

Carmela Palumbo: The SMART Project and the matter of students' occupability

Carmela Palumbo thanks all the participants and underlines how effective and direct the last speeches have been, in particular those of the students.

She also states that the SMART Project is about didactic innovation and it has been important to present it within the Job&Orienta fair, which is an event based on orientation to school, university and work. There is a strong connection between them, even though it may not be immediately evident: nowadays it is not possible to imagine a school in which students have practical work experiences in companies and then return to their classes and find subjects that are artificially separated and not integrated like in real life. This is no longer possible today in our schools. We have to work in favour of the students' occupability, which is only possible through the combination of working experiences in real contexts and new methodologies of learning/teaching at school.

Thanks to the SMART Project, small national schools have had the possibility to confront with other international organisms, improving their professionalities through the exchange of best practices and experiences.

The scientific partnership with the universities is fundamental for schools: Carmela Palumbo thanks Marina Marchisio and the University of Roma Tre professionals for their work both in the two national Projects and the international SMART Project.

The two added values of the SMART Project have to be found in the didactic innovation and in the international confrontation.