



# MY COMPASS

Enabling students' agency in their route to the future

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### Career conversation model

Guidelines











# AN INTRODUCTION TO CAREER CONVERSATION MODELS

While drawing inspiration from Anglo-American literature, this work aims to guide the creation of a career conversation created for students, with ideas, reflections and suggestions.

This document is intended as food for thought, as **guidelines** to help students not only find a work and university dimension, but also a **reflection** to get to know themselves better and find their life project.

We start from **narratability**, i.e. the ability to talk about oneself, become an active part in one's own story through questions addressed to the student, and then move on to a **self-reflection** on what the student loves to do, his progress, his vocations, and then arriving at **agency**, i.e. the creation of a student portfolio and therefore the planning of his future.

In this process the teacher is nothing more than a **guide**, a mentor who helps the student to design his life, to make each of them understand their uniqueness, but above all to trace the trajectories towards the future. The goal is not just to make people understand what job they want to do, but who they are and what they are capable of doing.

At the heart of these suggestions is narrative career counselling, a basis for facilitating students to develop their own stories and subjective careers.

Savickas suggests that career building is about transformation of a personal problem. Career stories explain why an individual made choices and explain them the meanings that guided those choices.

A career story "...tell like yesterday's self it has become the self of today and will become the self of tomorrow"

### GET TO KNOW THE STUDENTS

#### **Personal questions**

Here are the areas to start the conversation. Some, such as Skills and Strengths / Values, are inspired by the results of the questionnaires.

#### THE AREAS

Skills and Strengths

Values

Interests

**Dislikes** 

Preferences



#### **QUESTIONS SAMPLE**

#### **Skills and Strengths**

- What have you always been naturally good at?
- What can't you keep yourself from doing?

#### **Values**

- Looking back, what's always been most important to you in life and in work?
- What are your top three values or things you hold most dear?

#### **Interests**

- What do you enjoy learning about most?
- What do you wish you had more time for?

#### **Dislikes**

- What tasks routinely get pushed to the bottom of your to-do lists?
- What bores you?

#### **Preferences**

How do you like to work/study?

# DEFINING THE SELF: PERSONAL PORTOFOLIO

Student portfolios represent a powerful **reflective tool**, as they can help students keep track of their development (Zubizarreta 2008). A student portfolio is defined as a collection of student work that illustrates the **student's efforts, progress, or achievement in given areas** (Arter and Spandel 1992).

The intrinsic merit of learning portfolios is that they involve students in the process of reflection, encouraging them to think about their **achievements and communicate a sense of the learning experience** as a coherent, unified process (Zubizarreta 2008). In other words, the value of portfolios lies not only in engaging students to collect representative samples of their work for assessment or career preparation, but also in **addressing vital reflective questions**:

what have I learned?

why did I learn?

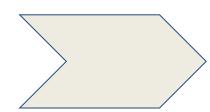
how did I learn?

THE ITALIAN EXPERIENCE: STUDENT'S CV /ORIENTATION PLATFORM





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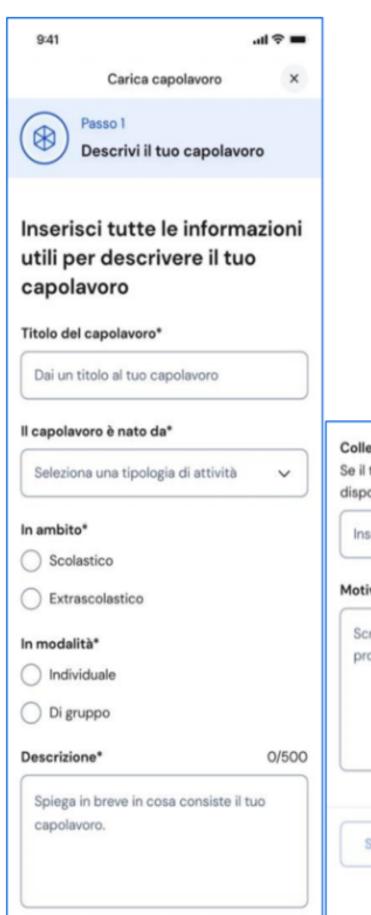
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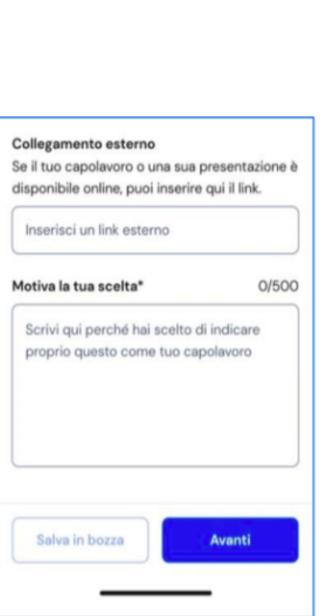


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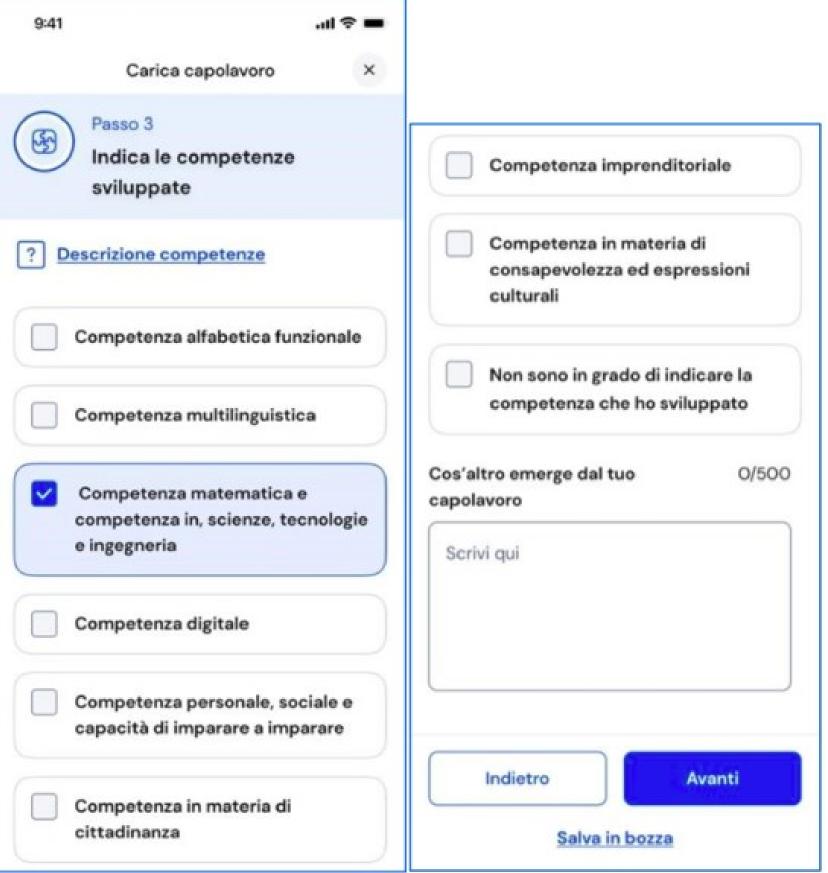


Indica almeno un'opera, un'azione o un prodotto che rappresenti i tuoi progressi nell'anno scolastico









#### **PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS**

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#### composed of

- Calling Tests results
- PERSONAL AREAS questions
- Student portofolios (where students can upload material (curricula and extra curricular) and reflect on what they have achieved

# LOOKING AHEAD: EXPLORING PROFESSIONS AND PLANNING THE FUTURE

#### a. Useful web portals on labour market information:

https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tools/skills-intelligence 

CEDEFOP Skills Intelligence portal, which reports information and statistics for each EU country on existing professional figures (number, level of employment, salary), economic sectors (professional figures present, overall level of employment, levels of qualifications required). The "Themes" section is very useful, offering data and statistics on the main ongoing trends (new skills, new professional figures, changes associated with digital transformation, etc.)

https://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/tools/skills-online-vacancies 
CEDEFOP Skills-OVATE portal, which reports information and statistics for each EU country based on the analysis of job vacancies online. The portal therefore offers evidence-based information on the demand for professional figures and skills required by companies, photographing the main trends in real time.

https://europass.europa.eu/select-language?destination=/node/1 

Europass portal in all languages aimed at promoting mobility between EU countries. It offers information on: study and work opportunities in all EU countries, job market, recognition of qualifications in Europe, mobility support.

#### a) Useful tips for planning the next steps:

You are now ready to make a plan. Your plan has three parts that involve reflecting on, telling, and performing your story.

**A. REFLECT** on what you discussed with your teacher/counsellor to set goals for the next chapter of your life-career. The goal you select should be something that will allow you to enact, or bring to life your purpose. Therefore, select a goal that is *achievable* (you have enough time, resources, and energy to do it), *believable* (you believe you can do it), *concrete* (it is measureable and specific), and *desirable* (you want to do it). My goal, or goals, now are to:

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**A. TELL** and talk about your story and the conclusions you have drawn from this guidance experience with valued audiences. A next step in enacting your career story is to share it with people you trust. Audiences might be family members, friends, mentors, coaches, and teachers. The more you tell your story, the more real and clear it becomes to you and the more confident you feel in living it. To make my story more clear and real, I will tell and discuss it with these valued audiences:

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C. PERFORM your story by taking action. List two to four specific objectives, or small steps you will now take to move you from where you are oday to the goals you listed above. For ideas on steps to take consider the following possibilities: To commit to a tentative decision that I have made about my career plans, I will (check all that apply): Talk to someone working in the occupation I am interested in Listen to someone working in my occupation of interest Read something about my occupation of interest Search the world wide web for more information about this occupation Visit places where people are working in this occupation Observe people working in this occupation Other To try out my chosen occupation, I will (check all that apply): **Apply** Study Volunteer **Apprentice** Search Other Therefore, to move toward reaching my goal or goals I will now:



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