

SECTION 1 – PRESENTATION OF THE COMPANY

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Universus is a consortium of public companies whose partners are the 5 universities of Puglia (Bari Polytechnic, The Universities of Bari, Lecce and Foggia, LUM Jean Monnet), the Puglia Region and the Banca Popolare of Bari. It carries out activities within the field of higher education and training for postgraduates and adults within research and technology transfer services.

The Consortium, founded in 1975, has as its mission the promotion of contacts between universities and the labour market characterised by the continuous development of technology and professional competencies. Its aim is to link high level technical skills with management expertise. The Universus Management & Engineering Schools in Bari and Lecce have been certified according to UNIENISO9001:2000.

1.2 – ACTIVITY OF THE COMPANY

Universus promotes training and research activities especially within the fields of the environment, energy, IT, construction management, urban and regional planning, quality assurance, labour safety and management. Programmes are individually tailored according to the needs of individuals and companies, for both on-site and distance learning courses. Masters, intensive training courses, meetings and conferences are targeted at postgraduates (especially engineers, architects, economists, scientific graduates) and at industrial managers and technicians, especially from SMEs and from public sector bodies.

The expertise of Universus in these fields stems from the interaction between the academic and commercial world, through a large body of consultants and university teachers who collaborate with the Consortium in all of its various activities.

1.3 – KEY PROJECTS/KNOWLEDGE AREAS

Universus is a non-profit consortium and its statutory aim is "training activities, applied research, high quality surveys and documentation projects aimed at the professional growth of young people and at the innovation in human resources by unifying technical and managerial experience to transfer research findings and appropriate uses of new technologies by means of joint contributions from its academic and entrepreneurial members".

Our main topic areas are: Innovation Technology, Quality, Safety and New Technologies; Environment and Energy; Management of SMEs; Managerial and Specialized IT; Civil Engineering and Architecture; Urban and Regional Planning and Cultural Heritage.

Working alongside local employment organizations, Universus offers career advice through its Career Centre Network.

1.4 – INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

As a consequence of Bari's historical role both in Europe, and between the Middle East and Mediterranean Countries, the Consortium is involved in various transnational activities and networks both within European and Mediterranean countries. Various European projects are managed in a transnational partnership, for the setting up and the dissemination of expertise in training and consultancy activities for postgraduates and for SMEs. Over the last ten years, Universus has strengthened its relationship with a host of international institutions, in particular in Europe, America and Australia, and is involved in a range of training activities and European projects. Universus promotes and hosts the European Summer School of Bari, in cooperation with local institutions and the three universities in Bari.