

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

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Description of the Organisation

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) is one of the largest Universities in Spain and all around Europe. With a tradition beyond 5 centuries, UCM has become a very important institution in terms of higher education and research activities. UCM is home of research groups which are in the cutting edge of research in many areas. UCM technological scientific infrastructure (with an annual budget almost reaching 600M€), together with the quality of its researchers (more than 6000), has established some of its laboratories among the best all around Europe. The UCM is a broad-scoped university in which almost every field of knowledge is envisaged. From the 2012 research annual report (the last consolidated figures), there has been a total income of almost 40M€ for research activities: 6% of this income has been obtained through EU funded programmes and 21% through R&D service contracts with the private sector. The research at UCM is developed through its 21 faculties, 5 university schools, 9 associated centres, 40 university research institutes, 8 schools for professional specialization, 4 university hospitals, and 17 research assistance centres. Due to its broad-scoped nature UCM is able to offer 170 official degrees of which 65 correspond to bachelor degrees and 105 to master degrees. For these degrees UCM counts on more than 85.000 students distributed among the faculties, university schools and associated centres. Both students and researchers benefit from a vast collection of volumes in the UCM library (more than 2,7 million of volumes), as well periodic publications exceeding 75.000. UCM is located in the "Campus de Moncloa" at Ciudad Universitaria of Madrid. This location is a large space devoted to Science and Higher Education. With over 10,000 researchers and 10% of the national scientific production of Spain the "Campus de Moncloa", which houses two universities and several research centres is a unique environment, fostering synergies in higher education, research, innovation and social and cultural projection. Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) was the first public University in Spain introducing in 1988 graduate and post-graduate training program in bioethics for medical students. During these 26 years of teaching more than 3 generations of students and health care professionals have been trained through a common educational strategy influencing health care system in Spain.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

ERASMUS PLUS: Palliative Care MOOC: Massive open online courses with videos for palliative clinical field and intercultural and multilingual medical communication. European Commission. Key Action: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices. Action: Strategic Partnership. 2014-2017. Number 2014-1-RO01-KA203-002940
HORIZON 2020: ENTIRE (2017-2021): mapping normative framework for ethics and integrity of research. European Commission. H2020-Swafs-2016. Pillar: Science with and for Society.

ERASMUS PLUS: SOFTIS-PED (2016-2018): Soft Skills for children's health. European Commission, Key Action: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices. Action: Strategic Partnership. 2016-RO01-KA203-024630

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM) was the first public University in Spain introducing in 1988 graduate and post-graduate training program in medical humanities and bioethics for medical students. During these 26 years of teaching more than 3 generations of students and health care professionals have been trained through a common educational strategy influencing health care system in Spain, i.e. several research and care ethics committees have been created by UCM post-graduate students. Medical Humanities represent a tradition of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid where, the Department of Medical History has been lead by one of the most significant Medical Historians of Spain, Pedro Lain Entralgo, member of the Royal National Academy of Medicine and of the International Society of the History of Medicine which anthropological view about medical history inspired the most significant book of Medical History in Spanish language: Historia Universal de la Medicina. The work of Lain Entralgo has been award-winning of the prize Prince of Asturias for the Communication and Humanities in 1989, the most significant national award in Spain. The school of medical history implemented by Lain Entralgo influenced several generations of lecturer and medical student and constitute currently one of the most significant contribution to the Spanish culture.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

Research team has a long experience in the training of medical students in medical humanities course and bioethics. The principal investigator has been trained in the Department of Medical History of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid and was lecturing for more than 10 years in public and private University. Research team has been involved in the teaching of medical humanities course for medicals students and more specifically in the teaching of medical history.

The team has been involved in two previous Erasmus Plus projects focused based on e-learning methodology and applied its expertise on the on-line technology to its previous experience as lecturer of medical humanities and medical history.

ALCMAEON is a synthesis between previous experiences in teaching innovation research and the awareness about the need to innovate the teaching of medical history in contemporary medical schools and increase the medical students' interest for the historical view of medicine.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Benjamín Herreros is an internist and holds a master's degree in Science History from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, master's degree in Bioethics from Universidad Complutense de Madrid and an international master's degree in Health Law from Universidad Europea. He works for the internal medicine unit of the Alcorcón Foundation University Teaching Hospital, specializing in cardiovascular risk. He has been a visiting scholar in several international universities and institutions in United States, and is the director of the Instituto de Ética Clínica Francisco Vallés – Universidad Europea institute. He is a Medical Humanities and Bioethics professor in the medical specialties department (Departamento de Especialidades Médicas) of the Universidad Europea de Madrid university, and is an adjunct lecturer of the Health Law and Toxicology department (Departamento de Legislación Sanitaria y Toxicología) of the UCM Medical School. He is the chairman of the Ethics Committee for Health Care of the Alcorcón Foundation University Teaching Hospital, coordinator of the working group on Bioethics of the Spanish Society of Internal Medicine and member of the Committee for Bioethics and Health Law of ASISA.