

## PRIMARY SCHOOL THE CIRCULATION OF MONEY, GOODS AND PEOPLE

This video course offers a number of stimulating insights into the epochal changes that have characterised and will characterise the circulation of money, goods and people.

The materials will provide an opportunity to introduce issues such as the importance of money for the promotion of trade and the development of modern societies, the circular economy, and sustainable transport of the future.

The course begins with two videos that are part of the Museo del Risparmio's collection. The first video, *From bartering to money*, is set in ancient Egypt and illustrates how we transitioned from exchanging objects and services to monetary exchanges.

The second video, *The use of money – from the Babylonians to the Greeks*, shows, through an ancient geographical map, how money spread through Babylon and Greece. The Babylonians already granted loans, were aware of the concept of interest and kept their riches in temples, which were considered inviolable places. However, it was through the Greeks that currency arrived in the western Mediterranean and then, thanks to Alexander the Great, to India.

From the circulation of money, we move on to the topic of consumer goods with the video, *The foundations of the circular economy*. This explains in simple and understandable child-friendly terms the new production and use model that future generations will have to adopt. This model seeks to protect the planet and foresees a radical trend reversal compared to the current linear economy paradigm, in which goods are used and then discarded, rather than being reused.

After analysing the circulation of money and resources, the last video, *Transport of the future*, will show how humans will be able to travel in the coming years, reducing the impact generated both in terms of pollution and costs.

After viewing the videos, pupils will be able to test themselves on their ability to recycle and build new objects from used materials in the Green Hero app.

At the end of the course, they will be able to experiment in the classroom using what they have learnt on scarce resource management through the workshop "Let's recycle – Recycling for kids", which will remind them how important it is to fight waste while highlighting the value of its recovery.

The workshop includes an explanatory stage and a subsequent creative recycling activity to be carried out in groups. The photographs of the most beautiful works will be displayed on the Museo del Risparmio's social channels.



