


Ufficio Scolastico Regionale per la Toscana

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Description of the organisation

The Regional School Office of Tuscany was established by Presidential Decree 347/2000 as a peripheral office of the Italian Ministry of Education. Its main task is to ensure the implementation of national provisions in the field of education and training and the compliance with minimum performance requirements and standards of education in the region.

The Regional School Office of Tuscany, headed by the General Director, is articulated into 12 departments, 4 of which are located centrally and 8 at provincial level.

It has competences in the field of education, vocational education and training and adult education.

It is the functional link between the Ministry and the autonomous schools (more than 600 of different grades: pre-primary, primary, secondary schools, centres for school education for adults).

It supports the school in the planning and implementation of the educational programmes, also in cooperation with local authorities and other stakeholders, and in the development of school networks.

The Regional School Office is also responsible for the training of teachers and headmasters.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

Within the Erasmus+ programme 2014/2020 the Regional School Office of Tuscany was involved in numerous projects in school education and vocational education and training fields, as consortium coordinator for KA101 action projects and as partner or member (Key Action 2 projects).

The KA1 consortia coordinated by the Regional School Office were set up to meet the training needs of teachers in groups of schools in the region, responding to the priorities and improvement objectives of the national and regional education system.

- PARTECIPATE 2015-1-IT02-KA101-014593

Objective: development of methodologies to promote learning motivation against school drop-out.

- DAYS 2016-1-IT02-KA101-023510

Objective: competence boosting of Digital Animators in schools.

- TEAM4CLIL 2017-1-IT02-KA101-036069

Objective: development of CLIL methodology with a perspective of the vertical curriculum between the first and second cycle of education.

- ESABAC PER L'EUROPA 2019-1-IT02-KA101-061503

Objective: enhancement of the EsaBac French-Italian bi-national curriculum through specific teacher training abroad.

- ACROSS 2020-1-IT02-KA101-078358

Objective: to promote well-being at school in all aspects and dimensions

The Regional School Office of Tuscany was a partner in KA2 partnerships comprising educational institutions, universities, training agencies, associations of teachers, aimed at experimenting with innovative teaching methodologies, tools and materials.

- T.E.S.T. 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015237

Objective: didactic innovation and training of science teachers

- ROSE-Robotics Opportunities (to foster) STEM Education 2014-1-IT02-KA200-003660

Objective: strengthening the teaching of stem disciplines through the implementation of robotics activities and the definition of a vertical curriculum

- PATHWAY THROUGH RELIGIONS 2017-1-ES01-KA201-038373

Objective: to promote social inclusion through education and understanding of the three monotheistic religions in their historical, social, economic and cultural context within different communities.

- TIK-Tradition and Innovation Kindergarten 2017 -1-IT02-KA201-036610

Objective: to strengthen the transversal competences of pre-school pupils through transnational comparisons between the traditions of the area in which they live and those linked to the cultural backgrounds of foreign or ethnic minority pupils;

- QUAMMELOT -Qualification for Minor Migrants Education and Learning Open access 2017 -1-IT02-KA201-036610

Objective: to promote the role of school education in improving social inclusion, especially of unaccompanied foreign minors.

- SELF-E- Self-entrepreneurship: how to turn ideas into action 2019-1-IT01-KA202-007769

Objective: to promote the use of innovative teaching methodologies in entrepreneurship education in secondary schools

Within the Erasmus+2021-2027 Programme the Regional School Office of Tuscany has obtained Accreditation as Consortium Coordinator in the fields of School Education, Vocational Education and Training and Adult Education.

It is also member of KA2 partnership (School Education and VET):

- AIM 4-Artificial intelligence methodology for quality education-2021-1-FR01-KA220-SCH-000032694

Objective: Training teachers on the use of AI in teaching and learning processes-Experimentation with classes of a module built on AI

- Go Green! Transdisciplinary Approaches to eaching Environmental Sustainability at School 2022-1-IT02-KA220-SCH-000087872

Objectives: e-learning training course for teachers to promote a transdisciplinary approach in sustainability education; collection of lessons to be used with students, based on reality tasks and active teaching methodologies; transnational Pilot Syllabus on Education for Sustainability

- "SEISC: Sustainable Entrepreneurship in Smart Clothing" 2023-1-FI01-KA220-VET-000160581

Objective: to enhance professional training institutions' ability to teach to students a sustainable entrepreneurial mindset to improve their employability.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

Law No. 2782/2022 introduced a three-year trial for the introduction of activities aimed at the development of non-cognitive skills into the school curricula. The experimentation includes specific training for teachers and activities to be carried out with students.

The development of students' emotional competence is part of the promotion of well-being at school and it is one of the areas in which the Regional School Office supports schools, in cooperation with Universities, research centres, local authorities and non-profit organisations.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

The Regional School Office has many years of experience in implementing educational projects aimed at promoting student well being and life skills: in particular, the Office promotes teacher training activities and projects involving students in different areas (e.g. bullying prevention, conflict resolution, promoting gender equality, inclusion).

USR has experience in project field of action also in the context of European projects (TIK-Tradition and Innovation Kindergarten 2017 -1-IT02-KA201-036610; PATHWAY THROUGH RELIGIONS 2017-1-ES01-KA201-038373).

Reasons of involvement in the project

In the specific area covered by the project, Law No. 2782/2022 introduced a three-year experiment for the introduction of activities aimed at developing non-cognitive skills in school curricula.

The Regional School Office promotes and supports the educational innovation and research activities of educational institutions, while respecting their autonomy.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

The contact person for the management of the project activities is Antonietta Marini, a secondary school teacher, who is in charge at the Regional School Office of Tuscany of promoting the European dimension of education and the Erasmus+ Programme.

She is the contact person of the Erasmus KA2 projects in which the Regional School Office is a partner and of the Erasmus+ KA1 Accreditation in the fields of School Education, Adult Education and VET.

She is currently carrying out a research project as part of an industrial PhD at the University of Florence on the professional profile and training of the European teacher.