#hackUniTO for Ageing

A relationship model with the territory

#hackUniTO for Ageing is the initiative created by University of Turin to enhance Italian research on an active and healthy ageing which has involved 29 italian universities.

Over 820 Researchers have contributed to the initiative by working and publishing on the website www.hu4a.it 284 research projects with the aim of activating collaborations with industries and public administrations, mainly to realize products and services that can offer solutions to the emerging issues of ageing population and better conditions for the society that is getting older.

The complexity imposed by the variety and multidisciplinarity of the published research projects, *#hackUniTO for Ageing* has implemented a work-model based on collaboration with strategic partners. These partners work for the development and innovation of territories (Information Technology Clusters, Regional Innovation Poles, Istitutions). By collaborating with *#hackUniTO for Ageing'*s staff, they analized the research projects with the aim of understanding their potential, the level of industrial applicability and the level of **matching** with Industries of their networks, of whose they know needs and requirements.

The **matching** step led by partners allows to connect directly researcher with industries which, with regard to productive activities, to the mission and aims, are more interested in implementation or in getting in touch with the applicant team of the research project.

By now the partners of *#hackUniTO for Ageing* and their results sorted by the analysis are the following:

- **BioPmed – (Pole of Regional Innovation in biotechnology and biomedical area)**
  BioPmed has built an intern task force for project analysis of biomedical area. per l'analisi dei progetti di area biomedicale. The projects have been analysed in detail with particular regard to their industrial applicability in a short period of time and their level of matching with university's partner industries. Out of 42 projects of the analysis, 30 researches assessed were as full research and ready to be sold to industries. Moreover, BioPMed has begun a keep-in-touch activity with European and Extra-EU Industries which represents a bigger level of **matching** with these projects.

- **MESAP – Pole of Regional Innovation Smart Products and Manufacturing**
  The MESAP, managed by Industrial Union of Turin, has led the research project's analysis to the Smart products and manufacturing. From the first results about industrial applicability of the project's ideas, it emerges that about 50 projects have a potential interests for the Industries of the Pole.

- **National Technology Cluster Smart Communities Tech and ICT Innovation Pole**
  Torino Wireless, foundation that runs the Cluster and the ICT Pole, has held the analysis on the projects about social and technologic implication aims, with particular refer to Information and Communication Technology. Partners have selected **44 project ideas that representing different aims** (from continuity care to indipendent and active life, from primary prevention to healthy lifestyles and inclusion) and this has resulted in a greater interest for the industries of the Cluster's and Regional Pole's network. The detected project ideas are going to be bought to the industries' attention, they are going to be promoted with the aim of finding more potential partners. They will be supported in the regional, national and european funding research. Furthermore, collaboration between researchers and companies will be supported in the experimentation in real context through the national Cluster's network.

The event *"#hackUniTO for Ageing***: path for *matching* between research, public entities and industries"** of 24th of February has been a moment of confrontation and sharing of methodologies and results of analysis carried out by the partners of the initiative. From the analysis of projects of *#hackUniTO for Ageing* a tendency purely, local about the coverage of the partners, was noticed. However, **the target is to involve all the 29 universities of the network** and share the work model **in order to build a national policy strategy and coordinated research.**

The event of 24th of February was an **essential step** in the *#hackUniTO for Ageing* path towards the constitution of ***Research & Development Laboratories***, born from the collaboration between research projects, implementors and research's financial supporters and aimed at realizing solutions, products and services on behalf of an healthy and active ageing.

Along with this formal mission, *#hackUniTO for Ageing* means **to understand dynamics and relationships that come to life between three subjects which**, operating in different context and pursuing divergent aims, **meet up difficulty and obstacles in the dialogue,** with the consequences of confining in fact the opportunity of cooperation and collaboration at the expence of territorial development.

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