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MenSI Learning Labs

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National Context

Short description of your local/regional/national context (depending on range of impact of your activities) with a specific focus on innovative whole-school approaches to implementing ICT.

The range impact of our activities is on a local context, mainly in the town where our learning lab is (Crema - Lombardy) and the province it belongs to (Cremona). Digital tools and the use of technology are spread in this context, both in society and in any level of schools. Innovative approaches in teaching are promoted by national (Ministry of Education – INDIRE and Avanguardie Educative), regional and local institutions. In our province (but also at a national level) there is also a network of so called “Animatori Digitali”, a group of teachers with specific IT skills, whose main aim is to spread and improve the use of IT in teaching and learning at all school levels.



Fostering a learning lab

Launching a learning lab

Our learning lab was created before 2015 and it has been part of the Future Classroom Lab since then. We were inspired by other ongoing programmes with INDIRE at that time (for example aula 3.0 as an innovative learning space) and a long lasting interest in our Institute in the use of innovative methods in teaching and learning.

Local, regional and national support

Any support/collaboration from local, regional and national authorities? A collaboration with Istituto Confucio for Chinese language teaching and learning.



School training activities

National workshop and events

We have been taking part only in temporary projects mainly promoted by Indire (concerning for example debate) at national level, but there aren't any conferences or workshops we usually participate in.

**Note: these activities can go beyond your collaboration with MenSI.*

School training sessions

School network

We have planned a workshop concerning an innovative educational model called MLTV (Making Learning and Thinking Visible). This approach comes from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and promotes a different learning method. We have invited the other Secondary Schools of our Province by simply sending them an email (through our school secretary), with the description both of the topic and of the structure of the workshop. The teachers willing to participate just had to reply to our email, pointing out their personal details, school and subject.

Workshops and other training events

Learning labs have been invited to work with other schools in order to accelerate the adoption of the FCL model and the innovative pedagogical practices involving ICT that are available in these labs.

How would describe a typical workshop of your learning lab? The structure of the workshop we have planned is: first online meeting in December 2022 (1 hour long) with the enrolled teachers, then two face to face meetings at our learning lab in January and February 2023 (1 hour and a half long, each of them).



Beyond MenSI

Future plans

What are the plans for your organization regarding the dissemination of innovative practices and ICT within your school network.

At the moment we have no real plans for the future, apart from the workshop mentioned above.

Challenges

Description of challenges when implementing your agenda as learning lab.

As learning lab, we have no agenda at the moment. Disseminating inside our school is the priority. Once we have been able to do that, we will plan new challenges and targets for sure.

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