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A digital journey in Europe

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Welcome speech

Good morning everyone

I apologize for my english and my pronunciation; I studied english by myself and therefore I am forced to use these notes.

It is for me a true pleasure to welcome you to this meeting, preliminary to the last at Dublin, of this great project that has allowed us to know and appreciate each other, to exchange valuable information and to bring our schools closer together.

First of all I want to thank my organizing teachers, prof. Zepegno, Bonfanti and Pressenda, and all the teachers who collaborated for the success of our meeting.

For three years we worked together with the goal of improving our skills as teachers, principals and educators, in a society strongly characterized by information technologies.

It is therefore right and necessary to direct the educational and learning processes through the use of these technologies to carry our students on their school path using tools that are definitely suitable for them.

But I am an old lady, which has, over the years, imposed herself on understanding and using ICT.

When I was a child, the only technology was a big, wooden radio that brightened the evenings for the whole family.

The television broadcasts began in Italy in my year of birth and our first Tv was also big and wooden, as the radio, and full of light bulbs with a strange shape.....

When I was a student of the Polytechnic University here in Turin, I had to do with computers, large like cabinets, that only worked with punch cards, prepared by the programmers.

Later the DOS language came, driving teachers crazy, trying to use programs, heavy and difficult to manage with their pupils

And finally window! and everything became easy, colorful and fun..... mobiles , portable computer, notebook, wi-fi, whatsapp, facebook, mail, google..... and so on....

I actually don't go anywhere if there isn't the wi fi..... I must always be connected so everyone can disturb me at any time!

However, just the old lady I am, sometimes I take a break, even the wifi, and take a good book to read and I think that nothing is better than a good book.

Well, even if I know that you understand it very well, this speech is to encourage you to consider the ICT always as a means, as a vehicle to improve cultural growth, autonomy of thought and maturity of our children. These are things that come from people and not from machines, even the most intelligent.

Thank you very much for the patience you have had to listen to me, I hope that the activities planned for this meeting are interesting and pleasant for you.

I wish you a good continuation of the day and a good work.

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