

EXPERTISE REQUEST from UNIMC for Marie Slodowska Curie RISE consortium

The University of Macerata (UNIMC), founded in 1290, is the only university in Italy to be entirely focused on humanities and socio-economic sciences (SSH). UNIMC enrolls about 13000 students and permanently employs about 300 academics and 300 technical/administration staff. It includes five Departments: i) Law, ii) Political Science, Communication and International Relations, iii) Economics and Law, iv) Education, Cultural Heritage and Tourism, v) Humanities.

The main strength of UNIMC relies on its capability to establish and manage inter-sectorial and interdisciplinary research initiatives, by also setting up fruitful collaborations with researchers belonging to the STEM disciplines, in order to investigate the reality from a multiple perspective and find effective innovative solutions. The study of ethical and legal aspects raised by new digital technologies represent currently one of the most important research areas at UNIMC.

UNIMC researchers are currently working on a Marie Slodowska Curie **RISE proposal** whose deadline is the next 28th April, and are **looking for a BELGIAN partner** to complete a consortium already constituted. The project is focused on the role of digital technologies (specifically blockchain) in reshaping social and economic interaction and the challenges they rise in the legal, economic and technical domain in terms of trust. **UNIMC is looking for a SME, municipality or other non-academic institution involved with or willing to experiment the use of modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence or Blockchain technologies in: organization of business, delivery of services (even public services), engineering of new products or new services.**

Institution should have R&D track in research and innovation actions, relevant publications or research/innovation products, and have resources to offer a suitable environment to seconded staff and to significantly contribute to the research/innovation activities proposed. Also, based on the type of call (RISE), it is important to have staff available to spend some time of mobility abroad in a host organization within the consortium.

Deadline for partner candidature: February 15th 2020

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