



# Ragazzi in Aula

(Youth in the Legislative Assembly)



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**The Initiative “Youth in the Legislative Assembly” won the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010 as a best practice for Fostering participation in public policy-making decisions through innovative mechanisms (1° place winner for Europe and North America)**

# To whom it's addressed?



## To Piedmont high-level schools

From 1998 to today

- Schools that have participated are 200 on a total Piedmont high-level schools of 410
- more than 500 Law- projects submitted
- 2.000 Students aged 14 to 18 years old involved



# Who organizes it?

**The Piedmont Regional Council**  
(the legislative body of the Piemonte Region)

managed the project in agreement with the regional department of  
the **Ministry of Education**

# The project start up

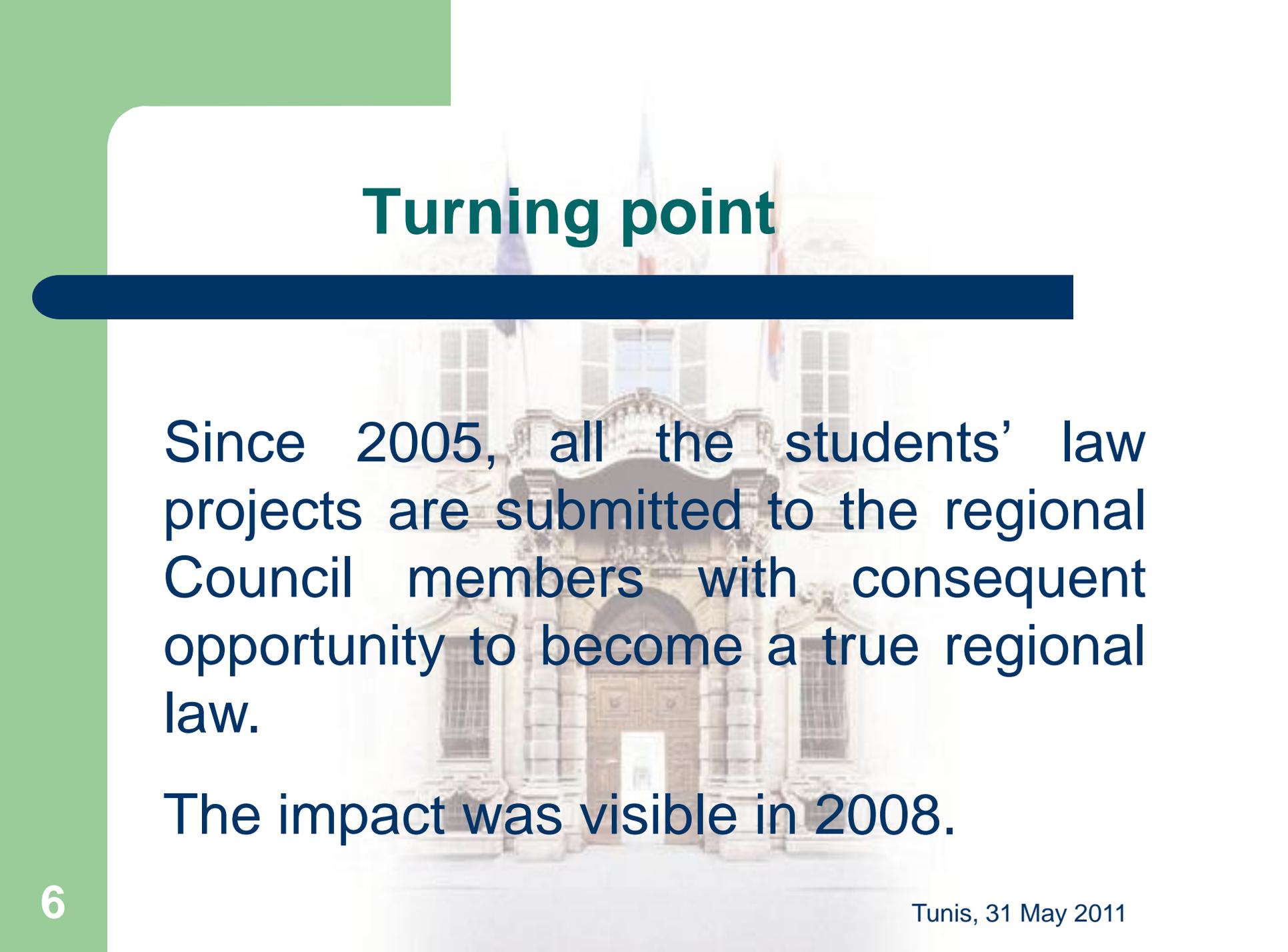


In 1997 the Italian Chamber of Deputies organized the project “Ragazzi in Aula”.

Since 1998 The Regional Council of Piedmont has organised the event locally.

Purpose: to involve the students in the law making process, spending a day in the role of Legislative Council members.

# Turning point



Since 2005, all the students' law projects are submitted to the regional Council members with consequent opportunity to become a true regional law.

The impact was visible in 2008.

# The state of the art



Training session for teachers

April

Deadline for applications

June

Selection of applications

September

Simulations of law drafting

October - November

Youth in the legislative assembly

December

Projects transmission to the council members

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

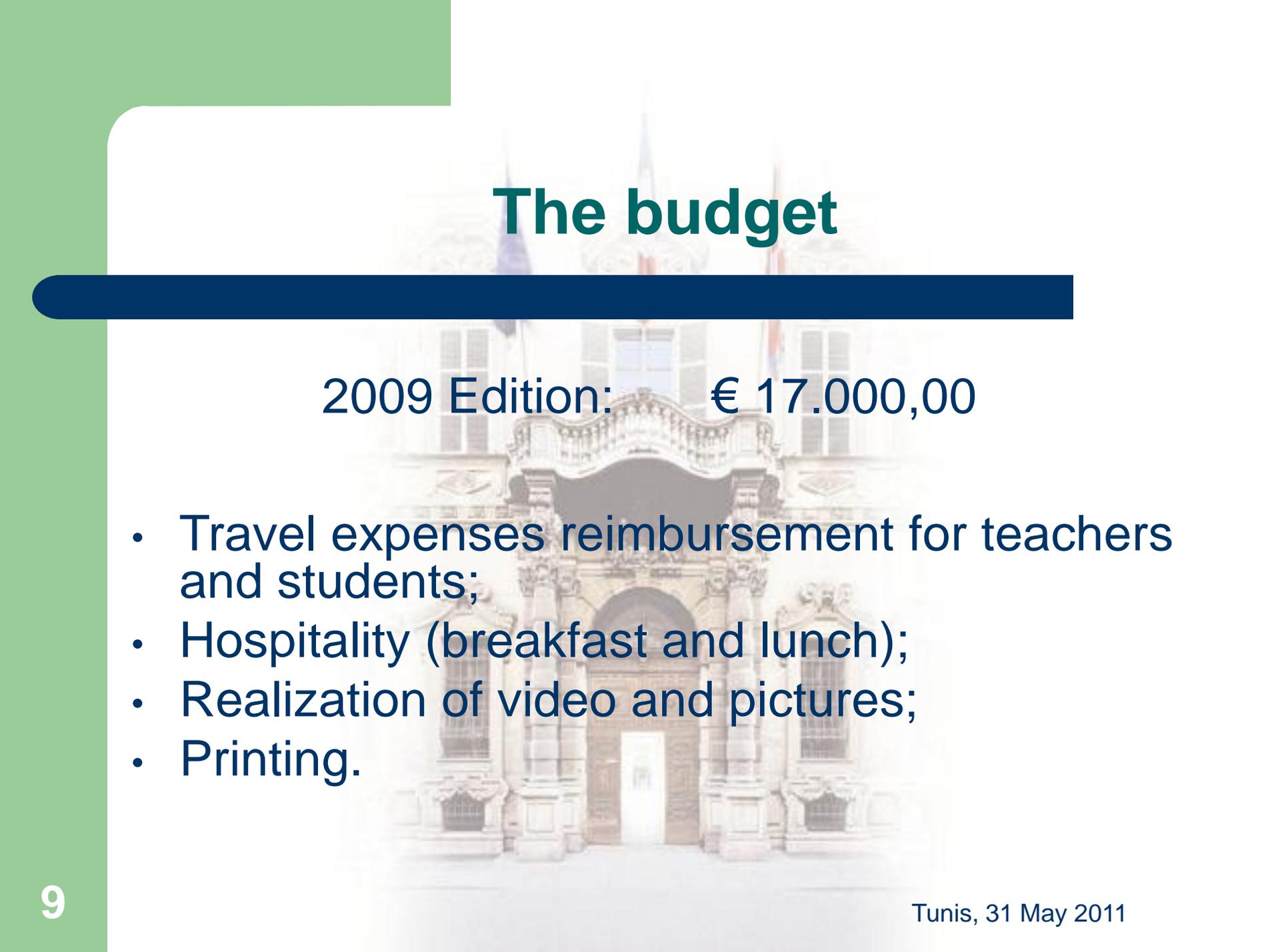


# Impact

Students obtain a certificate valid for the scholastic credits.



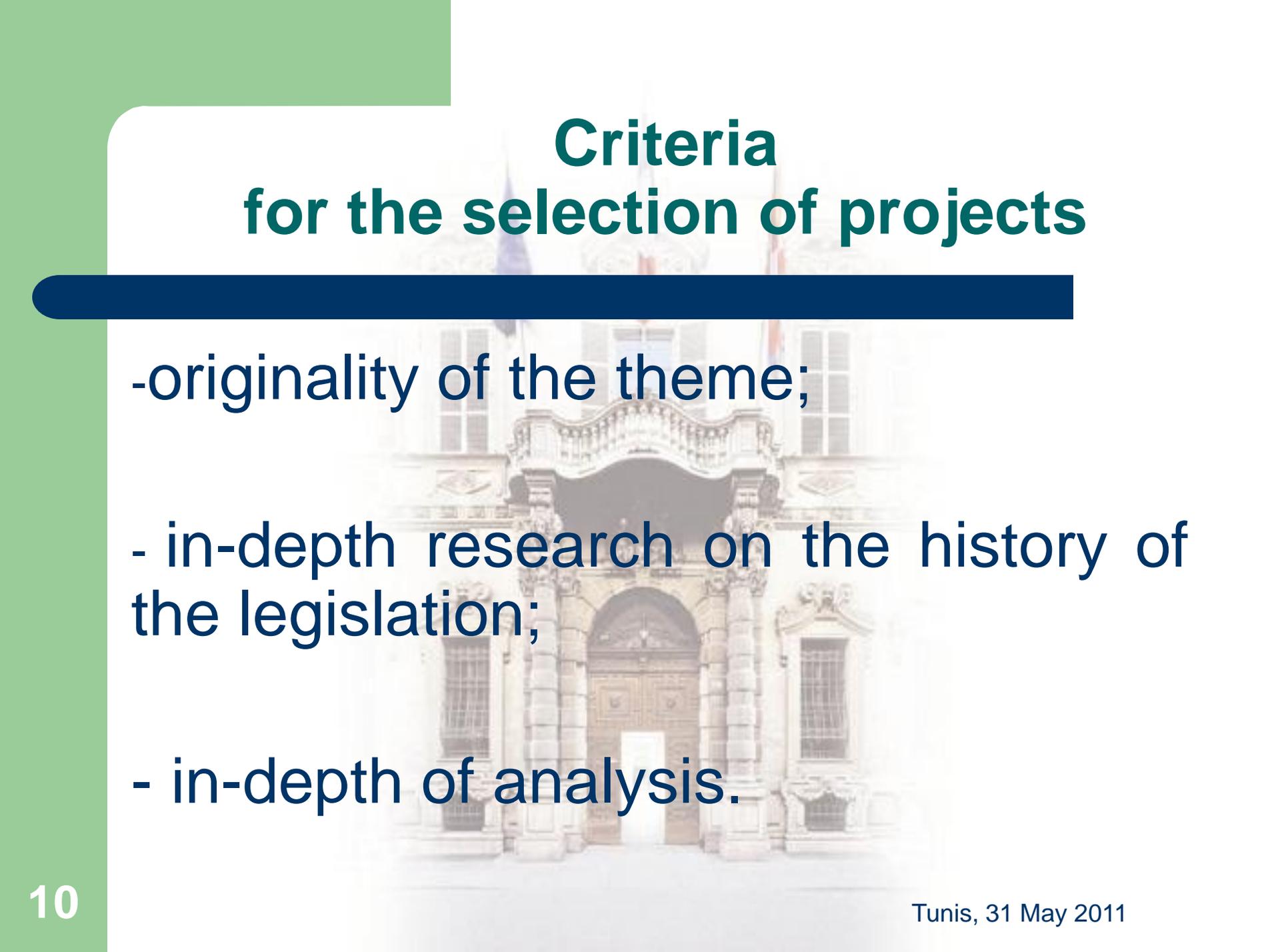
# The budget



2009 Edition: € 17.000,00

- Travel expenses reimbursement for teachers and students;
- Hospitality (breakfast and lunch);
- Realization of video and pictures;
- Printing.

# Criteria for the selection of projects



- originality of the theme;
- in-depth research on the history of the legislation;
- in-depth of analysis.

# The core achievements

- This experience allows the decision makers to better understand the problems and the real needs of young citizens.
- Educate the students to the mechanisms of democracy, in order to make them active European citizens of tomorrow.

# The core achievement



Ragazzi in Aula has given the opportunity to hundreds of students to meet, exchange ideas and interact with each other.

# Themes of law project proposed by the young students

- valorisation of sundials (already approved)
- grants for adoption of dogs from kennels;
- construction of cycle paths on disused railway areas;
- grants for photovoltaic panels for hospitals;

## the resources....

For the realization of “Ragazzi in Aula”  
four elements are paramount:

The teachers, the students, the council  
employees and the council members

## What students said

“Not only were we involved, but we felt the true protagonists of this experience of democracy”.

