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### Type of organisation:

SME  School  University  Public Authority   
Training  No Profit  NGO

Other (Specify):

### Fields of action:

SMEs  Youth  Universities  Public Authorities   
Equal opportunities  Schools  Unemployed

Other (Specify):

### Description of the organisation

IPS Datini is a vocational school, with about 1260 students.

Nowadays, the school offers two main different educational paths :

Hotel & Catering Services - Vocational Course - divided into three sections:

1. Reception Services – dealing with the accommodation of tourists/ the promotion of an area
2. Cooking Services – dealing with the exploitation, production, processing, storage and presentation of food and wine and local traditions
3. Bar and Restaurant Services – dealing with with the administration, production, organization, delivery and sale of products and services, food and wine

From the next year , IPS Datini will activate a new course for Agricultural Services – Technical Course - divided into three sections:

1. Production and Transformation, involving the organization of livestock and crop production, the transformation and the marketing of its products, the use of biotechnology
2. Managing the environment, which studies issues of conservation and protection of the environment and the issues related to the valuation processes and the Rural Engineering;
3. Viticulture and Winemaking, which studies the issues related to the organization of specific wine production, the transformation and marketing of its products, the use of biotechnology

#### Mission and vision

Fight against early school leaving, with projects that integrate education with vocational training; in this field "Datini" has already organized initiatives that have been well awarded by the Regional Authorities.

Reform of the Technical and Vocational Education, in order to enhance the integration of the institutes with the demands of the area development, and, in this field, the identification of leading-schools for technical/vocational training, including the various exit levels, up to the higher technical education.

Organizational and professional quality improvement, carrying out projects for adopting quality models (CAF/BSC), with a shared action of teachers' training, coordination and exchange of teaching experiences as innovating teaching tools (bench-learning) enhancing all excellences both among teachers and students.



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Participation in external initiatives, aimed at the surrounding area promotion and development, that makes it possible, for education quality, to have positive effects on its members: building partnerships in European projects, managing cooperation initiatives with "Misericordia di Firenze" on the theme of "disability" and supporting developing countries, agreements, activities with local Authorities, etc.

### **Experience of the organization in previous European projects**

"Datini" has a long history concerning European projects as a leader as well as a partner. In the last two years the most important projects within Socrates Programme were the following:  
Comenius about teachers' training in foreign languages ( Agency LLP nr. IT2008390004) in 2008  
Leonardo LLP Pass for Job (LDV-IVT-07-IT-339 ISFOL)

It should not be forgotten that since 1999 Istituto Professionale "Datini" has been a leading actor in many initiatives of coordination aimed at fighting early school leaving.

It searched for the best practices concerning the experimentation of integrating paths between education and vocational training.

Datini Institute was one of the seven European partners who participated in the project, which took place between January 2008 and November 2009.

The School Inclusion project intends to identify the strategies developed in the different European countries to fight early school leaving, so as to develop a common strategy to prevent the phenomenon.

This common strategy should be based on the best practices identified at the European level.

The last European project was Stay@school ( 2011-2013) , a Leonardo TOI Project, in which IPS Datini was the promoter.

### **Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area**

IPS Datini took part in several local and national Projects concerning sport, trying to involve teachers and students in a different view of sport activities.

In the national educational curriculum "Datini" Institute offers 66 hours per year of training in gymnastics, and values of mutual respect, solidarity, cooperation, cultural integration are promoted through the execution of these activities, as an basic part of the curriculum itself.

Moreover, Datini Institute has organized a School Sports Centre with two purposes:

- Provide opportunities for all students to practice different sports
- Improve the cultural education of students in specific sport experiences through an in-depth knowledge and practice

From 2007 to 2010, a project in collaboration with the FIGC (National Football Association) and CONI (Italian Olympic Committee) Youth and School was carried out. Meetings and conferences have been organized by English, Spanish and Italian sport clubs to compare the organizational aspects of youth development and the issues of security in the stadiums.

### **Contributions that can be provided to the project**

Evaluating the experiences carried out to build a European network of teachers and resources. Involving teachers and students in a new vision of sport as a tool for inclusion and social integration.



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### Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Prof. **Daniele Santagati** is the Headteacher of IPS Datini.

He has got a degree in philosophy, he has been a manager since 2004; he directed the Liceo Cicognini in Prato and Colombo Institute in Genoa; currently he is also ruling headteacher at IPSIA Marconi in Prato. The Headmaster is the legal representative of an autonomous educational institution.

He has had experience of coordination in European projects and in teachers' training.

Prof. **Roberto Bellocchi** is a teacher of Physical Education at Datini Institute. He held a position at the Faculty of Sciences in Florence, he is a professor at the CONI School of Sport, he was appointed Chief Executive Officer President of the FIGC LND Florence, and he is therefore responsible for all football sports organization in the province of Florence.



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