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Silvia Minardi is the national president of LEND - Lingua E Nuova Didattica (Languages and New Education).

Silvia Minardi has been an English teacher since 1993. She has taken part in numerous international programmes of exchange and EU projects of different kinds. She has been a member of scientific committees for the Italian Ministry of Education. As a teacher trainer she has been working for the Italian Ministry of Education and in numerous international contexts. She has been a teacher trainer within important national projects involving foreign languages, ever since Progetto Lingue 2000. She has also been involved in pre-service and initial teacher training initiatives with the Universities of Milan and Turin / Vercelli.



Silvia Minardi has been a member of numerous research teams. She was also a member of a group of research on EU project work. Within the framework of this research which was held under the supervision of IRRE Lombardy she worked as an online tutor as an expert on European projects for Education.

Since 2005 she is a pedagogical consultant for eTwinning in Lombardy and often invited to give talks and make presentations in conferences and meetings both at national and international levels.

Since 2007 she has been national president of LEND (lingua e nuova didattica - www.lend.it) after being a member of the Board with special responsibilities for the development of European projects and international partnerships. She is still a member of the editorial committee of LEND's journal.

Since January 2011 she has been president of REAL, the European network of language teachers' associations (www.real-association.eu).

She has been working with groups of teachers, headteachers, principals, inspectors, both in Italy and abroad and has had a chance to give presentations, to make speeches, to hold workshops and debates, to take part in round tables.

She has recently been made Knight of the Order of Academic Palms by the French Ministry of Education.

She is the author of textbooks for ELT with various publishers (Valmartina, De Agostini, Cideb BlackCat, ELI). Her latest work is "English Grammar Live" which was published in 2010 had been very successful. She has written numerous articles about language teaching and linguistic policies. She has contributed to Treccani Enciclopedia (portal "scuola"), to British Council publications and several publications of the Italian LLP agency and the Italian Ministry of Education.

Areas of expertise: *assessment in foreign language teaching, CLIL (content and language integrated learning), syllabus design.*