



## Media release

### **A UNIVERSITY POLE FOR ALL FOREIGN WORKERS RESIDING IN CALABRIA IS BORN**

Agreement between the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO, assistance area agency for foreigners and the Archiepiscopal See of Catanzaro and Squillace

On Monday, February the 8<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45 am, in the premises of the Metropolitan Archdioceses of Catanzaro and Squillace (Via Arcivescovado, 13), during a public conference press, **an agreement that allows all foreigners residing in the town of Catanzaro and in the rest of the Calabria region to enroll online in the Faculties of the International Telematic University UNINETTUNO** will be signed.

In the presence of H.E. Mons. Vincenzo Bertolone – metropolitan archbishop of the Episcopal Conference of Calabria – the Rector of UNINETTUNO, Prof. Maria Amata Garito, and the President of the Assistance Area Agency for Foreigners of Catanzaro, Ms. Antonella Comes, will sign an agreement.

Thanks to this agreement, foreign students will be able to earn a regular university study qualification – acknowledged by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research – and benefit from a 50% reduction on their university fees.

The students enrolled in UNINETTUNO online faculties (Economics, Engineering, Literature, Psychology, Law and Communication Sciences) will be able to access the videolections by connecting to the University' e-learning platform ([www.uninettunouniversity.net](http://www.uninettunouniversity.net)) and – in accordance with the online University's educational model – they will be able to use multimedia and hypermedia more-in-depth study materials, live streaming interactive sessions in virtual classrooms, chats and forums having also the possibility to choose whether to study in Italian, English, French or Arabic.

It is a very important target entailed by the “Education without Boundaries” project, presented in Rome on December last by UNINETTUNO University and supported by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, by the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research and by the most important associations of the foreign communities in Italy. Actually, “Education without Boundaries” is born with the main purpose of helping refugees and immigrants to access Italian and

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foreign educational institutions and allow for the recognition of the study titles earned in their countries of origin.

Calabria was chosen as a pilot region to launch this project, an important act aimed at integrating the many foreign workers residing this area (mainly, Filipinos, Moroccans, Indians, Bengalis and citizens coming from Eastern Europe) to whom a technological pole, located in the premises of the Assistance Area for Foreigners Agency of Catanzaro, will be made available; there they will be able to follow their distance learning path. Instead, exams and more-in-depth study seminars will take place in the halls of the Archdiocese of Catanzaro.

“Once again – Garito, UNINETTUNO’ Rector, says – the psycho-pedagogic model realized by our online University will be made available to assure an effective spreading of knowledge, without geographical boundaries and in truly democratic way. Having chosen Calabria – a key region in our Southern land – to launch this project was not made by chance, of course, and today it acquires a very high symbolic significance”.

Words of praise also came from H.E. Mons Vincenzo Bertolone: “A project – he states – that valorizes the cultural background of the city of Catanzaro and that allows to go on working along the path of integration and solidarity thanks to the work done by the Assistance Area Agency to Foreigners has already showed to be able to carry on with the Festival of Peoples in July and with the multiethnic concert of December. This agreement offers to the immigrates a concrete possibility of personal fulfillment in the world of work”.

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