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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).



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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.

Virtual Mobility Training vol 2

September 23, 2024

On September 12-13, 2024, the EDIRE Project hosted a vibrant Virtual Mobility event at the Olympic mountain of Bjelašnica, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Over the course of two days, participants engaged in meaningful discussions on how equality, diversity, and inclusion can enhance research and education, providing a fantastic opportunity to connect, learn, and share ideas.

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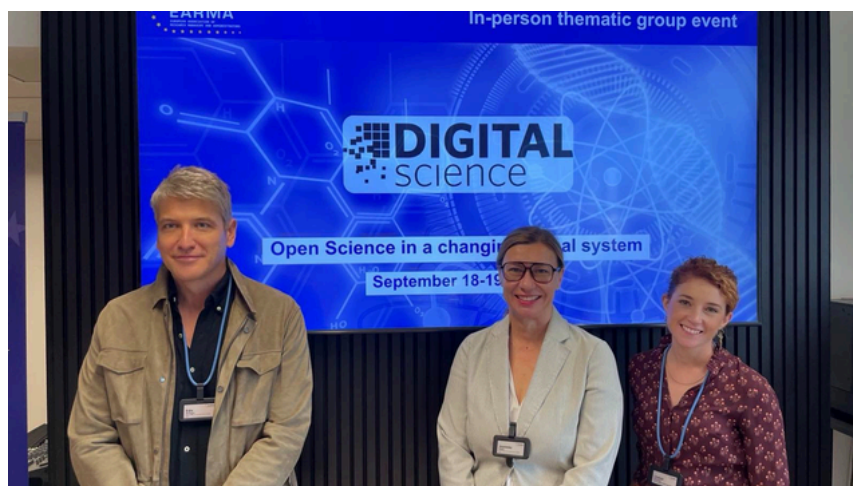


Exploring Open Science

September 25th, 2024

EDIRE team had the exceptional opportunity to attend the European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA) Conference, where we engaged deeply with the exciting theme of Open Science in a Changing Global System.

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Promoting Inclusion and Innovation

October 15, 2024

One of the key participants, Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić Telalović, EDIRE Project Coordinator, highlighted the importance of bioinformatics in identifying viruses and bacteria through computer technologies and statistical methods. She stressed the value of interdisciplinary approaches in tackling complex biosafety issues and underscored how the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated the necessity of inclusion, diversity, equality, and education to effectively combat such crises.

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EDIRE TRAINING: Spreading Excellence in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Western Balkans

December 5, 2024

- This event explored critical themes such as research ethics, funding opportunities, intellectual property rights, and effective research management. Engage in thought-provoking discussions, discover best practices, and connect with a network of professionals committed to enhancing research excellence in the Western Balkans and beyond.
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Exploring AI's Role in Education, Research and Creativity

December 6, 2024

The event provided an excellent opportunity for the EDIRE project team to meet with Prof. Dr. Harriet Dunbar-Morris, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) and Provost at the University of Buckingham. During their discussion, potential avenues for collaboration were explored, and Prof. Dunbar-Morris expressed her interest in having the University of Buckingham participate in future public events of the EDIRE project.

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Influencing Change – Promoting Equality

November, 2024

The panel featured three of the most prominent influencers in Bosnia and Herzegovina—Brankica Raković, Nadine Mičić, and Mirza Mustafagić—who shared their insights on the evolving role of social media in today's world. With over 200,000 followers across Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans, these influential voices discussed how content creation can be a force for positive change, transcending mere brand building to promote meaningful social causes.

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EDIRE at the INSPIRE Project's Next Steps CoP

January 10, 2025

As part of the Next Steps Community of Practice (CoP), established for the call offs the INSPIRE project, the EDIRE coordinator recently had the opportunity to present the ongoing work at SSST, much of which has been driven by the activities of the EDIRE project itself. INSPIRE, which focuses on developing innovative tools and knowledge to address intersecting inequalities across both the public and private sectors in Europe, is a key initiative in the broader push for equality and inclusion.

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Project introduction
EDIRE HORIZON EUROPE

Project details:
Start Date: 1 September 2022
Project Duration: 36 months

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Unlocking New Opportunities: Jean Monnet Info Session for Research Growth at SSST

January 10, 2025

As part of the EDIRE project's mission to enhance equality, diversity, and inclusion in research, the University SSST recently hosted an informative session focused on capacity building through the Erasmus Jean Monnet program. This session aimed to support the development of research and teaching capacities within SSST, providing faculty with valuable insights into externally funded project opportunities.

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Sustainability of EDI Actions at University SSST: A Stronger Commitment to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

December 5th, 2023

On December 4th and 5th, 2024, the University SSST, as the coordinator of the EDIRE project, hosted an inspiring two-day meeting of the Gender Equality Advisory Board in Tarcin, near Sarajevo. This collaborative gathering marked an important step forward in the University's ongoing commitment to embedding Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) into every aspect of academic and professional life. The focus of the meeting was to finalize key components of the Gender Equality Plan (GEP) and ensure that EDI principles remain central to the University's vision of creating a fair, inclusive, and innovative environment.

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SCI-SHE: International Day of Women and Girls in Science

February 19, 2025

EDIRE project coordinator, prof. Jasminka Hasić Telalović was a participant in this Open Science event, who shared her experiences in her scientific journey, but also about the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion components, which are crucial for women and girls in science.

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NEW EDIRE TRAINING: Awareness: The Missing Link in EDI and The What, Why and How of Using Narratives in Intersectional Research

February 17, 2025

We are pleased to invite you to the EDIRE training: Awareness: The Missing Link in EDI and The What, Why and How of Using Narratives in Intersectional Research taking place on:

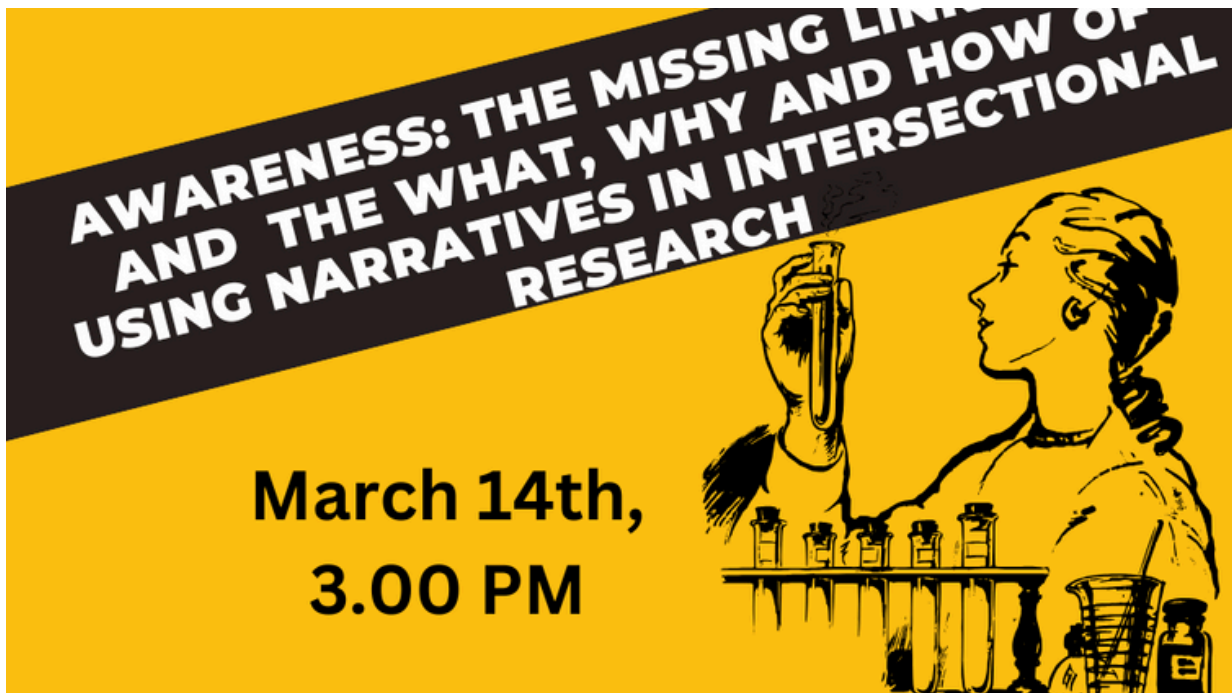
March 14th, 2024, at 03.00 PM via Zoom.

This seminar highlights the crucial role of awareness in advancing Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in academia. While policies and initiatives are in place, true change requires a shift in mindset. By challenging biases and systemic barriers, awareness becomes the key driver of inclusive transformation.

In this seminar we will explore three styles of narrative interviewing (classic, composite and novel) with recourse to examples from empirical research. This seminar aims to provide insights into how and why narratives are a useful tool to illuminate intersectionality in the 'real world'. While also, demonstrating that narratives are a rigorous method.

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