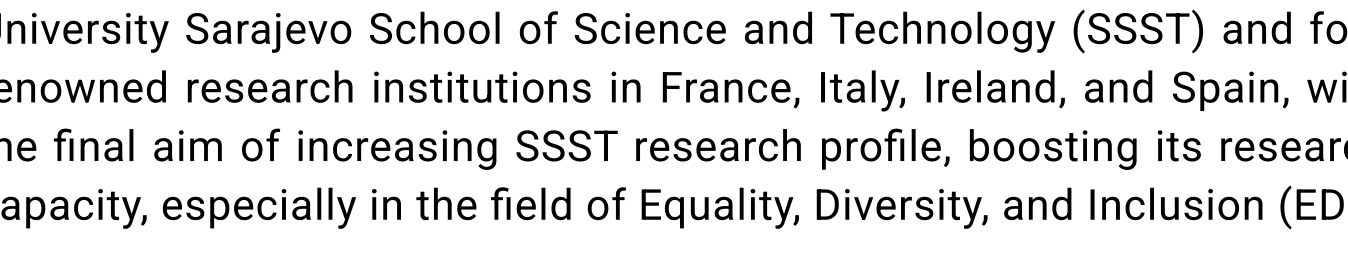


EDiRE

Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion for research enhancement (EDIRE) in Bosnia and Herzegovina, is a European Union Horizon Europe project, coordinated by the University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST) which started in September 2022.

Project partners include prominent universities from Europe: TU Dublin (Ireland), The University of Genoa (Italy), The Complutense University of Madrid (Spain), and The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne (France).



The aim of the Project is to create a collaborative network between the University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology (SSST) and four renowned research institutions in France, Italy, Ireland, and Spain, with the final aim of increasing SSST research profile, boosting its research capacity, especially in the field of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI).

Within the next three years, EDIRE will focus on reinforcing SSST's science and research structure by adopting good practices and knowledge-sharing networks with partner universities from Italy, Spain, France, and Ireland. This project also aims to share knowledge across the BiH university network, and scientific institutions.

The Kick-off Meeting

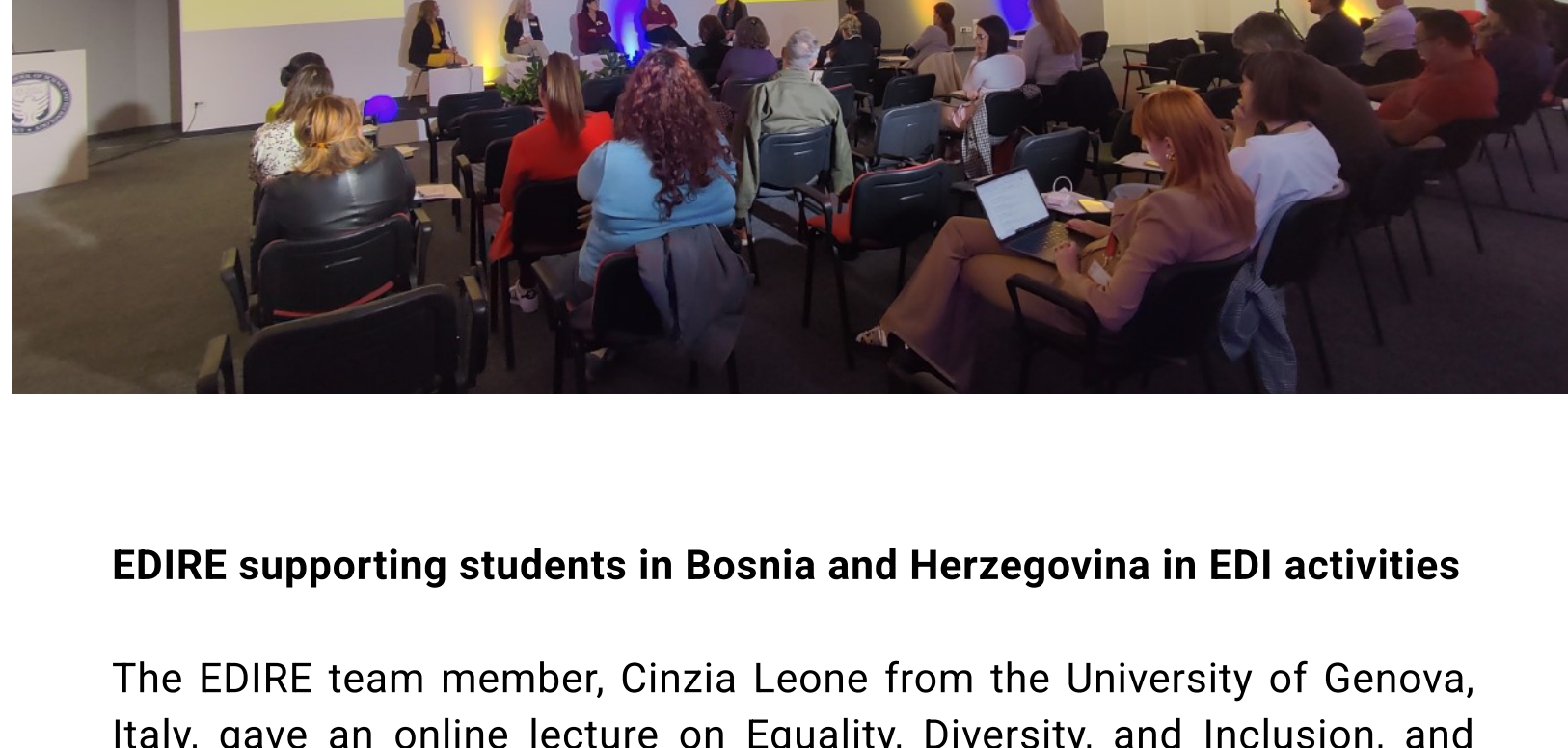
The Kick-off Meeting was organized in Sarajevo by the SSST team, from the 20th to the 21st of September.

The first day of the Kick-off was booked for the internal meeting with partners and the first project meeting. Partners from Italy and Ireland came to Sarajevo and visited the University of Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, whereas other partners joined the meeting online.

A lot of planning and meetings (both in-person and online) marked this whole day. All partners had the opportunity to present their plans for the realization of the activities.

The second day was organized as an open event for the academia and partners from other institutions. With two panel sessions and an engaging discussion between academics and government representatives, the SSST team led by the project coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić Telalović is kickstarting the activities on the EDIRE (Equality Diversity and Inclusion for Research Enhancement in Bosnia and Herzegovina) project within the Horizon Europe scheme, funded by the European Union.

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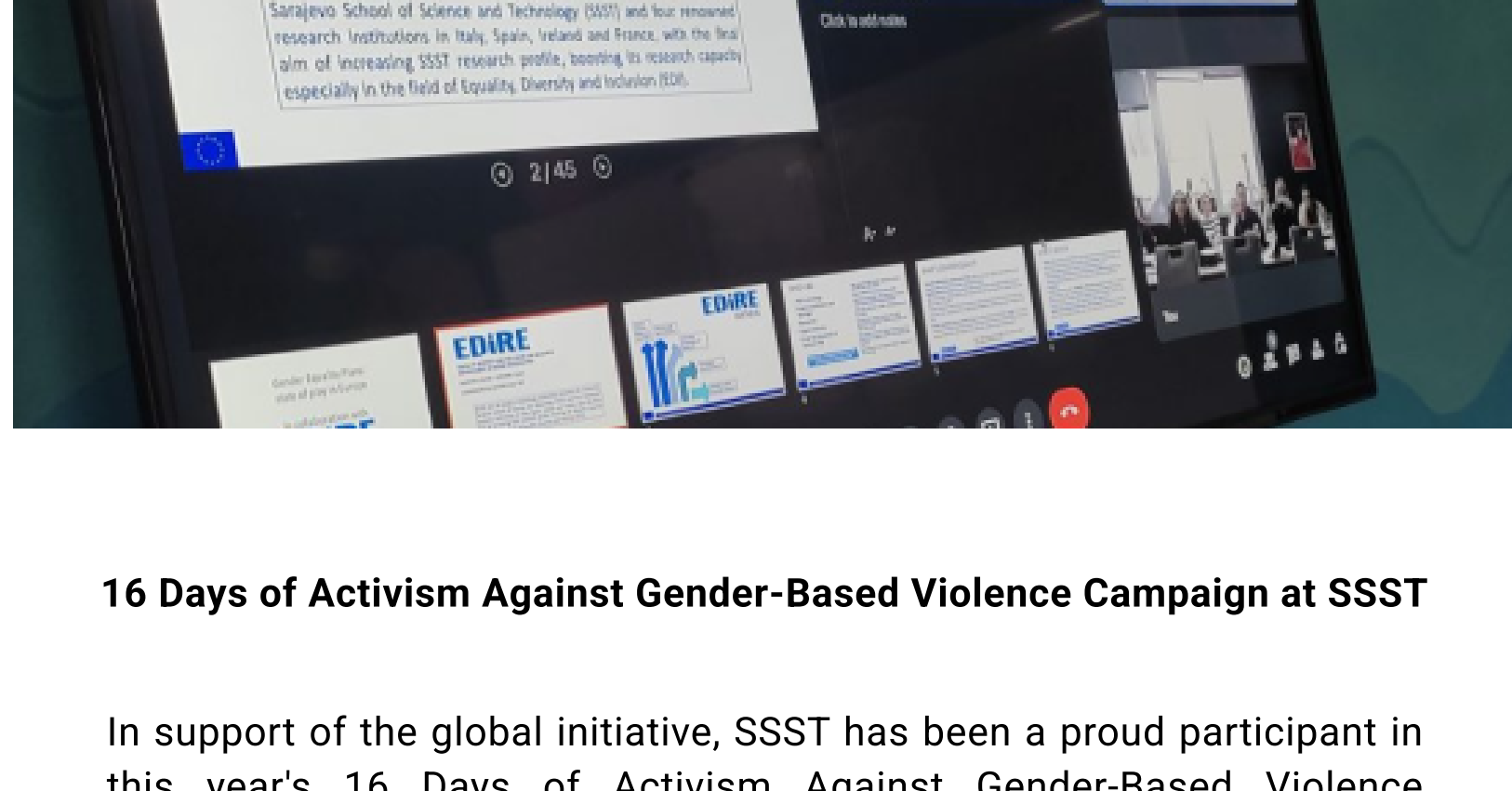


EDIRE supporting students in Bosnia and Herzegovina in EDI activities

The EDIRE team member, Cinzia Leone from the University of Genoa, Italy, gave an online lecture on Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, and Gender Equality Plan for students from Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina. The talk was organized by the Association for the development of education, science, and research from BiH, and it was held online.

The professor from UniGe had the opportunity to present EDIRE and underlines the importance of research in academia. By explaining what EDI principles are, Leone explained how the EDIRE project would enhance research in BiH. Apart from that, students heard more about gender in general and gender equality in Europe.

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign at SSST

In support of the global initiative, SSST has been a proud participant in this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence Campaign, organized under the framework of the UNIGEM project. A widespread movement across campus gathered together professors, students, and activists, initiating an awareness-raising campaign on all relevant gender-based issues, but also introducing the SSST Gender Equality Action Plan which promises to deliver a comprehensive set of measures directed toward a more productive discrimination and bias-free academic atmosphere.

Associate Professor Jasminka Hasić-Telalović had the opportunity to talk about Gender Equality plans and presented EDIRE to students and professors, as well as to the guests and partners of the University. Apart from Jasminka Hasić-Telalović, other speakers were Emina Bošnjak (Executive Director of Sarajevski otvoreni centar), Mirza Rastoder (founder and CEO the first university HUB in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Homework HUB), Asja Krsmanović (Nisam tražila social initiative), Slađan Tomić (Media Centar Sarajevo Journalist), Jasna Kovačević (University of Sarajevo), and Professor Zilka Spahić Šiljak (TPO Foundation).



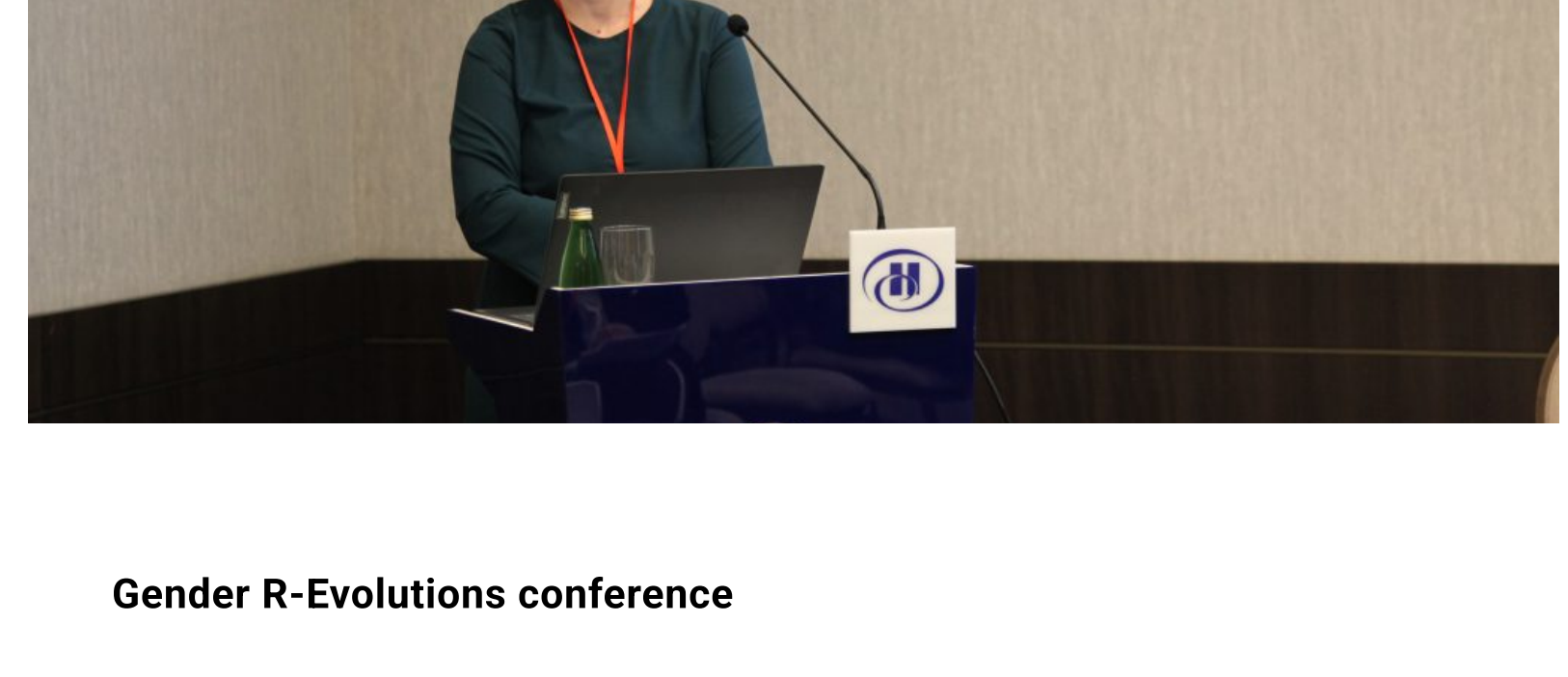
"Public engagement in R&I – Science education and Gender Equality in Science"

The public event "Public engagement in R&I- Science Education and Gender Equality in Science" was organized in Podgorica, Montenegro by the WBC-RRI.NET team.

In addition to discussing science and education equality in the Western Balkans, this event also addressed the importance of RRI perspectives in science. They also provided an international perspective, as well as a roundtable discussion on the role of GE and Science education towards S3 planning, implementation, and monitoring.

Asso. Prof. Jasminka Hasić Telalović, University-Sarajevo School of Science and Technology, spoke on Women in STEM and presented Horizon Europe's project Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion for Research Enhancement in Bosnia Herzegovina (EDIRE).

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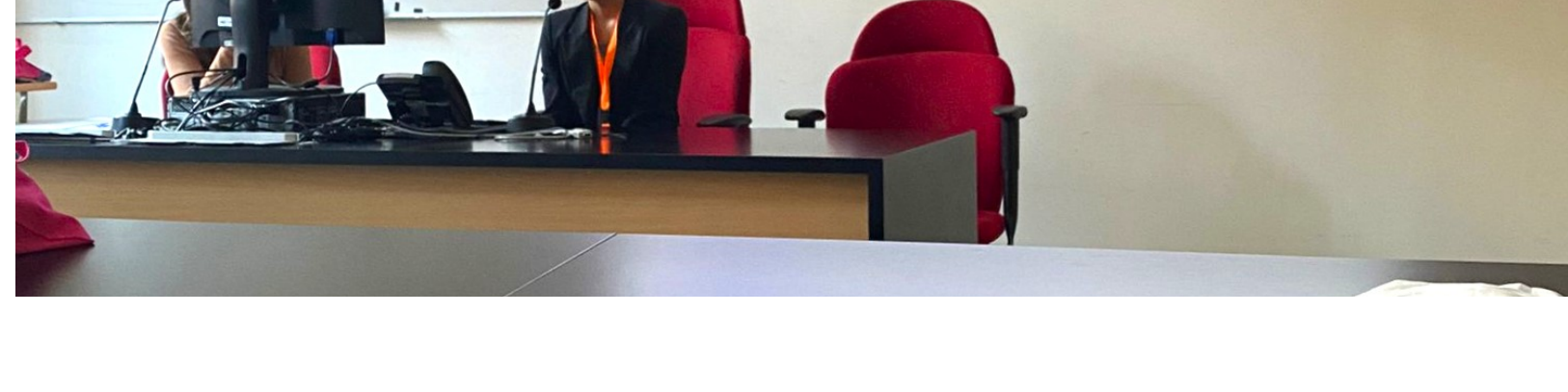


Gender R-Evolutions conference

The EDIRE team member Carla Maria Reale from the University of Genoa attended the Gender R-Evolutions conference organized by the University of Trento, Centre for Interdisciplinary Gender Studies on the 25th-26th of November.

Attending this Conference was a great opportunity to present a contribution by Jasminka Hasić Telalović (SSST), Cinzia Leone (UNIGE) Rita Bencivenga (UNIGE), and Carla Maria Reale (UNIGE) on Edire titled "Transforming Academia through Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion: the experience of Bosnia Herzegovina with the EDiRE project.

It was a great opportunity to discuss with amazing gender scholars and listen to keynote speakers such as Jack Halberstam and Sara Garbagnoli.



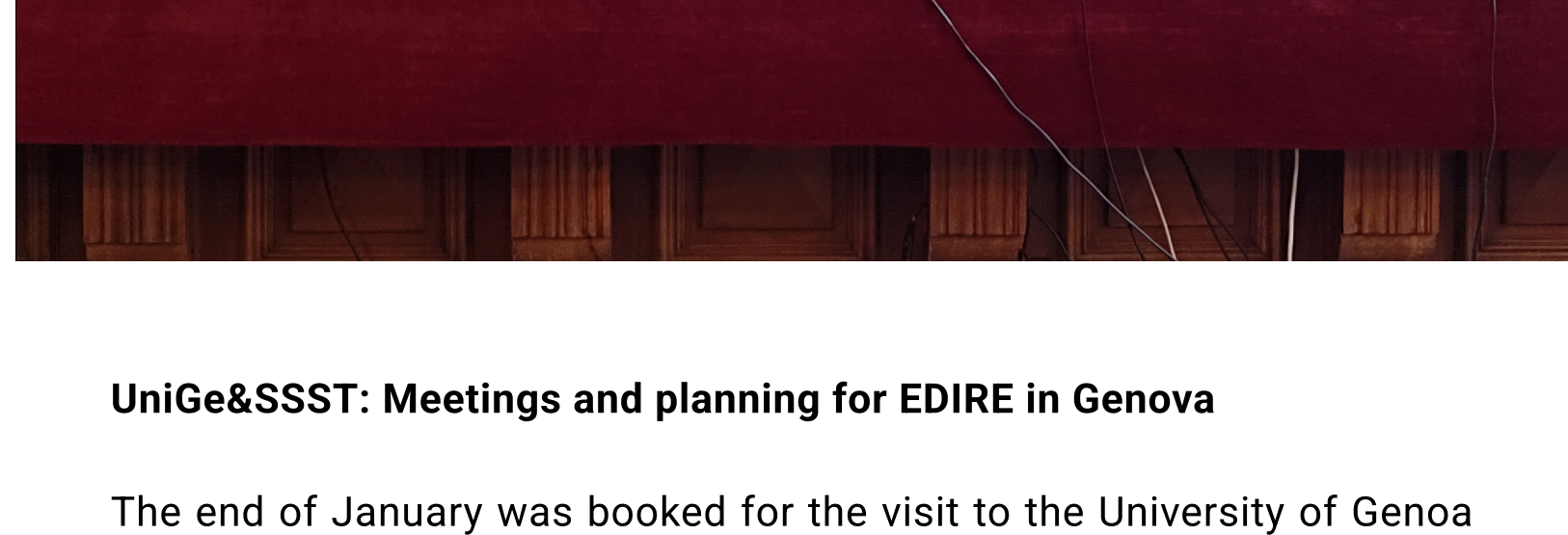
Conference: Gender Equality Plans and universities of the future

The University of Genoa organized an event with international speakers, open to the university community and citizenship, to talk about GEP - Gender Equality Plan, gender and intersectionality, experiences, and best practices on inclusion and diversity.

Members of the EDIRE team had the opportunity to give speeches at the conference:

Cinzia Leone, (University of Genoa), Jasminka Hasić Telalović (SSST), Lyuba Spasova (Advisory board member), Angela Celeste Taramasso (University of Genoa). Rita Bencivenga (University of Genoa), Carla Maria Reale (University of Genoa).

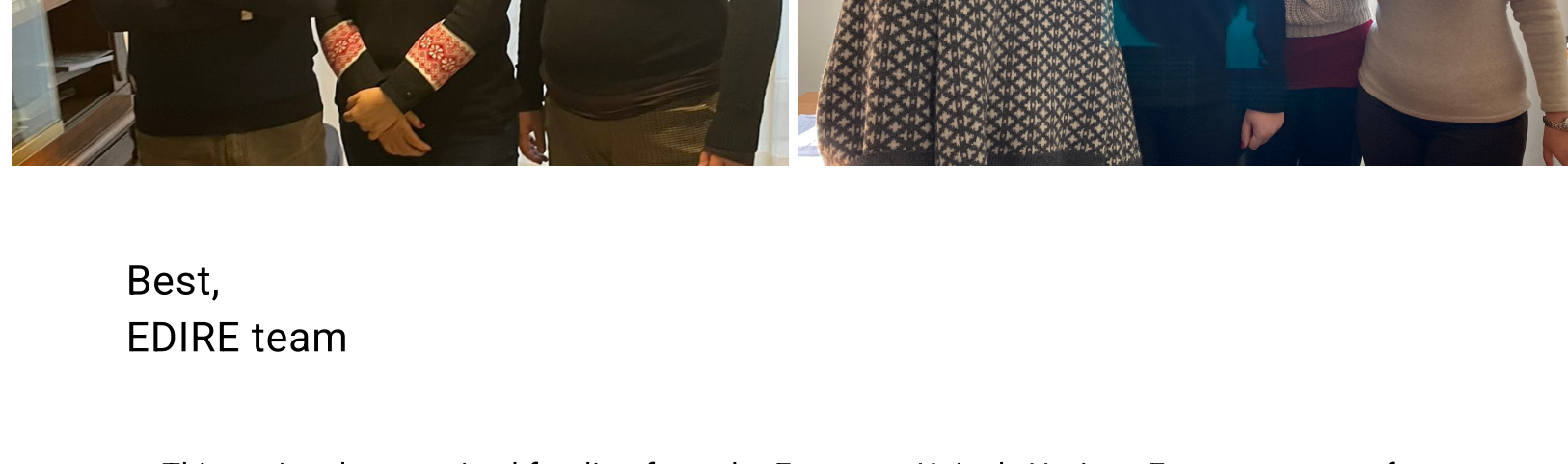
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UniGe&SSST: Meetings and planning for EDIRE in Genoa

The end of January was booked for the visit to the University of Genoa including meetings and planning of SSST and UniGe teams. EDIRE team members Jasminka Hasić Telalović, Jasmina Bajramović-Malić, and Amina Katica were part of this visit.

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Best,
EDIRE team

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