



CASE STUDY:

A smarter school thanks to Ricoh multifunction devices integrated with Google Workspace



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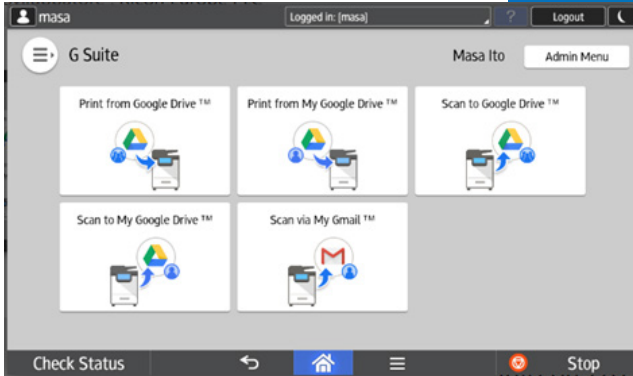
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INSTITUTE PROFILE

The subject of technological innovation in education is constantly in the spotlight and is finding fertile ground in all institutions that want to seize new opportunities by adopting more flexible and efficient organisational models.

These institutions include the Rita Levi Montalcini Institute of Higher Education, which for many years has been seeking to transform its IT in terms of both systems and infrastructure. This process became even more defined in order to meet the challenge of the pandemic, which highlighted the need to achieve a more open and integrated school.

Structured in different campuses in Argenta and Portomaggiore (Ferrara), the Institute offers a wide educational program ranging from science/technology subjects to economics and mechanics.



INNOVATION ACROSS THE BOARD

“We are aiming for innovation and digitisation, two aspects companies are heavily investing in and which, in our opinion, can also bring great value to the world of education,” stresses Gilberto Marzuillo, a computer science teacher and IT manager at the Institute. “The pandemic accelerated a transformation that had already begun, so we decided to install smart monitors and equip students with all the necessary tools for distance learning. One of the areas we have upgraded is printing, and we turned to Ricoh to accomplish this.”

OBJECTIVES

- Greater efficiency in printing processes
- Integration of printing devices with the Google Workspace application
- Flexible document management through digitisation
- Information security
- Cost optimisation



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“Thanks to Ricoh Smart Integration, the devices directly interface with Google Workspace, making it possible to take advantage of the Cloud’s full potential.”

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SOLUTION

The Rita Levi Montalcini Institute of Higher Education has installed Ricoh multifunction devices, both color and black-and-white, which offer speed and print quality. Not only this: “Printing systems are no longer ‘simple’ photocopiers, thanks to Ricoh Smart Integration,” explains Gilberto Marzuillo, “Rico devices interface with the main clouds available in the market. Specifically with the ‘G Suite’ package, the printing solutions are connected to Google Workspace (Google’s cloud environment), enabling school staff to scan and route them directly to the cloud.

With the ‘Control+’ package, teachers and secretarial staff use their accounts to make printouts from PCs and smartphones with complete freedom and security.

Among other things, this permits the monitoring and optimization of printouts made by teachers. Additionally, Ricoh’s solutions enable a new way of managing documents and information with numerous benefits that users have immediately embraced.”

BENEFITS

- Teachers can send a document to print directly from their home and, using their PIN, pick it up at any multifunction printer located in either campus
- Document security, in compliance with the GDPR
- Accounting of printouts produced to reduce costs and eliminate waste
- Efficient inter-campus document exchange: the document is scanned and sent to the shared Drive for management and archiving
- Option for teachers to send scanned documents to classroom Drives
- Process automation
- Ease of use of the solution
- Technical support and maintenance fully managed by Ricoh

Gilberto Marzuillo concludes: “Teachers and staff appreciate the change and flexibility in the new way of handling documents. The school must move beyond outdated approaches. Technologies are a valuable ally that enable us to reach new frontiers and stay ahead of the times.”

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