

# A-WEAR Summer Workshop

# University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria

7-9 July, 2022





# Welcome Message



### Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the A-WEAR Summer Workshop!

The Workshop takes place in Reggio Calabria, the city located on the "toe" of the Italian Peninsula and separated from the island of Sicily by the Strait of Messina. It is situated on the slopes of the Aspromonte, a long, craggy mountain range that runs up through the center of the region. The third economic center of mainland Southern Italy, the city proper has a population of more than 200,000 inhabitants spread over 236 square kilometers (91 sq mi), while the fast-growing urban area numbers 260,000 inhabitants. About 560,000 people live in the metropolitan area, recognised in 2015 by the Italian Republic as a metropolitan city.

The event will include talks by supervisors and invited speakers and fellow presentations during the first two days, while the third day will be devoted to team building activities. Focus of the workshop will be on providing to fellows complementary skills training on business, fundraising, entrepreneurship skills & success stories, also by former Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) Early Stage Researchers (ESRs).

As an additional target, the workshop will foster a friendly atmosphere among the attendees: this is why we organize a social tour by boat through the Eolian islands, where students can interact with each other while enjoying the natural beauty of the environment.

We hope you will enjoy your stay in Reggio Calabria.

### The local organizers

Antonella Molinaro
Antonio Iera
Marica Amadeo
Giuseppe Araniti
Claudia Campolo
Sara Pizzi
Giuseppe Ruggeri

# Top things to do in the city center of Reggio Calabria







□ **Visit the museum:** Museo archeologico nazionale di Reggio Calabria Address: "Piazza Giuseppe De Nava" Opening: Tuesday - Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 8.p.m, last admittance 7.30 p.m.

☐ **Take a walk in Via Marina** to admire the beautiful seascape of the Strait of Messina

☐ Go shopping in Corso Garibaldi

☐ Have a look at Aragonese Castle

☐ Have an ice cream

Gelateria Cesare - Address: Piazza Indipendenza, 2

**Cremeria Sottozero -** Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 83

☐ Taste street food

Pizza Roma - Address: Corso Vittorio Emanuele, 29

Rosticceria Rusty - Via Domenico Romeo, 7

☐ Recommended Pizzerias (near Corso Garibaldi)

Fratelli La Bufala - Address: Via Zecca, 3

Mia Mamma Mia - Piazza Duomo

Spaccanapoli - Via Fata Morgana, 3

☐ Recommended Cafè Bar (near Corso Garibaldi)

Fragomeni - Address: Piazza Camagna

Malavenda Cafè - Address: Via Zecca, 1

### DAY 1

# Thursday July 7, 2022

# Aula Quaroni, Architecture building, Reggio Calabria

#### WiFi Service

SSID = A-WEAR Password = H2020AWEAR

In compliance with Italian rules, please remember that in order to participate in person to the event, it is mandatory that all attendees wear an FFP2 type mask.

# 9:00 Registration

## 9:30 Conference Opening

Welcome from the Rector *Prof. Feliciantonio Costabile*, the PhD School Coordinator, Prof. *Paolo Fuschi*, and the DIIES Director, *Prof. Tommaso Isernia* 

10:00 TALK 1: "Tips and tricks for successful implementation of EU-funded projects"

# Speaker:

Ilaria Lener

(T6 Ecosystems, Italy)



**Abstract**: The talk provides an overview of the processes behind successful project design, implementation of actions and their impact. How to turn an idea into a project; what are the best practices for managing a project effectively; why communication is so important; how to ensure that research has a real impact by

being a tool for the concrete improvement of our society: these are some of the points presented.

Short Bio: Ilaria Lener is a partner at T6 ECOSYSTEMS and CFO since 2008. She is an experienced Project and Financial Manager of international actions, with a specific focus on European Funding Programs. She has a long experience in the management of complex research projects, coordinating large working groups, and being involved in all different stages of a project's development: proposal writing, negotiation phase, development and implementation of internal and external quality control instruments, preparation of budgets and financial assessment. She is also experienced in the organization of events and coordination of dissemination campaigns.

## 11:00 Coffee break (Atelier, Architecture building)

#### 11:30 ESR Presentations

ESR 1: Waleed Bin Qaim, Tampere University and University of Reggio Calabria

**ESR 2:** Lucie Klus, Tampere University and Universitat Jaume I

**ESR 4:** Asad Ali, Tampere University and Brno University of Technology

ESR 5: Darwin P. Quezada Gaibor, Universitat Jaume I and Tampere University

13:00 Lunch break (Atelier, Architecture building)

# 14:30 TALK 2: "Be ready for the next step before completing your PhD"

### Speaker:

Dr. Joaquín Torres Sospedra (University of Minho, Portugal)



**Abstract**: The talk will provide several tips and advice about how to do in the last months of the PhD. Also, it will provide the best practices to build a CV and prepare it for a post-doc call or a position in the industry. Finally, the talk will enable interaction with the audience, incentivising their critical thinking in several cases.

**Short Bio**: Joaquín Torres-Sospedra is research fellow at the Universidade do Minho since September 2021. He is now developing his own personal project as a MSCA postdoc and, in addition, collaborating in the organization events and conferences (IPIN 2021, ICUMT 2022, ICL-GNSS 2023), acting as associated editor in two international journals (ESWA and IEEE Sensors), supervising master students, supervising and mentoring PhD students, writing on project proposals and assessing post-doc candidates.

# 15:30 End of Day 1

Free time to visit the city, the Museum, and other attractions.

### 20:30 Social dinner

Bahianaca Club
Lido Comunale of Reggio Calabria



# DAY 2 Friday July 8, 2022

# Aula Quaroni, Architecture building, Reggio Calabria

09:00 Panel: "Which career after the PhD? Experiences of former MSCA ESRs"

# **Speaker:** Giovanni Interdonato

(University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, Italy)



**Short bio:** Giovanni Interdonato is currently a non-tenured Assistant Professor at the Department of Electrical and Information Engineering of the University of Cassino Southern Latium. He received the M.Sc. degree in computer and telecommunication systems engineering from the University Mediterranea of Reggio and the Ph.D. degree in electrical engineering with Calabria, Italy, in 2015, specialization in communication systems from Linköping University, Sweden, in 2020. From October 2015 to October 2018, he was a researcher at the radio network department at Ericsson Research in Linköping, and a Marie Sklodowska-Curie research fellow of the H2020 ITN project "5Gwireless". During his Ph.D. studies, he co-invented about 30 filed patent applications (Ericsson's IP), including the popular Ericsson Radio Stripes concept, and was a recipient of a grant from the Ericsson Research Foundation in 2019. Dr. Interdonato spent six months in 2017/2018 as a visiting Ph.D. student at the Signal Processing and Communications Group of the Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain. He was a visiting researcher at the Centre Tecnologic de Telecomunicacions de Catalunya, Barcelona, Spain, for six months in 2014, within the Erasmus+ programme. His main research interests include signal processing aspects of beyond-5G technologies, radio resource management and communication protocols, with specific focus on co-located and distributed massive MIMO systems, multi-access edge computing and RIS-aided communications. Currently, he serves as an associate editor for

Communications Letters, and has been recently awarded by the Editorial Board of the IEEE Transactions on Communications as Exemplary Reviewer 2021. Since 2021, he is also with the National Inter-University Consortium for Telecommunications (CNIT), Italy, and serves as Early Stage Researchers coordinator for the H2020 MSCA ITN project "MetaWireless".

### **Speaker:**

Roberto Morabito
(University of Helsinki, Finland)



Short bio: Roberto Morabito is a Senior Researcher in Computer Networks and Ubiquitous Computing at the Department of Computer Science of the University of Helsinki (Finland). In December 2013, he received a Master's Degree in Computer and Telecommunications Systems from the Università Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria. From May 2014 to April 2022, he worked at Ericsson Research Finland in the teams of Cloud and System Platforms (until March 2018) and IoT Technologies and Cyber-Physical Systems. From 2014 to 2019, he was also a Marie Sklodowska-Curie research fellow of the FP7 ITN project "METRICS" and, in May 2019, he received a PhD in Networking Technology from Aalto University (Finland). From June 2019 to March 2021, he was research associate at the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering of Princeton University (USA). He has also held visiting researcher positions at the Future Ubiquitous Networks research team of INRIA Lille (France), and at the research group for Connected Mobility of the Technical University of Munich (Germany). In 2008 and 2013 he was an Erasmus student, respectively, at the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (Barcelona, Spain) and Brunel University (London, UK). His research interests lie at the intersection of IoT, Edge Computing, and Distributed Artificial Intelligence.

#### 10:00 ESR Presentations

ESR 6: Pavel Pascacio De Los Santos, Universitat Jaume I and Tampere University

**ESR 8:** Laura Flueratoru, Politehnica University of Bucharest and Tampere University

**ESR 9:** Ekaterina Svertoka, Politehnica University of Bucharest and Brno University of Technology

## 11:00 Coffee break (Atelier, Architecture building)

### 11:30 ESR Presentations

- **ESR 3:** Viktoriia Shubina, Tampere University and Politehnica University of Bucharest
- ESR 10: Asma Channa, Politehnica University of Bucharest and University of Reggio Calabria
- **ESR 11:** Justyna Skibinska, Brno University of Technology and Tampere University
- ESR 12: Salwa Saafi, Brno University of Technology and Tampere University

## **13:00** Lunch break (Atelier, Architecture building)

### 14:30 ESR Presentations

- **ESR 13:** Raul Casanova Marques, Brno University of Technology and Universitat Jaume I
- ESR 14: Olga Chukhno, University of Reggio Calabria and Tampere University
- ESR 15: Nadezhda Chukhno, University of Reggio Calabria and Universitat Jaume I
- ESR 16: Tomas Bravenec, Universitat Jaume I and Brno University of Technology

# 16.00 Talk 3: "The vulnerability and development factors of startups"

### **Speaker:**

Domenico Nicolò

(University Mediterranea of Reggio
Calabria, Italy)



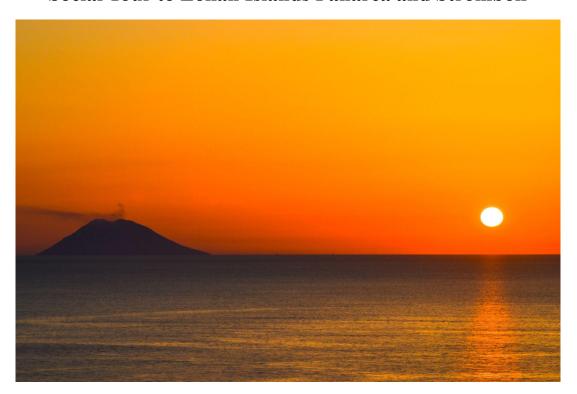
**Abstract:** In the different countries and sectors, about 50% of companies do not survive the first 5 years of life. Therefore, such a high vulnerability is inherent in the initial stage of the life of companies. In the seminar I will examine the main causes of vulnerability of companies in the startup phase. It is a prerequisite to prevent them. The Business Plan is the "laboratory" through which it is possible to prevent this cause of vulnerability and to create the conditions for giving life to sustainable businesses that can grow rapidly at high rates and become "gazelle" enterprises. It is also very useful to foster the reputation building process of the companies and, in this way, to enhance their likelihood to survive and win a sustained competitive advantage.

**Short bio:** Domenico Nicolò is a Full Professor of Business Economics and of Business Plan and New Venture Creation at University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria. He is also Affiliate Research Fellow to the IPAG Chair "Towards an Inclusive Company". He is member of the Board of the Research Doctorate in "Law and Economics" at the University Mediterranea of Reggio Calabria, and delegate for "Business creation, startup and technology transfer" of the DIGIES Dept., at the same University.

17.00 Closing remarks

17.15 End of Day 2

DAY 3
Saturday July 9, 2022
Social Tour to Eolian Islands Panarea and Stromboli



### 8:00 Departure from Reggio Calabria (Piazza Indipendenza) by bus

## 11:00 Boarding from Tropea

### 13:00 Arrival at Panarea

Free time for visiting the island

### 15:45 Departure from Panarea

Panoramic sea tour of the small islands of Dattilo, Panarelli, Lisca Bianca, Bottaro, Basiluzzo e Spinazzola

#### 16:45 Arrival at Stromboli

Panoramic sea tour of the little town of Ginostra and shore excursion in Stromboli

### 20:00 Departure from Stromboli

Panoramic sea tour of "Sciara del fuoco" and snack on board

### 22:30 Arrival at Tropea and departure to Reggio Calabria by bus

### 00:45 Arrival at Reggio Calabria

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