## italiAMO is Here, the New Free App to Learn Italian

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Studying the Italian language and discovering the wonders of Italy and its culture is finally possible thanks to an app created by MAECI in collaboration with IED and Ovosodo.

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Not only can you learn Italian, but you can also learn some curiosities about Italy's artistic and cultural heritage, the history of cinema, handicrafts, good food, and the largest companies belonging to the world of fashion and cars.

In addition, the user will be accompanied by an exceptional duo, Leo and Lisa, a modern representation of <u>Leonardo da Vinci</u> [5] and <u>Mona Lisa</u> [6] who will be there every step of the way commenting on the main tourist attractions. Leo and Lisa will visit Rome, Florence, Turin, the Alps, Milan, Venice, Apulia, Sicily and finally Naples.

At each stage, visible in a menu inside the platform, the user can follow dialogues between the two characters with the related translation, and practice with listening and grammar exercises. The content of the texts is edited by Irene Verzì, while the translation in Chinese is edited by Li Yuquian.

The project, conceived by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation under the direction of the Counselor of Legation Lucia Pasqualini and the coordination of the Secretary of Legation Federico Mozzi and the CEO of ovosodo Giovanni Frassi, was developed thanks to the collaboration of <a href="IED-European Institute of Design">IED-European Institute of Design</a> [7], <a href="Accademia di Belle Arti Aldo Galli">Accademia di Belle Arti Aldo Galli</a> [8] and ovosodo.

From a technological and educational point of view, italiAmo presents itself as an extremely cuttingedge interactive tool, with which <u>Farnesina</u> [9] expands its resources to invest in the promotion of the "Sistema Paese" abroad.

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