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Global Money Week and the importance of financial education at school

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The inauguration of Global Money Week in Rome, at the headquarters of Unioncamere, was an important day that officially kicked off the eleventh edition of this international event. An initiative dedicated to boys and girls attending all levels of schools, promoted by the OECD at an international level, and coordinated by the Edufin Committee in Italy. This week gave us an opportunity to continue to focus our attention on an important activity for all young people and for the future of the Country. Over time, financial education, indeed, has become a subject that needs to be taught in schools, starting from primary school. Knowing about finance, understanding its basics, helps us to comprehend the world around us and take part in it, it's as important as knowing how to read and write. The responses of students, teachers, parents and school administrators to these initiatives have been very positive and the students have shown themselves very open to learning about these subjects. If in Paglieta, in the province of Chieti, the "Benedetto Croce" Comprehensive Institute has started a project beginning with the care of the vegetable garden to the idea of putting the sale of their products on the market, the students of the "Martin Luther King" Institute of Secondary Education in Muggiò, Brianza, led by their professor, have studied and simulated the management of a mini business. Even the youngest children had the opportunity to do some thinking about financial education, such as the pupils of the primary school of the "Claudio Abbado" Comprehensive Institute in Rome who, through some drawings, talked about their idea of a piggy bank and what savings are. While the students of the "Leopoldo Pirelli" Institute of Secondary Education in Rome participated in school-work projects developing basic skills allowing them to learn how to manage their finances in the future.

From the Committee's data collection in collaboration with DOXA, approximately 90% of Italians would like financial education in schools. We therefore hope that financial education will soon become a compulsory subject in schools, starting from primary school.

The Director Annamaria Lusardi

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Photos

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Video

Listen to the interviews with the students

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRepusvw7PE&t=2s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9qaOV0IDby8&t=4s>

Listen to the interviews with the School Principal and parents

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Listen to the interviews with the Professors and the students

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ar4B4CC8WXE&t=1s>

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