

Kick-off meeting in Siena, 3-4 June 2025

Dear COSMONauts,

as written in the mail of the 12 February by our coordinator the starting of our PRIMA project is very near and so also our first presenting meeting, foreseen the **3-4 June in Siena!**

The first day we stay in the centre of the medieval city inside the city wall, near to the “Piazza del Campo”, where 2 times a year a famous horse race take place, and near also to the Duomo, the cathedral. It is a traffic restricted zone and in few minutes walk you reach various places. There is the **Rectorate** of our University where we have booked a room (9:00 - 19:30) for our kick-off, and various hotels and B&B are around (Albergo Tre Donzelle, Piccolo Hotel Etruria, Hotel La Perla...). The program foresees a full day meeting for presentations, discussion and future milestones, a short break for coffee and lunch.

If we finish not too late in the afternoon, with about 10 minutes walk, we can visit the **Academy of Fisiocritici** and its Natural History Museum, where we can see among other collections, the one of the terracotta mushrooms created by the doctor Francesco Valenti Serini (1795-1872). Finally we can have dinner together in a restaurant nearby.

The second day we'll have excursion to the north of Siena, the hilly area of Montespertoli to see truffle fields part of the proposed project, going on with discussions and have a good lunch, all located at the **Azienda Agricola “Il Sole di Nebbiano”**. It takes about 1 hour of traveling and we'll organize transfer by car or bus (depending how many we are). From there it is also easy to go to airport of Pisa (about 1 hour) or Florence (about 30 minutes) or to the train stations without returning to Siena.

Tuesday 03.06.2025 at 09:00am kick-off:

meeting point at the entrance of the Rectorate building, via Banchi di Sotto, 55

where we'll remain the whole day.

Optional around 6:00pm, visit of the Accademia dei Fisiocritici, in Piazzetta Silvio Gigli 2

Optional dinner together.

Wednesday 04.06.2025 at 09:30am excursion:

meeting point Porta Tufi, where various cars or a small bus will take you.

04.06.2025 at 3:00pm starting to go to Pisa/Florence or back to Siena.

Finally, Siena is a touristic small city, so we invite you to book quickly your travel/hotel, and please for a better organization let us know who/how many are attending the meeting and remember that Monday 2 June is the Italian National Day and Republic Day, so various shops ecc. are closed.

Welcome!

