

# Methods and Techniques for Managing and Monitoring European Projects



### **OBJECTIVES**



The objective of the International Seminar in European Project Management is to provide participants with the skills to successfully manage European projects and to monitor their correct implementation.

The programme addresses topics such as: The project assessment and approval process; Contractual procedures; Project life cycle and organization; The Logical Framework approach; Planning of project work; Management of the project partnership; Monitoring the project development; Evaluation and Quality Assurance; Dissemination, exploitation and sustainability; Financial management and administration; Creation and delivery of project reports



### TARGET GROUP

Since the first edition of the International Seminar in European Project Management, organised in 2004, over five-hundred participants of 40 nationalities, worldwide, were involved.

The international seminar is addressed to school directors, managers, lecturers, teachers, trainers, researchers and experts working in public bodies, universities, schools, training organizations, adult education institutions, research centers.

The European Project Management international Seminar is addressed to individuals who wish to acquire the skills for successfully accessing and managing European funds in the field of education and research.



### THE PROGRAMME

The programme is organized in 5 modules for a total of 30 hours.

#### **Module 1** Introduction to Project Management

- Introduction to the management of European projects
- Project assessment criteria
- Selection procedure

### **Module 2** Management Strategies

- Identification of project management strategies
- The project life-cycle
- Planning of project activities
- Time management
- Development of Gantt charts
- The logical framework approach
- Project Presentations
- Practical simulations

#### **Module 3** Partnership Management

- Coordination of the project partnership
- Characteristics of a good transnational partnership
- Attribution of tasks to the project partners
- Partnership management methodologies
- Planning and organization of partners meetings
- Management of partnership meetings and follow-up
- Practical simulations

#### Module 4 Evaluation, Dissemination and Exploitation

- Monitoring the correct development of project activities
- Quality assessment and evaluation
- Dissemination planning and implementation
- Exploitation strategies
- Tools and Templates
- Effective presentation of project outcomes and deliverables
- Examples of project deliverables produced in the framework of successful projects
- Practical simulations

#### Module 5 Administrative and Financial Issues

- Contractual procedures
- Progress and final reports
- Analysis of Administrative and Financial Rules
- Production and assessment of financial reports
- Practical simulations



## **SKILLS ACQUIRED**

The Seminar in European Project Management provides participants with the skills to:

- Implement effective management strategies to reach the project expected results
- Understand the project lifecycle and organisation
- Learn about the logical framework approach
- Deal with quality Issues and to discover Best Practices
- Organize the project evaluation process
- Monitor and evaluate European projects
- Carry out dissemination, exploitation and sustainability actions
- Produce Activities and Financial reports
- Effectively implement the project financial management



### THE COORDINATOR OF THE SEMINAR

The Seminar is organised by Pixel, an international education, research and evaluation organisation. Pixel was established in Florence (Italy) in 1999 and has relevant expertise and experience in:

- Management and Management of European Projects

  Pixel successfully planned and managed over 130 projects funded by the European Commission in the fields of education, research and innovation.
- Delivering of international education and training initiatives

  Pixel organises and delivers international in-service training courses. Some of these courses have been provided in over 40 editions so far.
- Organisation of international conferences in the field of higher education
  Pixel organises, every year, three international conferences in the field of Higher Education.
  Participants come from over 50 countries worldwide.

More information about Pixel is available at <a href="http://www.pixel-online.net">http://www.pixel-online.net</a>.



The trainers involved in the International Seminar in European Project Management are:

#### **Dr. Elisabetta Delle Donne**

President and Managing Director at Pixel

Elisabetta is the President and Managing Director at Pixel.

Elisabetta graduated in Political Sciences – International Affairs from the University of Florence and has a Master in Business Administration. Since 1993, for the last 28 years, she has constantly been working in the field of international cooperation.

From 1993 to 1998 she worked as a European Project Manager in a consortium of higher education institutions. In 1999 she created Pixel and since then she has been its president and managing director.

Elisabetta is an expert in planning and managing of international projects focusing in particular on the areas of education, innovation and research.

For 25 years she has been consulting several European universities and public bodies on accessing international funding opportunities as well as European project planning and management.

So far, she has been involved as a project planner and manager in more than 150 international projects funded by the European Commission. She has developed and coordinated partnerships with more than 500 bodies world-wide, including universities, public authorities, training organizations, research centres etc.

Since 2008, Elisabetta is involved as an external expert in quality management and as an external evaluator in several European projects. She is also a senior evaluator of European Project Proposals and Final Reports submitted in the framework of the Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnerships Programme, Erasmus+ Youth, COST, Horizon 2020. In the last years she has also been coordinating and monitoring the work of evaluators involved in the assessment of European project proposals and final reports.

Elisabetta is a lecturer, at higher education level, in the field of European Project Planning and Management.

#### **Dr. Andrea Peraldo**

Senior European Project Manager at Pixel

Andrea graduated in Political Science from the University of Florence, completed a Master in European Studies in 2000. Andrea started working at Pixel in 2001 as European project manager. At Pixel, Andrea, for the last 20 years, has been is in charge of management international projects funded by the European Commission. Andrea has planned more than 60 successful grant applications in the framework of different funding programmes such as: Socrates, Leonardo da Vinci, Lifelong Learning and Erasmus+. Andrea is also specialized in the management of budgets of international projects. He is in charge of the administrative and financial management of the international projects in which Pixel is involved, maintaining contacts with the European project partners to support them in monitoring and reporting their project related expenditures according to funding Programme administrative requirements.

In the past 15 years, Andrea has been delivering training in the field of European Project Management and Management.



### **ORGANIZATION**

#### **Dates**

The dates of the 2021 edition of the International Seminar in European Project Management is:

■ 11 – 16 October 2021

Asynchronous online participants can start anytime.

#### **Duration**

The seminar has a total duration of one week, 30 hours organized in 5 modules.

#### **Onsite and Online Attendance Options**

The seminar is offered either as a classroom-based or online-based programme.

It is up to each participant to decide whether to enrol for the online or onsite course.

The classroom-based programme is held in Florence (Italy).

The online course is organised via a dedicated e-learning platform. It is possible to attend the online course both synchronously (i.e. at the same time as the classroom programme) and asynchronously (i.e. the student decides when to attend the pre-recorded lectures and individually carries out the practical activities).

#### Methodology

The approach used, for both the classroom and online solutions, is based on a constant integration of theory with **practical, hands-on experiences**. **Practical simulations** are carried out for each topic analysed. The practical simulations also make use of the services, databases and documentation made available, online, by the European Commission and its Agencies.

Networking opportunities are provided for both onsite and online participants in the framework of a highly interactive learning environment.

#### Location

The classroom-based part of the the International Seminar in European Project Management is held at Pixel, **in Florence (Italy).** Pixel headquarters are near the historical city centre of Florence.

The online course is organised via a dedicated highly interactive e-learning platform.

#### Language

The International Seminar in European Project Management is delivered in English.





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It is possible to attend the online programme, either synchronously or asynchronously.

All lectures are recorded, and all teaching materials and documents are available online, so it is possible to access both lectures and materials anytime and asynchronously. Participants can also ask questions asynchronously by contacting the course trainers who responds the day after.



### WHY CHOOSE THIS SEMINAR?

#### 4 Good Reasons to enroll:

- 1) A **truly international environment** with participants coming from all over the world.
- 2) Constant integration of theory with practical, hands-on, experiences.
- 3) **Teaching staff with long experience** in management, managing, and evaluating European projects.
- 4) The **experience and expertise of the Coordinator.** Pixel has over twentytwo years of experience in European project management and was directly involved in over 130 projects funded by the European Commission.



Excellent Course. Very Informative.

Very, very stimulating.
A. N., Hässelby Gymnasium, Sweden

B.G., City of Dublin, Ireland

The best course I have ever attended. Very professional. *G.V., Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria* 

The trainers were just great! Excellent course.

L.D., University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova, Romania

I really liked the organisation of this international Seminar. I am really happy I participated! *V.M., Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania* 

I had a wonderful time and I learned a lot. Thank you so much for being so professional and nice. B.D. Fèdèration Régionale des MFR de Normandie, France

Very well organised course. Every topic of the training course was followed by practical examples and practical activities, which was very good.

A.L., Ministry of Environment, Romania

An excellent course. Thank you! C.A., Ministry of National Education, Romania

It was a great week! The course was very useful. Thank you! A.G., Varazdin County Development Agency, Croatia

This course was excellent!

M.K., The Penitentiary in Olsztyn, Poland

The seminar is very inspiring, full of important information, useful advices and relevant tips. V.S., Dobrescu Commterra, Netherlands

Very useful for anyone who wants to work in the European Projects field. Excellent balance between in-class activities and online course.

L.V.G., Magenta Consulting, Spain

Very well organised! Our Teachers were just excellent!! Participating was a great experience forn me. *C.C., Cyprus Productivity Centre, Cyprus* 

More Testimonials at: <a href="http://europlan.pixel-online.org/testimonials.php">http://europlan.pixel-online.org/testimonials.php</a>



The international Seminar is combined, for participants choosing the onsite attendance, with **optional** accommodation and subsistence packages that are offered to single participants or to participants from the same institution who are willing to share accommodation costs.

#### **Single Participant in Single Room**

Half Board package including:

7 nights accommodation in single room + 6 Buffet lunches 730 euro

Bed and Breakfast package including:

7 nights in single room 630 euro

Lunches only Package including:

6 Buffet lunches at Pixel during the seminar 100 euro

#### **Two Participants sharing a Double Room**

Half Board package including:

7 nights accommodation in double room + 6 Buffet lunches 520 euro

per person

Bed and Breakfast package including:

7 nights accommodation in double room 420 euro

per person

Lunches only Package including:

6 Buffet lunches at Pixel during the seminar 100 euro

per person





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The enrollment fee is **640 euro** per person.

Groups composed of at least 6 participants will benefit of a 25% reduction of the enrolment fee (480 Euro per person).

The enrollment fee includes:

- Participation in the Course
- Teaching material
- Access to the eLearning Platform

Optional accommodation and subsistence packages are available.

It is possible, for residents in the European Union, to apply for a grant to attend the seminar.

Grants are available in the framework of the European programme Erasmus covering the costs for travelling to Florence and attending the international seminar.

Information on possible grants should be asked at the National Agency in charge of the Erasmus Programme in the country of residence.

For more information you can also contact Pixel secretariat at: <a href="mailto:training@pixel-online.net">training@pixel-online.net</a>, taking into account that the most updated information can only be provided by the National Agency.

Enrol in the Seminar Now and Boost your International Career!