

ProgettoDiverterò [Project 'I will become'] extends its scope to include Italian schools abroad



The Bracco Foundation and Department 5 of the Directorate General of Public and Cultural Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation have joined forces to promote “progettoDiverterò nel Mondo”, the international edition of *progettoDiverterò*.

progettoDiverterò [‘I will become’ - Young People Project] aims to promote a culture of science and gender equality in STEM subjects. The project is intended for pupils of all ages at any Italian school abroad (state-run, private following a state curriculum and fully private).

With the signing on Wednesday 18 December 2024 of an agreement between Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani and Diana Bracco, Chair of the Bracco Foundation, *progettoDiverterò* goes international under the name *progettoDiverterò nel mondo* in 2025, when it will be rolled out in Italian state schools located in Zurich, Paris, Barcelona, Madrid, Athens, Istanbul and Addis Ababa, before being later extended to include more than 40 private schools across the world teaching the curriculum set by the Italian state.

Project aims:

The aims of *progettoDiverterò nel mondo* are the following:

- To stimulate thinking about the importance of STEM subjects and encourage research

- To disseminate the principles of the [Mind the STEM Gap Manifesto](#) launched by the Bracco Foundation to promote gender-equal access to science
- To encourage young women as well as young men students to become Ambassadors for the promotion of gender equality
- To engender a sense of community belonging by training students in global citizenship
- To stimulate collaborative teaching
- To nurture the capacity for didactic innovation by building new learning paradigms
- To compile an online review of the content produced by the students.

Rules and Prizes

Under the guidance of a teacher, each class or group of students, using the materials and following the instructions prescribed by the rules, will carry out the following activities:

1. Translate into the language of their country the [“Mind the STEM Gap Manifesto”](#) on gender equality in scientific subjects;
2. Identify, select and prepare a presentation on leading women from their country working in the STEM field;
3. Complete an individual or group digital project on the theme of how STEM careers are of central importance for the society of the future.

There are three prizes: one for each level of school (primary, lower secondary and upper secondary). The prize is a voucher worth 1,000 euros for the purchase of teaching materials.

Logistics permitting, the Bracco Foundation will also make a space available to the winning school to mount a photographic exhibition related to the STEM subjects, and thus contribute to the culture that encourages girls and boys alike to pursue studies in this area.