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UNIMARCONI SUPPORTS "VOLUNTEERS FOR EDUCATION" TO PROMOTE EQUAL ACCESS TO LEARNING

Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi has joined the initiative "Volunteers for Education" (Volontari per l'Educazione), a project promoted by Save the Children aimed at combating school dropout and learning loss among children and adolescents across Italy.

Launched in 2020, the initiative focuses particularly on students in the first cycle of education and seeks to support schools and the wider educational community in areas where essential services are limited.

Special attention is given to territories facing structural challenges, including islands, mountain regions, internal areas, and urban peripheries, where educational inequalities and barriers to learning are often more pronounced.

Through this program, volunteers provide individualized online tutoring to support students in recovering learning gaps and strengthening motivation to study.

Each volunteer works with a single student or a small group through a structured online tutoring pathway, designed in collaboration with the student's teacher, the student, and their family.

This personalized approach allows children and teenagers to receive targeted support tailored to their specific academic needs.



By August 2025, the project had already supported more than 6,500 children and adolescents across Italy, thanks to the commitment of over 3,500 volunteers. The initiative demonstrates how digital tools can effectively extend educational opportunities and offer personalized learning support, even in geographically remote or underserved communities.

The program is fully online and includes a four-hour introductory training session for volunteers, followed by 25-hour tutoring modules during which volunteers work directly with students.

At the end of the experience, participants receive an official certificate and a digital open badge recognizing their contribution and the skills developed during the program.

"Volunteers for Education" (Volontari per l'Educazione) is supported by both the CRUI (Conference of Italian University Rectors) and the RUS – Rete delle Università per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile, reflecting a broader commitment from the academic sector to promote inclusive and accessible education.

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATION CEREMONY IN SINGAPORE MARKS MILESTONE FOR GLOBAL MASTER'S PROGRAMS

UniMarconi celebrated a new international milestone with its Graduation Ceremony held yesterday in Singapore, during which diplomas were awarded to students from the Master's programs in Digital Marketing, Computer Science, and the MBA.

A University delegation composed of Veruska Bellandi, Administrative Director, and Arturo Lavallo, Director of International Affairs, Development, and Research, attended the ceremony.

Nicola Bianchi, Scientific Attaché of the Italian Embassy in Singapore, also attended the event, contributing to strengthening its institutional value.

The meeting represented an important moment of recognition for our students' educational achievements and demonstrates UniMarconi's consolidated presence in the global academic landscape, thanks to increasingly strong international collaborations.

We extend our congratulations to all graduates, wishing them a future filled with personal and professional success.



BUILDING GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: MISSION TO TECHNO INDIA UNIVERSITY

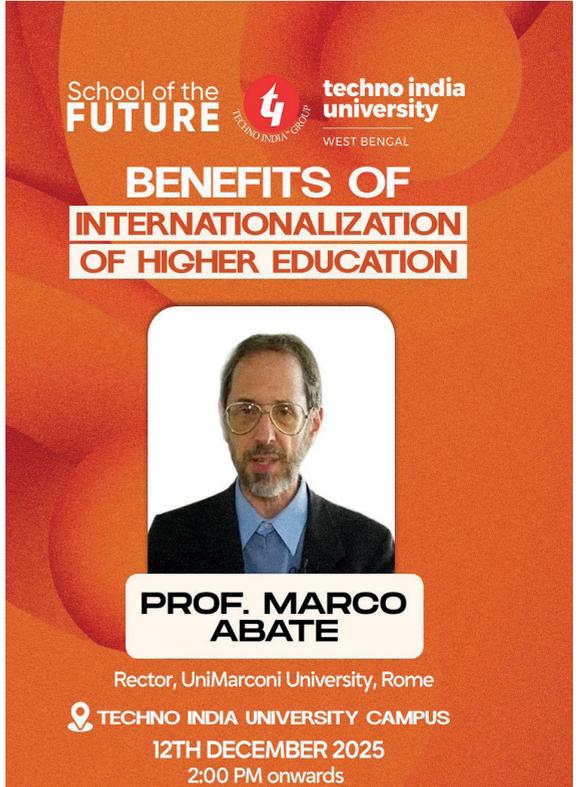
Rector Marco Abate conducted an institutional mission to Techno India University, a university located in Kolkata, as part of the university's internationalization efforts.

During the visit, discussions were initiated regarding a collaboration agreement between UniMarconi and Techno India University, in partnership with the Kairos Learning Universe Association, aimed at developing joint educational activities, starting with an Executive MBA.

The mission also provided an opportunity to discuss higher education issues in a global context. The Rector was a guest on a podcast on internationalization and gave a lecture to students on the value of international academic education.

Marco Abate also participated, as guest of honor, in the opening ceremony of FIT India – Techno Olympica Knights 2025, a sporting event promoted by Techno India University and aimed at high school students from West Bengal.

This journey confirms UniMarconi's role in promoting academic cooperation and developing shared projects at the international level.



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**BENEFITS OF
INTERNATIONALIZATION
OF HIGHER EDUCATION**



**PROF. MARCO
ABATE**

Rector, UniMarconi University, Rome

 **TECHNO INDIA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS**

12TH DECEMBER 2025
2:00 PM onwards

Spotlight on Research

SO-FREE MILESTONE AT ICI POWERING EVOLUTION: ADVANCING EUROPE'S GREEN TRANSITION

A major step forward for Europe's clean energy future was achieved at ICI Powering Evolution in Campagnola di Zevio, Italy, on January 21, 2026. The Verona-based company, a key partner in the EU-funded SO-FREE project coordinated by ENEA, hosted a high-level meeting with engineers, researchers, and industry and academic leaders.

The event showcased a flexible micro-CHP SOFC system (~5 kWe) capable of operating on hydrogen, natural gas, and biogas in any mixture.

This "fuel-flexible" approach allows smooth transitions between energy sources, producing heat and electricity simultaneously while maintaining performance, safety, and reliability. Innovations include a stack-agnostic design, enabling the integration of SOFCs from different manufacturers, and a modular control system that manages fuels, thermal processes, and operations, simplifying maintenance and extending plant life.



Carlo Tregambe, Director of H2 & Energy Innovation at ICI, said:

"The platform feeds fuel cells correctly regardless of the mix, helping make the energy market more open and resilient."

Emanuela Lucchini, President of ICI, added:

"This milestone validates a new way of producing clean energy and sets the stage for certification and testing in the Netherlands and Poland."

The SO-FREE prototype marks a key breakthrough in Europe's green transition, demonstrating that versatile, reliable, and modular fuel cell systems can accelerate the move toward a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.



Glance at the Future

STRENGTHENING AFRICA-EUROPE COOPERATION THROUGH DIGITAL EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING

On 17 December 2025, the Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi in Rome hosted the conference “Strengthening Africa-Europe Cooperation through Digital Education and Capacity Building” at Sala Giulio Cesare.

The event marked an important step in strengthening academic collaboration between the Italian digital university and the Pan African University (PAU), the higher education institution established by the African Union to train the next generation of African leaders, researchers, and professionals.

In a global context where Africa is increasingly emerging as a central actor in sustainable development, innovation, and international cooperation, education and digital transformation are becoming strategic priorities.

The conference provided a platform for dialogue between European and African institutions and aligned with both Italian and European strategies toward the continent, particularly within the framework of the Mattei Plan, which emphasizes education, innovation, and partnerships as key pillars for renewed and balanced cooperation.

Keynote speeches highlighted the strategic role of academic cooperation in development policies. Giangiaco Calovini, Member of Parliament and Rapporteur for the Mattei Plan, discussed how educational partnerships can drive sustainable development and strengthen relations between Europe and Africa.



Jean Koulidiati, Rector of the Pan African University, presented the African Union's vision for education and digital innovation across the continent. The session also included remarks by Cristina Petracchi, Head of the FAO eLearning Academy, who spoke about the role of digital learning in preparing future leaders for the transformation of global agrifood systems.

A central moment of the event was the presentation of the operational roadmap for the UniMarconi-PAU partnership by Arturo Lavalle, Director of Research & Development and International Relations at Università Guglielmo Marconi, and Erick Tambo, Head of Pan African Virtual and E-University (PAVEU).

The conference concluded with an open discussion and Q&A session, reinforcing the shared vision that Africa's future will be built on equitable access to knowledge, quality education, and the responsible use of technology as a driver of growth, inclusion, and empowerment. Through this collaboration, UniMarconi and PAU aim to contribute to a more connected and innovative academic ecosystem between Europe and Africa.



UNIMARCONI HOSTS MOZAMBICAN PARTNERS FOR PROCYD PROJECT VIDEO PRODUCTION

UniMarconi hosted academic partners from Mozambique to record educational videos for the ProCyD project "A Modular Higher Education System in Data Protection and Cybersecurity for Supporting the Digital Transformation in Mozambique and South Africa."

The initiative aims to strengthen the integration of data protection and cybersecurity within higher education systems in Mozambique and South Africa, supporting the broader process of digital transformation in the two countries. Through the project, partner universities are working together to design and implement a basic course on "Data Protection and Data Security." This course is intended to be accessible to all students and to serve as a foundation for more specialized modules in disciplines such as journalism, computer science, and other fields.

During their visit to Rome, teaching staff members from the Universidade Pedagógica de Maputo recorded several educational materials at UniMarconi's facilities. These included an introductory video (15–20 minutes) presenting the objectives and content of the basic course, as well as recordings of selected lectures.

The videos were produced in English and in Portuguese to maximize accessibility for students and academic staff in Mozambique. The recordings will be made available both to students and to teaching staff, and can also be used by other universities interested in adopting the course.

The choice of UniMarconi as the recording venue reflects the university's extensive experience and advanced technical infrastructure for the production of online learning materials, reinforcing its role as a key partner in the development of innovative digital education resources within the ProCyD project.





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