



COMETA
FONDAZIONE
SVIZZERA

**Scholarship:
SPONSOR TALENTS
OF TOMORROW**

A social investment that creates value for the company
and the local community

FONDAZIONE COMETA

AN EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL ECOSYSTEM THAT CREATES LASTING OPPORTUNITIES

Fondazione Cometa Svizzera, based in Lugano, was established in March 2025 with the goal of building meaningful alliances in the social and educational fields and spreading the model of Cometa across Europe.

Cometa is an educational and social organization founded in Como in the early 2000s, born from the experience of two foster families who chose to welcome children and adolescents in difficulty. From this deeply human origin, an integrated ecosystem has grown, which today represents an innovative model for tackling youth vulnerability and promoting social inclusion.

Over the years, **Cometa** has developed a structured organization operating on multiple levels, with the aim of supporting young people through a complete pathway: from caring for family relationships to professional training, and finally to job placement. The organization includes parenting support services, after-school programs, personalized interventions for minors in difficulty, the Oliver Twist School, and a network of partner companies actively collaborating in youth training and employment.

Cometa's educational method is based on key principles:

- **Centrality of relationships:** each student is supported by an educational tutor, teachers, master craftsmen, and psychologists when necessary. A stable and continuous relationship is considered the primary factor for change.
- **Personalized pathways:** individualized educational plans, continuous progress monitoring, and targeted interventions on motivation, self-esteem, and soft skills.
- **Learning through experience:** real workshops, real commissions, concrete responsibilities, and direct contact with the world of work.
- **Integration between school, family, and community:** active involvement of families, collaboration with social services, companies, public and private institutions.

This approach makes it possible to address not only the symptoms of vulnerability, but its deep-rooted causes: isolation, lack of trust, lack of opportunities, academic difficulties, and family struggles. Today, **Cometa** is recognized as a replicable

model of integration between education, work, and community, capable of generating measurable and long-lasting social impact.

For a company, **Cometa** is a reliable partner that is dedicated to motivate and train young people to be ready to enter the world of work.

THE OLIVER TWIST SCHOOL: WHERE TOMORROW'S CITIZENS AND PROFESSIONALS ARE TRAINED

The **Oliver Twist School** is a vocational training center that prepares students through direct experience:

- **Real workshops:** carpentry, textiles, hospitality, gardening
- **Master craftsmen and professionals** as teachers
- **Real projects and commissions** from partner companies
- **Dedicated tutors** supporting each student
- **Internships and traineeships** in local companies
- **Psycho-pedagogical support** to address personal difficulties

The result is a program that trains reliable, motivated individuals with real technical skills.

The model has also been recognized nationally and internationally for its effectiveness in reducing dropout rates and improving employability:

- In February 2016, it received the **European Training Foundation Award**, ranking among the top 10 schools of excellence for entrepreneurship education.
- In 2017–2018, the school's training model was studied in a report promoted by the **Agnelli Foundation** and developed by the **University of Milan Bicocca**, highlighting its pedagogical and educational originality.
- Since August 2018, **UNESCO-UNEVOC**, the United Nations agency specialized in vocational education and training, recognized the Oliver Twist School as the first and only Center of Excellence in Italy within the UNESCO-UNEVOC international network.
- Since July 2020, Cometa has been leader of the **European Platform for Inclusive Excellence in vocational training**. Across Europe, the first 12 excellence networks were launched, and Cometa is the only one focused on Inclusion. The result is a program that trains reliable, motivated individuals with real technical skills.

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS YOUR COMPANY CAN SUPPORT

Students aged 14 to 18 who arrive at the **Oliver Twist School** have different stories but share one common trait: they need a context that helps them express their potential.

Many of them:

- have special educational needs or a disability
- come from families with limited resources
- have experienced academic failure
- seek a practical, concrete, professional environment
- risk dropping out of school if they cannot find the right pathway

These are young people who, if supported, can become valuable contributors to the community and to businesses.



WHY A SCHOLARSHIP IS A STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

A scholarship is not only an act of corporate social responsibility: it is a strategic investment.

1. Measurable social impact

A scholarship reduces dropout rates, builds real technical skills, and supports a young person toward employment. The company can communicate concrete results, not just intentions.

2. Alignment with ESG goals

The scholarship directly contributes to the “S” and “G” pillars:

- social inclusion
- vocational training
- transparency and care
- partnerships with local institutions

3. Employer branding and reputation

Supporting a young person means telling a story of genuine commitment, close to people and the local community. A message that strengthens corporate culture and attracts talents who are sensitive to social values.

4. Access to trained and motivated young people

Supporting a scholarship means getting to know students who are learning a real profession and observing their skills grow through internships and work placements. It is an investment in the future of young people and businesses.

WHAT A SCHOLARSHIP HELPS COVER

The scholarship ensures:

- annual school tuition fee
- educational and workshop materials
- educational and psycho-pedagogical support

- training, cultural, and sports activities
- internships and company placements
- transportation or additional services (if necessary)

Each scholarship lasts **one year** and can be renewed, ensuring continuity and stability over time.

1 year: 5500 CHF

DURATION AND FUNDING

Annual funding

Full or partial coverage of scholarships for one academic year.

Multi-year funding

Ongoing support to ensure educational stability and continuity.

Educational partnership

Targeted funding for specific areas, for example:

- professional workshops
- career guidance and job placement
- psycho-pedagogical support

VISIBILITY AND ENGAGEMENT

The foundation will receive:

- Impact indicators (attendance, progress, acquired skills, employment outcomes)
- Testimonials and case studies to communicate CSR commitment
- Possibility of visits to the workshops

HOW TO DONATE

Supporting a scholarship is simple and safe.

You can make a donation via bank transfer using the bank details listed in this section.

The Fondazione Cometa Svizzera is subject to Swiss Federal Supervision and is authorized to operate nationally and internationally. Donations to the Foundation benefit from tax exemption in Switzerland, in accordance with current regulations.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Supporting a scholarship at Cometa is an investment in the future: of young people, of the local community and of businesses.

It means contributing to the training of motivated and skilled young people, ready to become reliable professionals, while strengthening corporate social responsibility through a concrete, measurable, and recognizable gesture.

A scholarship does not only change the life of one student: it creates value for the entire community and builds a bridge between school and work—something businesses need today more than ever.

It is a seed that leaves a lasting and shared impact.

Kind regards,

Alessandro Mele
President Fondazione Cometa Svizzera



