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**Questionnaire for a sample of 100 people in the Laura Lanza Comprehensive School Area, Carini (via Prano, Via A. Da Messina, Via G. Impastato)  
by the students of the Grundtvig ICAMS**

1) Do you know what separated waste is?

If your answer is yes:

2) Do you know that in your area there are a lot of bins designed for this purpose?

3) Do you separate your waste?

If your answer is yes:

4) What waste do you recycle?

If your answer is no

5) Why don't you separate your waste?

6) Do you know damages caused by pollution to the environment and consequently to our health?

From data collection it is revealed that 80% of interviewed knows what separated collection is and where both bins for mixed waste and bins for separated waste are because they are in the same place.

When asked if they separate their waste, only 20% of interviewed has answered yes, while others have admitted not to separate waste because it is much more comfortable and less tiring. They throw everything into one bag only and then to the nearest bin. Most of them consider difficult and hard to keep several bags to separate the various types of household waste and even harder to take them to the different bins. Among those few who care about separated waste none recycles aluminium because there are no bins suitable for this purpose in the district.

Almost 50% of interviewed understands the benefits of separating and recycling on the environment but they do not have enough information about saving on disposal costs, energy and raw materials and how recycling avoids the waste of natural resources and environmental degradation.

Considering the situation students have set out to create slogans containing incisive and persuasive messages to promote the separation of waste for recycling among the local residents. Some of these messages have been given in leaflets around the school area to raise awareness about recycling starting from the school population.

Finally we have also contacted the City Council and the ATO, the city solid waste services company, and we have asked for different bins to be placed in each of the school yards. Up to today the school has been provided only bins for paper.