The European/International Joint Doctorate
in Social Representations and Communication:
an innovative doctoral programme
in a networked international research training environment'

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Workshop 4:
"Joint Doctoral Programmes: Assessing the Impact"

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The aim is to illustrate:
* the distinctive features for planning, implementing, monitoring and assessing an international “joint” doctoral program compared to the “collaborative” doctorates
* how on-line and face-to-face approaches has been integrated in the structured and networked training activities by the European/International joint PhD in Social Representations and Communication),

evaluated as the best among the 1147 projects submitted (with the highest mark 98,8/100 marks) within the 2013 People-ITN call, following a long history of institutional recognition started in 1993.
SoRCom JOINT IDP PEOPLE-ITN

the last step of our Institutional History and Recognition from 1993-2013

The history of the European Ph.D. on Social Representations and Communication program since its birth in 1993 includes institutional recognition and didactic accreditation within four institutional scenarios:

- European Commission (DG-Education and DG-Research)
- Ministries of Scientific Research
- Universities
- Larger Scientific Community

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Three Forms of ITN

- **Multi-ITN**: Multi-Partner Training Networks
- **EID**: European Industrial Doctorate
- **IDP**: Innovative Doctoral Program

*Marie Curie Actions*
IDP

- The coordinator recruits all fellows.
- Maximum of 500 researcher months.
- Mandatory enrolment of researchers in a doctoral programme.
- 100% Early Stage Researchers; maximum recruitment of 36 months per researcher.
7 Principles for Innovative Doctoral Training:

Innovative Doctoral Training endorsed by the EU council of Ministers (27-6-2011)

Key Quality Criteria to assess also the impact
"Joint" Diploma: the end starts from the beginning
TWO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE MODELS

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TWO INTERNATIONAL DOCTORATE MODELS

"Decentralized" model for administrative procedures

Cumulative or Additional Model: International Doctorate

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Sum of various institutions in different countries, each with their own local administrative procedures and didactic organisation of doctorate. International mobility as only added value: a local Ph.D. plus joint certificate for international mobility

"Centralized" model for administrative procedures

Integrated Jointly Established Multilateral doctoral model

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A joint International doctorate commits institutions to integrating all phases of planning, implementation and award of a joint diploma: Candidate recruitment, selection, admission, enrollment at the network level is just the first step and is no less important than the training in international settings to earn a joint diploma.

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## The "musts" for establishing a Collaborative Internationalized Doctorate

| Network Building-up and Inter-Institutional Agreement | Doctoral programme at home institution co-operating with other doctorates abroad H.E. institutions on the basis of bilateral or multilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement signed by the Rectors. Start-up at different time and diverse history of each doctorate is possible at different collaborating Institutions. |
| Management Structure | Each collaborative doctorate adopts the management structure in agreement with the Regulations at its own Institution. At least a program director and a representative for each collaborating doctorate should be identified. |
| Infrastructures and Facilities | Facilities at each individual institution and access clearly stated in the Inter-Institutional agreement. |
| Recruitment | De-centralised at each home institution. |
| Admission | De-centralised. |
| Enrolment | De-centralised. |
| Fee Policy and Grants | De-centralised. |
| Degree | Degree awarded by home institution plus Additional Certificate to the Diploma (awarded only by the home institution or jointly awarded by two or more Institutions depending on the nature of their Agreements). |

**Joint European/International Doctorate**

- Institutionalised scientific networks of H.E. institutions (open to collaboration with entrepreneurial partners and research centres) in at least 3 countries. The building-up of the institutionalised network - jointly created through a bottom-up approach brought to the top - is part of the common history of the programme, based on a single multilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement jointly established by all the participating institutions and signed by their Rectors.
- Jointly established management structure (Programme Director, Coordinator, Executive Committee, Recruitment Board, Scientific Supervisory Board, Training staff, International Evaluation Board, Quality control committee, etc.).
- Common infrastructure for training and management, also including a common web platform for a worldwide access to information and distant learning.
- Centralised at network level based on online application process of internationally recruited applicants.
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- Centralised at network level.
- Jointly awarded and recognised at network level (critics of double degree).
The "musts" for establishing obligations and rights for both research trainees and tutors consistent with the Regulations at home and host institutions and shared dispositions clearly indicated in the Inter-Institutional Agreement consistent with the Regulations jointly established at network level (including entrepreneurial partners, if any) and clearly indicated in the multilateral Inter-Institutional Agreement.

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<td>Consistent with the Regulations at home and host institutions and shared dispositions clearly indicated in the Inter-Institutional Agreement.</td>
<td>To be signed by the research trainee, the programme coordinator and the tutors at home and host institutions, including entrepreneurial partners (if any).</td>
<td>To be established in accordance with the dispositions at the awarding institution and with the individual training agreement for joint supervision.</td>
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**Intellectual Property Right**

- To be detailed in the individual training agreement.
- To be detailed in the individual training agreement.

**Evaluation of PhD Dissertation International Final Jury**

- The International Final Jury in accordance with the regulations of the awarding institution, also including at least 1 member of the scientific board of the collaborative doctorates and 1 external internationally recognised expert.
- Multi-step evaluation process: a) authorisation by the three tutors to defend the thesis in front of the International Final Jury; b) in accordance with the regulations of the joint doctorate, including at least 3 members belonging to the network scientific board and 2 internationally recognised experts from outside the network, designated by the participating universities. The thesis supervisors shall participate in the discussion, but not in the final evaluation.

**Career Development Plan**

- To be encouraged as good practice adopted at each collaborative doctorate.
- Career development plan for career prospect in and outside academia at network level for each individual research trainee, which continues to be monitored after his/her degree via Alumni Organisation.

**Quality Evaluation Board**

- At each collaborative doctorate according to own institution’s rules.
- Multi-level evaluation process by:
  - Network Quality Board
  - Coordinating Institution Doctoral Committee
  - Independent Evaluation Committee
**The "musts" for establishing a Joint European/International Doctorate**

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<td>joint supervision</td>
<td>main tutor at home institution and co-tutor/s at host institution/s, clearly designated and indicated in the individual training agreement for each research trainee</td>
<td>multiple supervision: at least 1 main tutor and 2 co-tutors belonging to partner institutions in 3 different countries, clearly indicated in the individual training agreement</td>
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<td>international mobility (both physical and virtual)</td>
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<td>International Summer Schools</td>
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New Forms of International Cooperation in Doctoral Training: Internationalisation and the International Doctorate – One Goal, Two Distinct Models

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World Map

Europe

North America

South America

Africa

Oceania

Opening to Institutional Co-operation OUTSIDE THE ACADEMIC BORDERS

Entrepreneurial Partners, Public Research Centre and Research Foundation co-operating with the European Ph.D. on Social Representations and Communication

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The So.Re.Com. Thematic Network of Excellence

the unique transnational Social Science “network of networks”

approved by

linking the worldwide Scientific Community inspired by Social Representations and Communication studies
The So.Re.Com.THEmatic NETwork at a glance: the European countries of partner Institutions
The So.Re.Com.THEmatic NETwork at a glance on global scenario
3 main axes of So.Re.Com. Infrastructure

Scientific DOCUMENTATION
Interactive NETWORKING
Research TRAINING

World-wide pan-European
Integrated
e-Infrastructure

Multifaceted endeavor:
technology, organization

open to interactive scientific knowledge
community for young and senior researchers, for
research trainees and policy makers

Hosting hardware and software
Three main pillars of the So.Re.Com. physical and @-infrastructure
Built on the experience of both the European PhD on Social Representations and Communication, awarding a recognized joint degree since 1996 (http://www.europhd.eu), and the EU approved So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETwork, this international joint doctoral programme includes:

- **8 EU universities**
  in 6 European Countries:
  Austria, Czech Republic, Italy, Romania, Spain, Switzerland

- **6 extra-EU universities**
  in United States, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and China

- **2 private companies**
  in Sweden and Italy

- **1 public research institute**
  in France

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Social representation multiple paradigms: one theory, different approaches and methods.

MULTI-THEORETICAL and MULTI-METHOD Approach, where the articulation-differentiation of different constructs (attitudes, opinions, images, social memory, emotions, stereotypes, ...) and methods need to be justified and guided by specific hypotheses also concerning the interactions between expected results and methods.

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Main Thematic Research Areas

- Team Thirteen: Risk, Social Representations and Community Life
- Team Twelve: Social Representations, Community and Health Applied Research
- Team Eleven: Social Representations, Advertising, Marketing and Organizational Contexts
- Team Ten: Social Representations and Economy
- Team Nine: Social Representations and Environment
- Team Eight: Family, Youth, Communication, Education and Social Representations of Institutional Policies
- Team Seven: Social Representations and Politics
- Team Six: Identity and Social Representations
- Team Five: Collective Memory, Emotions and Social Representations
- Team Four: Communication, Media and Social Representations
- Team Three: Culture, Globalization and Social Representations
- Team Two: Science and Social Representations
- Team One: Theoretical and Methodological Development of the Social Research Field
Main elements of the integrated physical and virtual campus

The complementary on-line and face-to-face structured training activities include:

a) an integrated physical and virtual campus, where world-class scientists and early-stage-researchers cooperate face-to face and on-line “for” and “by” research;

b) multiple supervision in different countries;

c) individual mobility for early stage researchers for secondments;

d) collective international mobility of trainees and teaching staff during International Summer Schools and Winter/Spring Sessions of Lab meetings;

e) worldwide access to common dedicated web platform, as tool for documentation, networking, training and a personalized web-space for monitoring trainees’ progress by the three tutors and the members of the International Jury, who are given access to the on-line evaluation forms of the full report on the thesis and the short article. It also allows trainees their timeline work plan management and to rate and provide feedbacks on training activities.
The European Ph.D. Research Centre and Multimedia Lab
So.Re.Com. Joint-IDP dedicated web-platform for documentation, training and networking
European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) adopted by the Euro PhD on Social Representations and Communication

Due to the integrated and joint nature of the programme, the adoption of the European Credit System has been specifically designed as a system for credit accumulation, rather than a comparison of distributed teaching offers and transfer of learning outcomes. By conceptualizing the academic year not exclusively in terms of time, but in terms of earned credits, the system allows for flexibly meeting the needs of full-time and part-time research trainees.

In line with the policy recommended by EU DG-Education and Culture, the European Ph.D. adopted the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) as an instrument for creating transparency and confidence in academic performance.

Research trainees are awarded up to 60 credits per year (20 for courses and didactic activities and 40 for research quality and related bibliographic knowledge).

The didactic structure within this overall strategy is highly innovative. As the system of open distance learning makes clear, European Ph.D. research trainees are involved in an interlocking system of virtual and physical mobility which allows for considerable flexibility in catering to research trainees’ needs while at the same time guaranteeing individual tutoring and interactive learning:

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60 total credits in a year x 3 years = 180 total credits for complete curriculum
### Research Trainee's Workplan Chart and Timeline

#### Year 1 (Months)
- **N:** October 2023
- **D:** December 2023
- **J:** January 2024
- **F:** February 2024
- **M:** March 2024
- **A:** April 2024
- **J:** July 2024
- **A:** August 2024
- **S:** September 2024
- **O:** October 2024
- **N:** November 2024
- **D:** December 2024

#### Year 2 (Months)
- **N:** January 2025
- **D:** March 2025
- **J:** May 2025
- **A:** July 2025
- **S:** September 2025
- **O:** October 2025
- **N:** November 2025
- **D:** January 2026
- **J:** March 2026
- **A:** June 2026
- **S:** August 2026
- **O:** October 2026

#### Year 3 (Months)
- **N:** November 2026
- **D:** January 2027
- **J:** March 2027
- **A:** May 2027
- **S:** July 2027
- **O:** September 2027
- **N:** November 2027
- **D:** January 2028
- **J:** March 2028
- **A:** May 2028
- **S:** July 2028
- **O:** September 2028

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIC KNOWLEDGE
- a) Theoretical preparation (basic literature reading) starting from the date of application to the PhD (in May)
- b) Submission of the list of selected articles and chapters to be meta-analyzed
- c) Winter session: training on meta-theoretical analysis and presentations (P) by the research trainees enrolled in the previous year
- d) Submission and validation of at least 30 meta-analyses and discussions

#### ADVANCED RESEARCH TRAINING
1. Intensive training and co-tutored:
   - a) Theoretical modeling
   - b) Research planning and methodological design
      - Research tools definition
      - Sample identification
      - Data collection
   - c) Initial report progress (R) to be presented during the International Summer School
2. Data analysis
3. Discussion of the results
4. International mobility and networking activities; at least 6 months in 2 Institutions
5. Intermediate report progress (R)
   - a) Writing of the full Final Report Thesis (T = deadline to submit it to the tutors)
   - b) Discussion of the full Final Report Thesis with the main tutor and co-tutors, revision and submission (T) for its multi-step evaluation
   - c) Writing, discussion, revision and submission of the short article in English (A) for its multi-step evaluation
   - d) Multi-step Evaluation of the Thesis and short article by the members of the Final Jury
   - e) Thesis Defense in front of the International Final Jury during the European PhD Summer School

**Social Representations and Communication THEMATIC NETWORK (Socrate-COM) (GRECNET)**

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The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) has been adopted by the Euro PhD on Social Representations and Communication. 

An intensive preliminary stage of bibliographic training at national universities (10 credits per year) is provided. This training includes individual tutoring by national tutors and co-tutoring by foreign tutors, as well as access to an online database found on the European Ph.D. website: http://www.europhd.net.

Research trainees are also trained in meta-theoretical analysis of the bibliographic material in their own subject area. The contribution of each student will thus contribute to the mapping out of a complete, fully-researched bibliography for social representations and communication.
The complex package of on-line multimedia tools for documentation includes the SoReCom @-library, which is integrated with the SoReCom Physical library:

- a full bibliographic repository
- a meta-theoretical analysis repository
- a specialized @-library in SR & C. with Pdf repository
- all supported by an advanced search engine
As a member, or potential new member of our So.Re.Com. THEmatic NETwork Virtual Community, we hope you share the ultimate goal of this e-library, which we envision as an open non-commercial virtual space that, from anywhere in Europe or in the world, not only will meet the needs of its users by providing free access to publications, but will also enable them to become content providers and improve the visibility of their scientific work, thus sharing it with all its potential readers. Article copyrights remain with the publisher, society or author(s). In the last case, authors simply agree to the hereunder Creative Commons License for Attribution-Noncommercial-No Derivative Works 3.0 Unported (for more information, please consult http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/)

To access the application forms available on the website, you must first verify that your name is already found in the database. To do so:

A. Insert your own e-mail address and click on Verify.

B. If the system recognizes your e-mail address, you will receive a password that will permit you to register. You must check that all the information already entered is correct and update any information that may have changed (telephone number, address, list of publications on Social Representations, etc.) as well as any new fields that may have been added to the system (participation in new conferences or International Lab Meetings, etc.).

C. If the system does not recognize your e-mail address, it will produce a new blank application form which you will have to complete from scratch.

D. In both mentioned cases, you are kindly invited to upload:

- your list of publications specifically related to Social Representations, to improve the information about your work which may not be present in the SoReCom THEmatic NETwork Full Bibliographic Inventory yet.

- the published version of all your publications specifically related to Social Representations - chapters in book, articles, conference lectures and papers etc. - in pdf format (including the cover page of the book, journal or conference proceedings in which it was published), in order to make your work visible in the SoReCom THE.NET. eLib and to share it with all its potential readers.

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digitalized studio produced videos

magisterial lectures produced in real time (videoconferences)

on-line interviews with leading experts

Euro/Int. Joint Ph.D. web-auditorium

on-line workshops among participants and academics

a "virtual campus" SR & C community online database.

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So.Re.Com. Joint IDP:

- individual research projects to carry out at the main host institution (Sapienza University of Rome)

and

Plan for Secondment of the 13 ESR (early stage Researchers)
## So.Re.Com. Joint IDP: PLAN FOR 13 ESR SECONDMENT

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SoReComJointIDP pre-announcement for fellowships

Programme Description

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Project beneficiaries and Coordinator

1. Università degli Studi Roma La Sapienza (Italy)

List of Associated Partners

1. Masarykova Univerzita (Czech Republic)
2. Universitatea Alexandru Ioan Cuza (Romania)
3. Universität Wien (Austria)
4. Universidad del Pais Vasco (Spain)
5. Universidad de Valencia (Spain)
6. Université de Genève (Switzerland)
7. Université de Lausanne (Switzerland)
8. University of Ottawa (Canada)
9. City University of New York (USA)
10. Universidad de Belgrano (Argentina)
11. Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina (Brazil)
12. Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana (Mexico)
13. Nankai University (China)
14. Institut Français des Sciences et Technologies des Transports, Aménagement et des Réseaux (France)
15. ContattoLavoro s.r.l. (Italy)
16. Conny Ericsson Försäljning AB (Sweden)

Project partners

Built on the experience of both the European/International Joint PhD in S.R. & C. awarding a recognized joint degree since 1996, and the EU approved So.Re.Com. THEMatic NETwork, this international joint doctoral programme includes 8 universities, 2 private companies and 1 public research institute in 8 European countries (AT, CH, CZ, ES, FR, IT, RO, SE), and 6 universities in United States, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Mexico and China.

The goal is to provide doctoral training in Social Representations and Communication, a supra-disciplinary research area of the social sciences that studies the social construction of everyday knowledge in social spheres and media, disseminating European excellence beyond the EU boundaries and attracting the best ESR from abroad. Structured into transnational teams by common research area and complementary multi-methodological approaches, this SoReComJointIDP guarantees a well-tested training structure including: a) an innovative integrated physical and virtual campus.
An Obligation for Research Trainees

Within the tutoring and co-tutoring triadic didactic system, research trainees are required:

- a) to spend at least 3 months researching in different European or Extra-EU countries (PHYSICAL MOBILITY).

This unique feature of the European Ph.D. program enables research trainees to work alongside their foreign tutors in a new and stimulating research environment. This training is characterized by a multidisciplinary and multi-method approach. Each network university site has special expertise in a particular methodological approach to research in social representations. Research trainees are therefore exposed to a variety of complementary methodological approaches.
Research trainees’ Obligations

b) to maintain regular communication with their national and foreign tutors.

Depending on the circumstances, this can be in a face to face interactive and/or computer mediated communication context through:

- multipoint videoconferences via European Ph.D. web-auditorium and
- personalized website for each research trainee and on-line tutor’s evaluation tools

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Marie Curie Fellows at EHESS, Paris and University of Aix-en-Provence - FRANCE

- Marie Curie at ISCTE, Lisbon - PORTUGAL

- Marie Curie Fellows at the « La Sapienza » University of Rome - ITALY

- Marie Curie Fellows at the University of San Sebastian - SPAIN

Tot. 10 research fellows

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Marie Curie Fellow Mobility flow (2001-2004) at each European Ph.D on S.R. & C. host site

Marie Curie Fellows at the University of Helsinki - FINLAND
- Tot.5 research fellows

Marie Curie Fellows at the University of Cambridge U.K.
- Tot.3 research fellows

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Integrated PHYSICAL and VIRTUAL MOBILITY

NETWORK-TRAINING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

International Lab Meetings via Euro PhD web auditorium
International Summer Schools on Social Representations and Communication

1995 FINLAND (Lathi) 1st International Summer School: “Evereday thinking, Social Representations and Communication”


1998 SPAIN (San Sebastian) 4th International Summer School: “The theory towards applications”

1999 ITALY (Rome) 5th International Summer School: “Developing European Doctoral Training”


2001 ITALY (Rome) 7th International Summer School: “Communication: Languages, Representations, Interaction”

2002 ITALY (Rome/Genazzano) 8th International Summer School: “Communication, Media, Social Interactions and Social Representations” - New Media: Nets and Internet

2003 ITALY (Rome/Genazzano) 9th International Summer School: “Communication, Media, Social Interactions and Social Representation” - A Theoretical and Methodological Dialogue through research

2004 ITALY (Rome/Genazzano) 10th International Summer School: “Communication, Media and Social Representations” - Social influence and Communication in the new scenario of the information society: Is it possible to change risk behaviour?

2005 ITALY (Rome) 11th International Summer School: “Applying the Facet Theory and Statistical Analysis via HUDAP software to Research on Social Representations: Computer Mediated Training Sessions, both Theoretical and Methodological”

2006 ITALY (Rome) 12th International Summer School: “Applying Dialogical Approaches and Conversational Analysis via Focus Groups to Research on Social Representations”

2007 ITALY (Rome) 13th International Summer School: “Structural Approach to Social Representations”

2008 ITALY (Rome) 14th International Summer School: “Social Representations, Collective Memory and Socially Shared Emotions: narrative and experimental approaches”

2009 ITALY (Rome) 15th International Summer School: “Cultural and cross-cultural approaches to Social Representations: the implications of the globalized/localized cultural scenarios”

2010 ITALY (Rome) 16th International Summer School: “Social Representations and Science”


2012 ITALY (Rome) 18th International Summer School: “Social Representations of Economics and Finance”

2013 ITALY (Rome) 19th International Summer School: “Intensive Training Sessions - Oktoberfest and People-IDP kick-off meeting and inaugural party”
The European Ph.D. on Social Representations and Communication
International Lab Meetings So.Re.CoMEDIA & SOCIETY
at the European PhD on Social Representations & Communication Multimedia LAB & Research Center, Rome-Italy
in combination with Worldwide on-line connection points
Each session of the European Ph.D. International Lab Meetings includes two pilot tests before the events start aimed at verifying and assessing in advance the technical abilities of each participant. It provides two full days of basic and advanced training on the use of Marratech’s programs. This includes an interactive test of the skills acquired by participants. Experience shows that after these sessions, participants, including senior professors unfamiliar with new technologies, are quickly able to actively participate in the event. Their presence visually, in text chat, their voices and videos and their interactive use of the white-board is warmly welcomed by all participants.

Indeed, the white-board allows interactive use not only among participants from in and outside the lab, but is highly functional for sharing applications and software. For example, this allows us for to hold advanced training sessions and collaborative learning on statistical packages by using data files provided by each participant. It is also interesting to use the white-board’s share screen both for the participants’ presentations (they start by locating themselves on the globe with an arrow and fill in whatever they believe best represents their identities) and for the collective evaluation of the event, by writing comments and suggestions on the shared screen.
1325 participants from 53 countries and 304 guest speakers from 24 countries in the multi-year series of International Summer Schools and Lab Meetings
4 years planning (2014-2017)

Network-wide Training Activities

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<td>• Key lecture on previously published results and presentation of the current status of the research program on the meta-theoretical analysis of the Social Representation theory.</td>
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<td>• Key lectures on the genesis, development and actuality of the Social Representation theory in more than fifty years (1961-2011 and beyond): overview of the main paradigms.</td>
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<td>• Illustration of the &quot;modelling approach&quot; developed at the leading Institution of the Joint IDP, host of the ESR, with the active participation of researchers and EuroPhD holders involved in different empirical research programs dealing with multiple constructs, thematic objects, methods, multi-step data analysis strategies.</td>
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<td>• Active participation by the ESR by presenting the matching of their prior knowledge and interests with the research project focused offered in the call, their multi-languages skills and the planned future secondment by optimising the complementary resources training across the network.</td>
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<td>• Presentations by expert post-docs and advanced European/International Joint PhD doctoral trainees involving a multi-generational community of senior and junior scientists that ranges from visiting post-docs to Euro PhD Alumni (including former Marie Curie Fellows), already well trained in the meta-theoretical analysis of the specialised literature on Social Representations.</td>
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<td>• Training the early research trainees (ESR) for developing advanced bibliographic on-line search skills vis a vis to specialised websites and digital libraries, aimed at developing the large specialised full bibliographic inventory and the SoReCom specialised virtual library.</td>
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4 years planning (2014-2017)
Network-wide Training Activities

| 3 | International Lab Meeting:  
2015 Spring Session  
- Key lectures on classical contributions and recent development in the Anthropological, "Narrative", "Dialogical", and "Subjective" approaches to Social Representations  
- Questions, Answers and Group discussion of the ESR and other European and International Joint PhD trainees with project leader and invited speakers  
- Advanced training in epistemological issues on research setting and empirical data detection/construction, in observational, ethnographic and conversational methods  
- Illustration of specific software and statistical packages for conversational and textual data analysis and results visualization  
- Training in complementary skills  
- Scientific networking  
- Monitoring quality control sessions  
- The "Anthropological", "Narrative", "Dialogical" and "Subjective" paradigmatic approaches to Social Representations: classical contributions and recent developments, methods and data analysis strategies  
- Directions within the multi-generational community of scientists and across different geo-cultural contexts.  
4 days  
26th - 29th April 2015  
Rome  
UNIROMA1 (Italy)  
A selection of invited speakers from all the Academic Associated Partners:  
MU (Czech Republic)  
UAR (Romania)  
UNIWEN (Austria)  
UPF/IESU (Spain)  
UNIVAL (Spain)  
UNIGE (CH)  
UNIL (CH)  
UoB (Argentina)  
UFSC-Brazil  
UAM (Mexico)  
CUNY (USA)  
(see page 7)  

| 4 | 2015 International Summer School  
- General introduction of the overall project on the meta-theoretical analysis with specific focus on the impact and dissemination of the social representation theory around the world: from Europe to other continents  
- Key lectures by scientists from the leading Institution and associated partners from different geo-cultural contexts: ge-cultural context: Europe, North America (Canada and USA), Latin-America (Argentina, Brazil, Mexico), Asia (China)  
- Questions, Answers and Group discussion of the ESR and other European and International Joint PhD trainees with project leader and invited speakers  
- Active participation by the ESR and the other European and International Joint PhD trainees by presenting the current status of the ongoing research projects  
- "So.Re.Com. activities": use of the Euro PhD web-auditorium, allowing connection with some speakers - even from outside the So.Re.Com. Joint IDP - invited to attend the event on-line via interactive video-web conference system  
- Training in complementary and transferable skills provided by the non-academic partners  
- Scientific networking  
- Monitoring quality control sessions  
- Dissertations defence by European PhD doctoral candidates enrolled in previous years in front of the European PhD International Evaluation Board (Final Jury)  
- General Mid-Term Meeting with all European and extra-EU associated partners and extra-academic partners  
- Final coordination of the activities to be undertaken during the secondments for each of the 13 ESR  
8 days  
18th - 25th July 2015  
Rome  
UNIROMA1 (Italy)  
+ All the extra-EU Academic Associated Partners:  
UoB (Argentina)  
UFSC-Brazil  
UAM (Mexico)  
CUNY (USA)  
(see page 7)  

| 5 | International Lab Meeting:  
2016 Winter Session  
- Key lectures by the project leader aimed at presenting  
- Training in the meta-theoretical analysis of the  
4 days  
24th-27th  
UNIROMA1 (Italy)  

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## Network-wide Training Activities

### 4 years planning (2014-2017)

#### Network-wide Training Activities

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**The “Structural” paradigm approach to Social Representations:**

- Classical contributions and recent developments, 
- Coordinated and experimental methods and techniques specifically designed for the “Structural” approach to Social Representations,
- Illustration of specific statistical software for data analysis according to the “Structural” approach,
- Training in complementary skills,
- Scientific networking,
- Monitoring quality control sessions.

**International Summer School**

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**The “methodological polyevolution in the Social Representations literature and its implication in the contemporary communication era:**

- Discourse and dialogue between multiple research methods (textual and image-based research sources and tools, traditional and new media-based research design, experimental and field oriented studies).

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So.Re.Com. Joint IDP
Research trainees’ Obligations

- to submit:
  - a critical review of the bibliography on the research undertaken and their research progress during the Winter and Spring Sessions of the International Lab Meetings;
  - an extensive yearly report to be presented in the dedicated training session during the International Summer School.
Quality Control and On-Line Monitoring System via personalised web site for each research trainee
d) to write the full report of their dissertation in a national language of the country where the doctorate is being pursued (site of the national tutor acting as main supervisor) or in English. This is to be evaluated by the national tutor.

To write a short version (in article format) in English, which - upon agreement of the three tutors - should be evaluated by the International Evaluation Board (Final Jury) and deemed ready to be submitted to international
European/International Joint Ph.D. in Social Representations and Communication degree holders by NATIONALITY

- Italy: 10
- Romania: 4
- Poland: 1
- Venezuela: 1
- Austria: 1
- Brazil: 1
- China: 1
- Finland: 1
- France: 1
- Hungary: 2
- Portugal: 1
- Palestine: 1
Research Trainees BENEFITS

• World-wide access to information about the programme via a common web platform and an on-line application process via a web registration system;
• Access to leading experts on various continents (including the founder of the Social Representations Theory, who is also the Program Director) and collaboration with internationally recognised research teams and centres of excellence in 8 European and 6 non-European countries working on issues with strong societal relevance, where key factors for success include that the knowledge produced can be applied in organisational contexts in private companies and public research centres;
• Guaranteeing jointly established criteria at the European/International network level, both in terms of selection of successful candidates and the training they will receive in the programme;
• Structured research training in an international environment (including training in transferable skills);
• Intensive didactic stages in multicultural settings;
• Integration of structured individual and collective international physical and virtual mobility;
• Multi and trans-disciplinary approaches and the wealth of facilities at partner institutions to which trainees have access gives them far wider options for research than would be possible nationally. A variety of methodological approaches expose trainees not only to a wide range of methodologies, but also to the leading experts in those methodologies. Research trainees also clearly benefit from the cultural/linguistic advantages of living and studying alongside doctoral students from other countries.
• Our unique tutoring system based on tutoring and co-tutoring triadic system (multiple supervision), where ESR are continually in contact with their tutors. Via the open learning system (ODL), tutors have online access to ESR’s work and monitor their progress speedily. The programme guarantees a maximum of 2-3 trainees per tutor per year, ensuring constant individual and team tutoring and monitoring of ESR’s progress. Under the ODL, the Programme Director, Scientific Co-ordinator and the three tutors and co-tutors have access to ESR’s research, advantageous because it enables the scientific committee to easily co-ordinate and supervise training.
• **Financial support**, often a major factor in ESR’s ability to participate in training that involves mobility and "stages", will allow us to select the best applicants irrespective of their personal financial situation.

• **A language policy and format for PhD dissertation (both book and article format)**;

• **Officialisation of the degree and mutual recognition of the jointly awarded diploma; Access to dedicated high tech lab infrastructures (including the most comprehensive So.Re.Com. physical and @-Library specialised in the field) and open distance learning (ODL)** guarantees flexibility in meeting trainees' needs, enabling them to organise their research in the way they wish within the confines of the didactic structure. ODL, interlocked with structured international mobility of ESR and teaching staff at the individual and collective levels, can also be adapted to provide temporary or more specific training.

• Thanks to the **established relationships between academic and research institutions and private companies** and the introduction of the **transferable skills as integral part of the structured program** especially on the basis of the principle learning by doing - research trainees acquire core and wider employment related skills, designed to expand their career opportunities inside as well outside of academia.
Participants in the programme benefit from the already consolidated experience of European PhD graduates who are members of the SoReCom Alumni Network and who have found employment in ACADEMIA:

- not only at many European universities: in AUSTRIA: Vienna; BELGIUM: Liège; BULGARIA: Universitatea Dimitrie Cantemir di Bucarest, ESTONIA: Tallinn, FINLAND: Helsinki, FRANCE: Lyon2; Aix-Marseille; GREAT BRITAIN: Cambridge, London School of Economics, HUNGARY: Pecs, Bucharest, Eötvös University, ITALY: Rome (Sapienza and L.U.M.S.A), Milan (Catholic and Bicocca), Salerno; PORTUGAL: Coimbra: I.S.C.T.E. Lisbon, SWITZERLAND: Geneva, Lausanne, Oslo, ROMANIA: University “Alexandru Ioan Cuza“ Iasi, Transilvania University of Brasov, etc.

- and extra-EU Universities world-wide: U.S.: Sarah Lawrence College and CUNY in New York, CANADA: UQUAM, Montreal, Ottawa, ARGENTINA: BuenosAires; BRAZIL: Univ. de Baia; MEXICO: UAM Mexico City; INDONESIA: Jakarta University; TUNISIA: University of Tunis, etc.

but also Outside ACADEMIA:

- in private foundations and companies: FRANCE: Danone, Peugeot; ITALY: ADECCO, HUNGARY: the Soros Foundation, etc.

- and public or governmental institutions: FINLAND: Finnish Cultural Foundation

- FRANCE: IFSTTAR– Institut National de Recherche sur les Transports et leur sécurité; International Union of Railways France; ITALY: Sardinian Region Juvenile Court; Florence Employment Office; Center for Assistance Against Violence to Women « Differenza Donna », Comune di Roma, etc.

and even in both “in and outside Academia”:

permanent position at the Transilvania University of Brasov (ROMANIA) and 3-years contracts first at IFSTTAR, then at the International Union of Railways (FRANCE)
BENEFITS for Participating Institutions

- **An innovative effect on the institutions involved both from scientific and administrative point of view.** It effectively opens windows on a wealth of expanded human and technical resources to which they might not otherwise have had easy access.
- **Integrated virtual and physical mobility** will enable them to reflect on and refine their own training methods as well as having a *beneficial effect on their own research*.
- **A greater expansion of networking activities** is guaranteed by:

  ♣ *"International Physical and Virtual Campus" scientific events.*
  Creating intellectual dynamism by interactive exchanges between colleagues from around the globe. In the past, **more than 10,000 participants have been included in the 11 biannual International Conferences on Social Representations,** the series of JIRS annual conferences organised in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico and other conferences on social representations all over the world. **The multi-years series of 19 International Summer Schools and 22 International Lab Meetings** were attended by 1325 research trainees and experienced researchers from 53 countries and 304 guest speakers from 24 countries.

  The **SoReCom THEmatic Network** currently includes more than 100 partner institutions in all the 27 EU countries and more than 3000 registered worldwide institutional and individual members.

  ♣ **Participation of non-academic partners:** involving national research institutes and private companies with previous successful experience of collaboration within the SoReCom Thematic Network.
BENEFITS for Participating Institutions

- The tutors directly involved in the programme also profit from the **cultural/linguistic benefits of international mobility** and from **access to multilingual and multi-format scientific documentation** on social representations and social psychology and research materials usually confined to local research teams (So.Re.Com. @-library)

- **Multigenerational research teams** benefit from the **cross-fertilization of ideas** generated by the active involvement of the new generation of early research trainees in their international cooperative research projects

- The **mutual recognition of both the training and the joint degree**, which is supported since 1993 by a series of institutional recognitions.
Mutual BENEFITS of co-operation with SMEs

- **the media industry**, dealing with popularisation of new scientific discoveries among non-experts, the effect of knowledge dissemination and transformation due to the convergence of traditional and new media, the redefinition of security/privacy in the new communicative scenario;

- **health organisations**, working on the introduction of medical innovation and confronting patients' resistance to new therapeutic practices, prevention of illness thanks to dissemination of lay representations anchored to expert knowledge rather than to a persistent magic dimension of collective thinking, the role of the social representations of body and beauty in the diffusion of pathologies like bulimia and anorexia or social phenomena like the mass diffusion of aesthetic surgery;

- **education**, working on the impact of new normative dispositions on learning community practices, the impact of the new media in self-learners' knowledge building and sharing compared to traditional scholastic settings, the change in family relations and generational conflict, competition and cooperation and learning contexts;

- **financial institutions**, dealing with the social representations of risk and trust among heterogeneous agents, financial advisors and investors or with the adaptation strategies to the euro over the time;

- **the political arena**, dealing with hot social issues related to social integration/exclusion of minority groups, immigration and multiculturalism, the links between regional, national and supranational identities, globalization and new practices in the interactions and organization of social movements via the digital world, the personalization of politicians' perception and voting behaviour in the wake of the crisis of traditional ideological systems, complex cultural objects (US, Europe, West, East, Islam, Terrorism, War, Peace, Trust);

- **commercial enterprises**, dealing with brand images and marketing strategies, customers' social representations of products and companies, and the communicative strategies needed to detect and respond to customers' needs;

- **all institutional and organisational contexts** dealing with the influence of gender and sexual stereotypes;

- **all trans-sectoral and transversal areas** dealing with the influence of the new media system (internet, web2, interactive video-conferences, integrated traditional and new media, etc.) in the regulation of social interactions.
How Europe BENEFITS

In a world where cooperation and competition in education and research as well as in the economic marketplace are inevitably interlocked, the objective of creating joint institutional ventures among European centres of excellence for training new generations of researchers goes hand in hand with the efforts the European scientific community has dedicated to establishing a stronger link between the two pillars of the projected knowledge based society, the European Higher Education Area and the European Research Area.

The education and research market is increasingly globalised and interdependent.

Not only establishing innovative research training networks in Europe, but also guaranteeing their long-term sustainability and enlargement (from private sector and third-countries), represents an opportunity for improving scientific cooperation not only within Europe, but also around the world. There is a very strong demand for interactive networking, for the exchange of experiences and points of view among the members of this worldwide scientific community, and for innovative research training among doctoral research trainees and young researchers in social representations, social psychology and the social sciences. There is also a very strong demand for worldwide access to multi-lingual and multi-format scientific documentation on social representations and social psychology, otherwise very difficult to obtain.

Over eighteen years have passed since the European PhD on S.R. & C. was established. The programme started out as an academic consortium of thirteen universities and has grown to include full partnerships with research institutes and small and medium sized enterprises in Europe and around the globe. The European PhD on S.R. & C. is doing its part to modernize European higher education and overcome the barriers that inhibit efficient knowledge transfer between academia and enterprises, enhancing career prospects for European researchers in social psychology and in the social sciences in general. It helps disseminate European standards for the curricular, organisational, policy and procedural aspects of higher education. Anticipating the Bologna Process, it was born in 1993 and fully implemented in 1996. Its long-term experience has also served as a prototype for similar programmes in the other social, human and natural sciences.

The approved project will ensure the long-term sustainability of the worldwide-recognized European PhD on S.R. & C. and increase its institutional impact within and outside European borders. Its recent enlargement to partners from six extra-European countries (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Mexico, USA) represents an effort to disseminate European excellence beyond the EU boundaries, and to attract the best early stage researchers from abroad and encourage them to establish in Europe to perform their researches and to integrate the European employment market, thus rendering our private sector much stronger in this period of globalization and high competition with extra-European companies.

The SoReComJointIDP project is an integral part of this effort by training a new generation of researchers in the social sciences who are capable of working in different cultural settings. They will have the skills necessary to analyse social policy problems in a trans-national perspective as well as providing European industry with the experts it needs as new media and means of communication continue to expand. The financial support we will be able to offer if this project is approved will allow talented individuals who come from disadvantaged areas of Europe or elsewhere in the world to obtain the training they need to develop their own careers and ultimately, the economies of their homelands and strengthen co-operation with the Eurozone.
Thank you for your attention

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