



ICARUS FOR EUROPEAN YOUNG PEOPLE

Monday in Rome - at h. 17:00 of 11 may 2009 - at the Viminale Conference room the **Project ICARUS** (acronym for *Inter-Cultural Approaches for Road Users Safety*) - funded by the European Commission for more than 700,000 euros - is launched in the presence of the Minister of the Interior, Mr. Roberto Maroni, the Vice-President of the European Commission, Mr. Antonio Tajani, and the Head of Police, Director General of Public Security, Mr. Antonio Manganelli.

The launching conference, expected to take place on 6 April, has been postponed to 11 May due to the serious earthquake which affected the Abruzzo region.

The project will involve the Traffic Police for two years and a half with the aim of setting up in Europe a network of researches, trainers and police officers, thus allowing the Faculty of *Psicologia 2* of the Sapienza University of Rome to carry out a research on young drivers' conduct as well as on the main factors jeopardizing road safety.

The basic idea is that the increasing harmonization of traffic rules in Europe, implemented thanks to the activity of the Commission and the other EU bodies, goes hand in hand **in the EU with a common awareness, a common language on road safety and a standardized training of all young people.**

Three important international *meetings* in Rome, Ljubljana and Brussels, respectively, as well as a short film entitled "**Young Europe**", shot in four EU countries, complete a project which intends to be the best tool to make Europe and young people closer and to involve them in all its phases as the main stakeholders, i.e. as recipients of the research and training and actors in looking for a European common language on road safety.

