

The CO-VERSATILE Project aims to contribute to the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic by developing scientific knowledge and technology that is able to foster "adaptive and resilient production and supply chain methods and solutions to the urgent need for vital medical supplies and equipment", generating also products and services that will be available to society.

In global emergencies like the coronavirus pandemic, it has become clear that the approach "*as open as possible as closed as necessary*" can remove obstacles to the free flow of research data and ideas, and thus accelerate the pace of research critical to combating the disease. The pandemic also showed how important it is to optimize the global research data ecosystem and identify opportunities and needs to serve the new reality of data-driven science, while respecting intellectual property rights and the FAIR principles. Equally important is the understanding of the long-term socio-economic consequences in the areas of employment and inequality (including gender inequality).

On 22 October 2021, TU Wien as task leader of **WP6 - Activity Data Management, GDPR, IPR and Ethics**, conducted the second Interactive Virtual Round Table (VRT) to discuss "Gender and Intersectionality - Theories, tools and benefits" within the context of the CO-VERSATILE project. 23 participants, represented by 16 members of the CO-VERSATILE consortium¹, attended this event. The aim was to raise awareness and foster an environment that encourages continuing education activity related to ethical, legal and social responsibility aspects.

The first theme "*Update on Research Ethics - Perspective of Horizon Europe and TU Wien. Reflection, responsibility, research/er-friendly, research ethics, and research integrity*" was presented by Dr Marjo Rauhala, Research Ethics Coordinator at TU Wien. Three main topics:

- *What do we need research ethics for? What is it actually about? Some overall observations and remarks.*
- *News: Horizon Europe and ethics. Key policy sources and novelties.*
- *TU Wien Research Ethics Coordination: support and services.*

The second theme "*Sustainable Development Goals (focus on Goal 5 - UN-SDGs #5: Gender equality)*" was presented by Paolo Budroni (PI), Head of EOSC and International Liaison Office at TUW Bibliothek, Chair e-IRG, Board RDA Austria. This presentation highlighted the adoption of the SDGs by the European Commission in its directive (internal and external policies), as well as the relation of the SDGs with the CO-VERSATILE project² and the competitive relevance of adopting the SDGs for all members of the CO-VERSATILE Consortium. Furthermore, the impacts of the pandemic on the SDG implementation and progress around the world.

The third and last theme "*Gender Equality in Academics and Research (GEAR): introducing Gender and Intersectionality*" of the event was presented by Brigitte Ratzer, Head of Gender Competence at TU Wien. In this session, interactive activities were performed in order to foster the involvement of the participants and to discuss scenarios of daily life that are likely to be subject to gender-based inequalities. The result of a previous survey conducted by the TU Wien was also presented and the questions raised by the participants were answered.

The TU Wien will make the following documents available to all members of the CO-VERSATILE project: the three presentations mentioned above and further dossiers related to the SDGs and their relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. The material was tailored, targeted, and customised, addressing the COVID-19 pandemic and to the spirit of the project. Moreover, due to its importance for Horizon proposals (the project itself and for the future).

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¹ CO-VERSATILE, members attending: TU WIEN (organiser), STAKI, STAM SRL, CLESGO, SUPSI, FRAUNHOFER, INNOMINE, UoW, EIT MAN CENTRAL, ML ENGRAVING, LUH, IE UNIVERSITY, SKM AERONAUTICS, TECNOSTATIC, DEEP BLUE, ENG.

² Directly and indirectly and how we are supporting certain goals.

