

EDiRE

NEWSLETTER 6/2025

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).

Since 2022, EDIRE has been focused 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.

EDIRE Project Meeting Open Event Successfully Completed

March, 2025

Othe EDIRE team partners successfully organized the Project Meeting Open Event titled: “PhD – Highly Skilled, Yet Precarious: Navigating Institutional Responsibility and the EDI Experience.”

The event was co-hosted and co-organized with the an #EDIRE project partner University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne.

During the event, we engaged in in-depth discussions on key issues related to doctoral pathways, focusing on challenges in doctoral supervision, support for diversity and inclusion, and the promotion of equitable academic practices.

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EDIRE Project Meeting Open Event

PhD –
Highly Skilled, Yet Precarious:
Navigating Institutional Responsibility
and the EDI Experience

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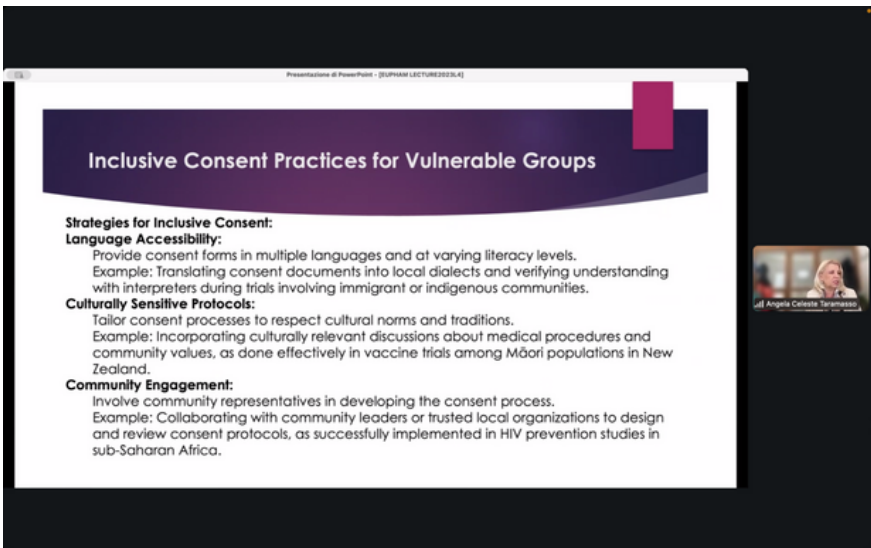
EDIRE Mobility Stories

March, 2025

Professor Semira Galijašević, from the Faculty of Medicine at SSST University is currently at the EDIRE partner University in Genoa.

During her stay, Prof. Semira will have the opportunity to meet many academic colleagues from this university and exchange experiences and knowledge that will significantly enrich the academic content of both institutions. A special focus is placed on sharing experiences in incorporating EDI principles into research methods.

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Presentations @ PowerPoint - (SUPPAM LECTURE 2023.4)

Inclusive Consent Practices for Vulnerable Groups

Strategies for Inclusive Consent:

- Language Accessibility:**
Provide consent forms in multiple languages and at varying literacy levels.
Example: Translating consent documents into local dialects and verifying understanding with interpreters during trials involving immigrant or indigenous communities.
- Culturally Sensitive Protocols:**
Tailor consent processes to respect cultural norms and traditions.
Example: Incorporating culturally relevant discussions about medical procedures and community values, as done effectively in vaccine trials among Māori populations in New Zealand.
- Community Engagement:**
Involve community representatives in developing the consent process.
Example: Collaborating with community leaders or trusted local organizations to design and review consent protocols, as successfully implemented in HIV prevention studies in sub-Saharan Africa.

Angela Celente Taramasso

EDIRE Training: HPC / AI / Quantum Computing Successfully Organised

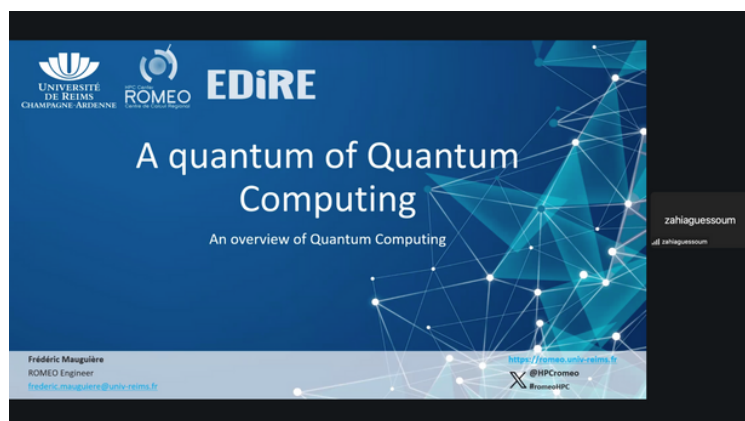
April, 2025

Organized by the University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne, France – EDIRE Project Partner

The University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne hosted a new EDIRE training session titled “HPC/ AI/ Quantum Computing.”

This training (structured in 3 x 20-minute sessions) was designed to introduce managers to the fundamental concepts and real-world applications of High-Performance Computing (HPC), Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Quantum Computing.

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EDIRE at 8th ICGR

April, 2025

- We're proud to share that on April 10th EDIRE partner Cinzia Leone presented innovative research on #gender, #inclusion #equality and #diversity at the 8th International Conference on Gender Research 2025. During her session, she also introduced the key goals of the European EDIRE project, showcasing how our work contributes to building more inclusive academic and institutional environments across Europe and beyond.
- This international conference, now in its eighth edition, continues to be a key meeting point for scholars and practitioners working in the field of #genderresearch. With 90 participants on-site and over 120 attendees joining virtually from across the globe, #ICGR2025 proved once again the global relevance and urgency of gender-focused discussions.
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AI for Managers EDIRE Training Successfully Completed

EDIRE partner URCA has successfully delivered a new EDIRE training session: AI for Managers, coordinated by Theo Barrios from the ROMEO HPC Center, Reims, France. Participants had the opportunity to gain valuable insights into the application of AI in project implementation and management. A special emphasis was placed on AI for Project Managers.

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EDIRE SUMMER SCHOOL 2025– Officially Opened!

June, 2025

With a welcoming speech and opening remarks, Project Coordinator Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić Telalović introduced the agenda for the upcoming four days and familiarized participants with the key themes they will explore.

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PUBLIC EVENT: Diversity in Responsible Research and Innovation: The Case of AI

June, 2025

As part of the EDIRE Summer School, powered by the Mediterranean Forum, the first public event was successfully held under the theme “Diversity in Responsible Research and Innovation: The Case of AI.”

This thought-provoking panel brought together distinguished experts in the field:

- Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić Telalović – Sarajevo School of Science and Technology
- Prof. Dr. Zahia Guessoum – University of Reims Champagne-Ardenne
- Prof. Dr. Juan Pavón – Complutense University of Madrid

Over the course of an engaging one-hour discussion, panelists explored the critical role that diversity plays in shaping ethical, inclusive, and socially responsible approaches to artificial intelligence research and innovation. They shared their perspectives on gender equality, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the societal impacts of AI within research environments.

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PUBLIC EVENT: EDIRE DISSEMINATION EVENT – CLOSING OF THE EDIRE SUMMER SCHOOL

June, 2025

On the final day of the EDIRE Summer School, the second Public Event powered by the Mediterranean Forum was held under the title EDIRE Dissemination Activities. The session was led by Prof. Dr. Jasminka Hasić Telalović and Olga Kolotouchkina, who reflected on the impact of the two summer schools organized within the EDIRE project. They concluded that the project has fully justified its objectives and that its sustainability is now guaranteed.

Opening remarks were delivered by the Rector of SSST University, Prof. Dr. Vjekoslav Domljan, who spoke about the importance of centres of excellence and how Horizon Europe projects contribute to building new ecosystems and spaces for innovation.

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EDIRE Management Training

September, 2025

Yellow Brick & Marija's leadership training was dedicated to the theme: "The Manager as a Creator of Team Dynamics and Inclusion." It was a full day of interaction, reflection, and practical skill-building designed to strengthen leadership through equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI).

DAY 1

DAY 2



Final Dissemination Event Marks the Successful Conclusion of the EDIRE Project

October, 2025

#FinalDisseminationEvent of the #HorizonEuropefunded project “Equality, Diversity and Inclusion for Research Enhancement in Bosnia and Herzegovina (EDIRE)” was successfully held on 9 October 2025 at the Sarajevo School of Science and Technology in a hybrid format. The event marked the culmination of the project’s activities and showcased its key achievements in advancing #equality, #diversity, and #inclusion (EDI) in research institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the wider #WesternBalkans region.

The event was formally opened by EU Project Officer Anca-Adriana Cucu, PhD, followed by Prof. Dr Jasminka Hasic Hasić Telalović, EDIRE Project Coordinator, and a representative of the SSST University management. In their remarks, they highlighted the strategic relevance of EDIRE in aligning national research environments with European values and frameworks on equality and inclusion.

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