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Work Package: Policies and Interventions

RUNIN RESEARCH

Maria's research project examines how universities engage with regional development policies through participation in Structural Funds programmes. Universities and other regional institutions form partnerships to compete for external funding, thus contributing to the formation of university-business and/or university-public sector networks, but interestingly the universities' role and motivation to take part in the such consortiums have not been largely examined – even though higher education institutions are one of the key organisations delivering projects. Universities roles, profiles and partnerships in these projects may vary dramatically based on their organizational features, location and history, which is why it is important to examine their participation on an organisation level. The aim of selected case studies is to explore how the SF projects are embedded in universities' education and research missions: Is the participation merely an opportunistic way to diversify the funding base with "add-ons" to raise university's regional profile? Or are the SF project portfolios strategically planned, entrepreneurial activity that truly benefits the local economy while successfully combined with higher education's traditional missions?

HOST INSTITUTION

Univeristy of Lincoln

SECONDMENT INSTITUTION

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BACKGROUND

Maria holds a Masters degree in Administrative Science, study programme in Administration and Management of Higher Education (University of Tampere 2017). Her thesis focused on universities third mission in national higher education policies and selected case universities' strategies. She also has BA and MA degrees in Theatre and Drama Research both from University of Tampere. As a part of her studies, she was an exchange student in Universite Charles-de-Gaulle Lille III (France) in 2006-2007 and she also did an internship at Makerere University (Uganda) in 2013. Maria has previously worked in project management at University of Technology's Research services, where she mainly focused on FP7 and H2020 projects (2015-2017), and at University of Tampere with national and international R&D projects in the field of culture (2007-2015).

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