

Didacta Italia 2026 kicks off tomorrow at the Fortezza da Basso

Firenze, March 10, 2026. **The Minister of Education and Merit, Giuseppe Valditara**, will inaugurate tomorrow the 2026 edition of Didacta Italia, which will take place until Friday, **March 13** at the Fortezza da Basso, with more than 3,000 events scheduled and over 700 leading companies participating.

The opening ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Padiglione della Ronda, and on this occasion the National Orchestra of the Musical High Schools will perform, a project of the Ministry of Education and Merit in collaboration with the **Uto Ughi Foundation**.

After the greeting from the President of Firenze Fiera, **Lorenzo Becattini**, remarks will follow from the Mayor of Florence, **Sara Funaro**, and the President of the Tuscany Region, **Eugenio Giani**. **Minister Valditara** will speak after the concert.

Also attending the opening ceremony will be **the Minister for Sport and Youth, Andrea Abodi**; the President of INDIRE, **Francesco Manfredi**; **Reinhard Koslitz** and **Wilmar Diepground** (for Didacta International); the Rector of the University of Florence, **Alessandra Petrucci**; along with other institutional figures such as the President of the Florence Chamber of Commerce, **Massimo Manetti**, together with the Chamber's Secretary General **Giuseppe Salvini**; the Undersecretary to the Presidency of the Tuscany Region, **Bernard Dika**; the Chief of Police of Florence, **Fausto Lamparelli**; and the Deputy Prefect of Florence, **Eugenio Pitaro**. Among the authorities expected are also the Consul General of the United States of America, **Daniela Ballard**; **Federico Scavetta**, Honorary Consul of Belgium; and **Guillaume Rousson**, Consul General of France.

Among the events of the first day, at the Padiglione delle Nazioni at 11:30 a.m. there will be the presentation of the campaign for the prevention of nutrition and eating disorders promoted by the Ministry of Health, and at 12:15 p.m. the event **"ITS Academy and Universities: New synergies for an integrated pathway in higher technological education"** (Seminar Room S14 – Palazzina Lorenese, 1st Floor). On this occasion, an agreement will be announced between CRUI, the ITS Italy network, Confindustria and INDIRE to promote effective collaboration between ITS Academies and Universities, also aligned with the real needs of the productive system.

At 2:00 p.m. the seminar "Educating for equality and respect: a participatory pathway with schools and the student community" will take place (Seminar Room S14 – Palazzina Lorenese, 1st Floor).

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Also at 2:00 p.m. the event titled **“Schools against addiction: projects from the Regions”** will begin (Padiglione Ghiaie – stand Z03), organized by the Conference of Regions and Autonomous Provinces in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Merit, the Department for Policies against Drugs and

Other Addictions, and the Department for Information and Publishing of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. At 3:00 p.m., in the Sala della Ronda, the spotlight will be on the seminar **“New National Guidelines 2025: towards a quality curriculum for the school of the future”**, an opportunity to explore the epistemological and pedagogical foundations of the New National Guidelines and to discover the main innovations included in the document. Participants will include Loredana Perla, scientific coordinator of the ministerial commission for the revision of the national guidelines for the first and second cycles; Antonio Cioffi of the Brera Academy; Carmela Palumbo, Head of Department at the Ministry of Education and Merit; Ernesto Galli della Loggia, professor emeritus and former full professor of Contemporary History at the Scuola Normale of Pisa; Lorella Calimali, mathematics and physics teacher;

Riccardo Morri, full professor of Geography at Sapienza University of Rome; and Uto Ughi, musician and president of the Uto Ughi Foundation. The Special Events program is also rich, featuring tomorrow (Wednesday) from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. at the Auditorium of Villa Vittoria the event **“Agriculture 4.0, AI and the Ecodigital challenge”**, a meeting with agricultural institutes promoted by the Renisa and Ecodigital networks.

Opening hours: from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (last day: from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

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