



INTRODUCTION

Through the project, DOCENT - Doctors in Enterprise, entrepreneurial associations and universities in some European countries explored the similarities and differences of training and career service guidance of doctoral candidates. This was in order to exploit the professional contribution that doctoral graduates are able to provide not only in academia but also to support economic development in Europe. The project final conference represents an opportunity to discuss these issues with some authoritative international interlocutors.

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The participation in the conference is free of charge. It has been foreseen the simultaneous translation English-Italian

At the end of conference the Docent Project final handbook will be distributed to the participants.

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A Career for innovation: doctoral candidates role in the Europe of Knowledge

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DOctors in ENTERprise*

Confindustria Emilia-Romagna
Via Barberia, 13
Bologna

13th October 2011
h. 9,00 - 13,30

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PROGRAM

9:00 **Registration**

9,15 **Welcome** Luca Rossi, Vice President of Confindustria Emilia-Romagna

9,30 **The cooperation of University-Enterprises in the doctoral candidates training**

Introduced and moderated by Marina Silverii, Research Results Valorisation Department Manager - ASTER

Speaker

- Lidia Borrell Damian – Senior Programme Manager, European Universities Association
- Christoph Anz - Director Education Policy, BMW Group
- Isabel Obrador – Director, Fundación Empresa Universidad de Alicante
- Maria Grazia D'Angelo - Responsible Human Capital - ASTER

11,00 **Coffee break**

11,30 **Beyond University: the career development of doctoral candidates**

Introduced and moderated by: Sergio Ferrari – Rector's Delegate for Research Policy, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia

Speaker

- Francesco Matteucci - R&D Manager - TOZZI RENEWABLE ENERGY
- Greg DeCuir - Manager Gender Equality Working Group - EURODOC
- Ellen Pearce – Director Vitae Programme - CRAC

Ore 12,30 **New measures to support the talents and to generate innovation**

INTERVIEW TO

- Cristina Balboni, General Director for Culture, Education and Labour, Emilia-Romagna Region Government
- Dario Braga, Rector's Delegate for Research Policy, University of Bologna
- Mario Agnoli, Director Confindustria Emilia.Romagna

Conducted by Paolo Bonaretti – ASTER Director and Spinner Consortium President

Ore 13,30 **Light lunch**

NOTES ON SPEAKERS

Christoph Anz, thanks to his recent involvement in the European University/Business thematic forum “New Skills For New Jobs - The role of Higher Education Institutions and Business Cooperation” shows, from the point of view of enterprises, which competences should be developed by young talents with high level training.

Lidia Borrell Damian contributes to the discussion as author of the recent publication “Collaborative Doctoral Education University-Industry Partnerships for Enhancing Knowledge Exchange”.

Maria Grazia D'Angelo, as DOCENT Project coordinator, shows the career service model and the training modules designed in order to meet the specific doctoral candidates needs.

Greg DeCuir provides to the discussion the point of view of doctoral candidates explaining which kinds of training and guidance services can favour a satisfactory career development.

Francesco Matteucci, starting from his experience in an enterprise that invests in innovation and human capital, explains which conditions can favour the choice of satisfactory career path both for PhDs and enterprises.

Isabel Obrador shows the experience of the University – Enterprise Foundations in Spain, underlining the key aspects that ensure a successful collaboration in the joint training of graduates and doctoral candidates.

Ellen Pearce describes the experience of the UK, where significant involvement has been made over many years to support the career development of doctoral candidates and researchers. Among these in particular the Vitae Program.

Mario Agnoli, Cristina Balboni and Dario Braga, interviewed by **Paolo Bonaretti**, discuss about the new policies and measures that can facilitate the creation of new opportunities also of self-employment for young researchers, fostering the territorial innovation.