and intercultural dialogue.





Educational Resources for Schools and Cultural Organisations

PodCastle Teacher Step-by-Step Guide

The 97-page Teacher Guide translates the PodCastle methodology into a practical educational resource for teachers, museum educators, artists and cultural organisations.

It combines educational theory with ready-to-use classroom activities, heritage visit worksheets, podcast creation methodologies, evaluation tools and practical templates that can be easily adapted to different learning environments.

Together, the podcasts and the Guide provide educators with a complete toolkit for transforming cultural heritage into engaging, creative and inclusive learning experiences.

All resources are freely available through the PodCastle website under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Licence, encouraging their use, adaptation and dissemination in schools and cultural institutions across Europe.





A Legacy That Continues

PodCastle was conceived as more than a European project. It is an educational methodology that can continue to inspire teachers, schools, museums, cultural organisations and local communities long after the end of the Erasmus+ funding period. By making its principal educational resources freely available, the project encourages educators across Europe to adapt and enrich the methodology according to their own cultural heritage, local traditions and learning environments. Whether exploring a medieval castle, a historic village, an archaeological site, an industrial monument or a local museum, every community has stories waiting to be discovered—and children have the imagination and creativity to bring them to life.

Discover the Resources

- ✓ Fourteen multilingual educational podcasts
- ✓ PodCastle Teacher Step-by-Step Guide
- ✓ Educational activities and worksheets
- ✓ Project videos and photo galleries
- ✓ Practical methodologies for schools and cultural organisations

Scan the QR code to explore the project and download the materials.



Every community has a story. **E**very child has a voice. **P**odCastle brings them together.