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Tipologia dell'ente/Kind of organization: Istituto Istruzione Superiore (Scuola superiore di secondo gi Nome dell'ente che lo ha realizzato/Organization-institute presenting the project: IIS Marconi Civit

Regione/Region: Lazio Paese/ Country: Italy Città/City: Civitavecchia

Descrizione del progetto/Describe the project : Do you want to create a real robot starting from the v

project! Starting from a virtual simulation on the cloud programming, designing, printing and deploying work project was supported by Officine Robotiche, a Social robotics knowledge, and the virtual simulation is pow provides an online space. For students to interact wit learning with applied practice. The project starts with programming language and its applications on roboti processing, pathfinding, sensor feedback, and many The students can join competitions against their peer courses. Students move to design the real robot, bot deploy the code on real hardware (such as Raspberr supporting MicroPython), printing 3D components an Tutorials are provided both in Italian and English land the English language, but are not forced to. In this wa difficulty to entry but at the same time lead them toward platform provides a forum, where students can ask to incredibly useful to make students "break the ice", ov effectively ask a question to resolve technical issues. involving more than 60 students coming from differer In March we had a dissemination event with Officine students presented the project to a national audience Schools, a network of schools in Turkey that are also order to start an eTwinning and an Erasmus+ in the r from our school participated in an international confe where presented the project to an international audie courses on the virtual platform and we started to des plan to finish the first batch of this project.

Link al video di presentazione/Link to the presentation video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFCategoria del progetto/Project category: Educazione fino ai 18 anni/Up to 18 years

Uso delle tecnologie / Use of technologies: This project gives students a full overview of the process

programmed and built. Students will learn how to realize against a steep learning curve and combining state-of-the platform (Riders.ai) helps to get started in a browser envi prerequisites, and courses will guide the learner through Python) and robotics. After this phase, students make an 3D tools, as OnShape or Blender, using 3D printers to se converted into a URDF file that can be integrated into the in action. After this cycle of prototyping, students are read assembling parts as modeled, concentrating only on hard to use Raspberry or ESP32. Please note that Riders.ai si Robot Operating System - ROS) and the physics of the e simulator), in a way that the code written in Riders can be robot. Competences: what is a robot, different kinds of ro a model, what is a 3D printer and how it works, what is a boards can be programmed, read documentation written run a Python program to move a robot in a virtual enviror 3D model, print a model with a 3D printer, use a rapid pro tackle practical issues as energy consumption or actual v documentation in English, ask and reply to technical issu

Indicare gli elementi di innovazione del progetto / What are the innovative aspects of We use a bl the project?:

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Con quanti utenti interagisce il progetto?/How many users does the project interact For the first b with?:

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Di quali mezzi o canali si avvale il progetto?/Which media or channels does the project The proje use?:

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Il progetto è già stato replicato? /Has the project already been replicated? : Not yet. We plan to replicate of the companient of the comp

After the eTwinning (6 months) sh

**Durata progetto/project duration:** 6-8 months

Risultati ottenuti/Results: At the moment, we have 52 students that finished the first course on Riders

that finished the second course. Beside these numbers, the interest in robot dramatically increasing, and students are asking for more advanced courses. We also observed a gradual decrease in the English language barrier (from students could start using Italian and then move at self pace toward English saw that the use of forum gradually increased, as students realized that their asking publicly how to resolve a problem.

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Il Progetto ha contribuito ad affrontare la pandemia da Covid-19? / Has the project Yes, during the helped facing the emergency of Covid-19? :

engaging stude

Students were

emergency. Through Officine Robotiche, our school discovered the Riders platform at the virtual Maker Faire 2020, in December. In february we started the project, receiving a very good response from students. The participation in national and international online events has been an occasion to help students in engaging themselves in something bigger, despite the limitations.

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