



PRESS RELEASE

## Fair Didacta Italy gets underway

Florence hosts the most important international event on education.

From 27 to 29 September, 90 workshops and 150 exhibitors, in the da Basso Fortress.

The first Italian edition of Didacta international, the most important trade fair on education, which has been held in Germany from more than 50 years, is going to take place in the **da Basso Fortress in Florence from the 27 to 29 September 2017**. There are 4.000 teachers enrolled for the 90 scheduled workshops and 250 national and international exhibitors located on a 25.000 sq. m area.

The event was presented today in Rome by the Minister of Education University and Research, **Valeria Fedeli**; the Regional Councillor for education of the Tuscany region, **Cristina Grieco**; The Mayor of Florence, **Dario Nardella**; the President of Indire, **Giovanni Biondi**; the president of Firenze Fiera, **Leonardo Bassilichi**; and the President of Didacta International, Wassilios E. Fthenaki.

The Fair aims to innovate didactics, stimulate the debate on education and create a meeting place for schools and companies operating in the sector. The event is addressed to teachers, headmasters, educators, trainers, professionals and entrepreneurs operating in the school and technology sector.

Fiera Didacta Italy is organised by Florence Fair together with the main institutions of the territory (Tuscany Region, Florence City Council, Florence Chamber of Commerce) and Didacta International, with the support of the Italian Chamber of Commerce for Germany (Itkam) and Florence Convention & Visitors Bureau. Fair Didacta Italy is sponsored by the Miur; the European Policy Department of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers; the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Italy; the Italo-German Centre Villa Vigoni; Unioncamere, the Italian Union of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Handicrafts, and Agriculture; and Assocamerestero, the Association of Italian Chambers of Commerce Abroad.

Indire, the National Institute for Documentation, Innovation and Educational Research is the scientific partner of Fair Didacta Italy and the organiser of the events. The online university IUL is the technical partner of the event.

The Fair hosts companies operating in the school and education sectors: from publishing houses to information technologies, furnishing and catering. There will be workshops on the innovation of the educational model, robotics, the collaboration with European schools as an added value to didactic innovation, and the study of new furnishings and integrated technologies for schools. Ample space is dedicated to didactic innovation through the promotion of strategic competencies such as CLIL, TELL (Technology Enhanced Language Learning), Scientix and all the methods to improve educational processes, such as competency-based learning and teaching workshops. There will be also workshops dedicated to music, with the participation of prominent figures such as **Paolo Fresu**, promoting the teaching of music at school from an early age. Other workshops are “when space teaches” dedicated to 3.0 classrooms where new teaching technologies can be experimented in personalised settings. Fair Didacta Italy was included by the MIUR in the events envisaged by the multiannual plan for teachers' in-service training.

There will be different types of workshops, based on: Debates, speakers in turns present and discuss their research, led by a moderator; Immersive didactic, the participants experience teaching spaces endowed with IT equipment and enhanced connectivity; Talks, a big screen at the back of the stage and the public sitting in a semicircle.

During the three days of Didacta there will be also major national conventions open to everyone: the Erasmus+ programme, eTwinning, Educational Avant-garde, small schools, and Traineeships. The Fair extends also outside the walls of the Da Basso fortress with the fringe events of Didacta off: workshops, theatre shows and films mainly addressed to young people.

Further information can be found on the Didacta website <http://fieradidacta.indire.it>

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