



PRESS RELEASE

Three thousand computers and nine hundred printers for non-profit-making organizations, schools & hospitals

Unipol Gruppo Finanziario shows its commitment to the environment and support for the community with a donation to BiTeB

3000 personal computers and 900 printers will go to voluntary organizations, schools & health centres under the agreement signed a few days ago between UGF-Unipol Gruppo Finanziario and BiTeB-Banco Informativo Tecnologico e Biomedico. The IT equipment UGF is giving to BiTeB is equipment that its network of agencies no longer requires but is still in good condition and in perfect working order. It will find a new lease of life in the service of voluntary and non-profit-making organizations that need it for their work in the community. The scheme combines support for the community and protection of the environment since it reduces waste in general and solves the problem of what to do with technological waste.

BiTeB was founded in 2002 and collects old but working IT equipment, checks it in its laboratory, cleans and reconditions it and gives it to schools, universities, community centres, training centres and other non-profit-making organizations in Italy or in developing countries. In recent years BiTeB has given 6000 computers to 800 non-profit-making organizations in Italy and abroad, thus providing more than 10,000 individuals with the opportunity to study and work. In 2005 the Biomedical Division was set up to act as a point of reference for exchanges of medical technology between Italian hospitals and health facilities in developing countries.

UGF thus continues its strategy of social and environmental responsibility by means of concrete actions that involve the various business areas direct. The agreement with BiTeB enables the Group not only to dispose of IT equipment whilst fully respecting regulations on health and safety, data protection and protection of the environment but at the same time to support schemes that are of great value to the community.

Finally, the agreement allows employees of all the companies in the Group to nominate associations or bodies to which to give the equipment, though the final decision of which organizations will get computers and printers will rest with BiTeB. Only private non-profit-making bodies are considered.

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