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1 RESEARCH @ SEERC

1.1 Externally funded research projects update

Nine new externally funded projects were approved for funding. Six of them kick started within 2018, while the other three kick started in the begging of 2019. Another two projects were successfully completed.

1.1.1 New Awards

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<td>1</td>
<td>H2020 MSCA RISE</td>
<td>Prosfet: Promoting Sustainable Freight Transport in Urban Contexts: Policy and Decision-Making Approaches</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>H2020 MSCA ETN</td>
<td>ReTraCE: Realising the Transition to the Circular Economy: Models, Methods and Applications</td>
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<td>CBC Greece – North Macedonia</td>
<td>iCBA: Intelligent Cross-Border Accelerator for Innovative ICT-enabled start-ups</td>
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<td>Erasmus+ Knowledge Alliances</td>
<td>DLT4ALL: A Knowledge Alliance for Blockchain in Academic, Entrepreneurial and Investment Training</td>
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<td>H2020 SwafS</td>
<td>TeRRIторia: TErritorial Responsible Research and Innovation ThrOugh the involvement of local R&amp;IActors</td>
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<td>H2020 SwafS</td>
<td>GRACE: Grounding RRI Actions to Achieve Institutional Changes in European Research Funding and Performing Organisations</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships</td>
<td>DIGI-GRENT: Building Next Generation of Globally Responsible Digital Entrepreneurs</td>
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## 1.1.2 Ongoing Research Projects (as of the end of December 2018)

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<td>1 Erasmus+</td>
<td>ATSIV: Advancing the Third Sector through Innovation and Variation</td>
<td>University of Peloponnese, Greece</td>
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<td>2 Erasmus+</td>
<td>iSTART: A Lean-Training, Innovative, Multidisciplinary Digital Entrepreneurship Platform</td>
<td>Yasar Universitesi, Turkey</td>
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<td>3 Jean Monnet Networks</td>
<td>MIGRATE: CTRL+Enter Europe: Jean Monnet Migrant Crisis Network</td>
<td>South East European Research Centre, Greece</td>
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<td>4 H2020 SwafS</td>
<td>FIT4RRI: Fostering improved training tools for responsible research and innovation (RRI)</td>
<td>Sapienza University of Rome, Italy</td>
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<td>5 Erasmus+</td>
<td>VET4SPORT: Vocational Education and Training for sport workers - Innovative program for building personal and social skills</td>
<td>MHRA, FYROM</td>
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<td>6 Justice</td>
<td>E-Protect: Enhancing Protection of children – victims of crime</td>
<td>Law and Internet Foundation, Bulgaria</td>
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## 1.1.3 Completed Research Projects in 2018

SEERC successfully completed two projects during 2018. Details on the completed projects are available in the table below:
1.2 Other Activities

1.2.1 Research Submissions

A total of 25 new research project proposals were submitted throughout 2018 to various funding bodies, including 7 at H2020 and 18 at the Erasmus+ program. The proposals reflected the research interests and related work of the research tracks and research clusters within the tracks.

1.2.2 Publications

A series of publications by SEERC staff and students were published in 2018. (An extensive list of publications appearing by Research Track is provided at the end of the report in the Appendix).

1.2.3 Summer Schools

SEERC co-organised two Summer Schools during the summer of 2018:

- The “Athens Social Entrepreneurship Summer Academy” in cooperation with the QATAR Center for Social Entrepreneurship (NAMA) and the HIGGS incubator in Athens.
- The 3rd Summer School focusing on the current refugee crisis titled: “Refugee and Migrant crisis: New challenges of Integration” in cooperation with the International Faculty of the University of Sheffield, CITY College and the departments of Politics and Sociological Studies of the University of Sheffield.
THE DOCTORAL PROGRAMME

2.1 Viva examinations

Four PhD candidates have undergone through Viva examination in 2018. The Viva examinations took place at SEERC and Sheffield. The PhD students were awarded with the Degree of Philosophy. Eminent academics were invited to act as external examiners and contribute to a rigorous process by providing insightful remarks for the candidates. The names and affiliations of the examiners of the PhD viva examination that took place in 2018 are provided in the list below:

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<td>Tanja Kuzman</td>
<td>Financial and Economic Consequences of Political Interference within State-Owned Enterprises</td>
<td>Prof Ali Ataullah</td>
<td>Open University Business School, UK</td>
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<td>Petros Golitsis</td>
<td>Interactions Of Monetary Policies in South East Europe Countries in a European Monetary Union Context: A Global-Vector Autoregressive Model</td>
<td>Prof Efi Nikolaidou</td>
<td>University of Cape Town</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vasilis Barkoukis</td>
<td>Self-affirmation and performance enhancement substance use in sport and exercise</td>
<td>Prof Christopher Armitage</td>
<td>University of Manchester</td>
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<td>Krenare Pireva</td>
<td>Cloud eLearning. Personalisation of learning using resources from the Cloud</td>
<td>Prof Stamatis Demosthenis</td>
<td>Alexander Technological Educational Institute Thessalonikis</td>
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2.2 Confirmation Review Process

March 15, 2018: The PhD status of SEERC’s student Ms Aleksandra Laketa, (Full time student) registered with the Department of Psychology has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

March 15, 2018: The PhD status of SEERC’s student Ms Arvesa Studenica, (Full time student) registered with the Department of Psychology has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.
April 25, 2018: The PhD status of SEERC’s student Mr Drilon Lajci, (Full time student) registered with the Management School, has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

December 6, 2018: The PhD status of SEERC’s student Ms Arta Musollaj, (Full time student) registered with the English Language and Linguistics Department has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

December 17, 2018: The PhD status of SEERC’s student Mr Anastasios Lytos, (Full time student) registered with the Computer Science Department has been successfully confirmed at the Confirmation Review Process that took place at SEERC.

2.3 Call for Doctoral Applications 2018-2019

New Admissions

A new Call for applications to the SEERC Doctoral Programme for the academic year 2018-2019 was published in April 2018 and resulted to the following recruits:

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<tr>
<td>Ms Kristine Brance</td>
<td>LATVIA</td>
<td>The mental health of refugees: Discrimination, integration and identity</td>
<td>FULL TIME</td>
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<td>Mr George Kladakis</td>
<td>GREECE</td>
<td>Bank Capital and Liquidity Creation in the EU Banking System</td>
<td>FULL TIME</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mr Ioannis Spyridis</td>
<td>GREECE</td>
<td>Efficient control of drones communications in IoT</td>
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Scholarships offered by the Ministry of Education in Kosovo - New Admissions

The International Faculty of the University of Sheffield, CITY College in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Kosovo (under UNSC 1244) announced a call for 2 scholarships for PhD studies at SEERC for 2018-2019.

Following an evaluation process in which both potential supervisors from CITY College – International Faculty and from TuoS participated, one scholarship was offered to the successful PhD applicant below.

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<td>Ms Natyra Xharavina</td>
<td>Exploring the Current Role of Sustainability in the Balkans: An Investigation into Organisational Practices and Consumer Behaviour</td>
<td>Management School</td>
<td>FULL TIME</td>
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2.4 Young Researchers’ Skills Development Week 2018

The 3rd Young Researchers’ Skills Development Week took place on 9-11 May 2018 in Thessaloniki. The 3rd YRW hosted several research workshops filling the identified gap in PhD students’ skills enhancement. The 12th Annual Doctoral Conference, where 13 research papers were presented, was organized as part of the 3rd YRW.

2.5 Other Academic Activities

Throughout 2018 SEERC continued the organization of research seminars in the frame of Open Seminar Series and Research Student Seminars. (For a full list of the SEERC seminars, see Appendix).

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2.6 Events Organised by SEERC

March 5-9, 2018: SEERC in cooperation with the Business and Administration Department of the University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College has organized the 3rd Transnational Training on Energy Efficient Operations under the framework of the TrainERGY project (EU funded).

April 26, 2018: SEERC participates in the third conference of the MIGRATE project with the subject “Refugee crisis two years later: From retrospective to prospective insights” at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade

May 3-5, 2018: SEERC together with The University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College and the Cukurova University organized the 5th International Conference “Language in Focus” in Thessaloniki.

May 9-11, 2018: SEERC organized the Young Researchers’ Skills Development Week at L. Sofou building.

June 25 - July 3, 2018: SEERC hosted in Thessaloniki a one-week summer school focused on Migration. The Summer School was jointly organised by the University of Sheffield Politics Department, the Department of Sociological Studies and the University’s International Faculty CITY College and took place between June 25th and July 3rd at the main campus of the International Faculty.

July 23-27, 2018: SEERC organised the “Athens Social Entrepreneurship Academy” for a group of would-be social entrepreneurs from Qatar, funded by the NAMA Center for youth and entrepreneur empowerment of Qatar. The training took place in Athens.
October 21, 2018: SEERC in cooperation with The Northern Greece Entrepreneurs and the Navarino Network organized the “7th Thessaloniki International Symposium in World Affairs” that took place in Olympion Cinema, Thessaloniki.

October 29-31, 2018: SEERC together with The University of Sheffield International Faculty, CITY College and the Qatar University organised the 11th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and Regional Development (ICEIRD-2017) on 29th – 31st October 2018, in Qatar.

3 SEERC INTERNAL NEWS

3.1 New Staff @ SEERC

Ms Maria Michali, is a research assistant at SEERC, participating in two projects funded by the European Commission and related to the adoption of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI); TeRRItoria (TErritorial Responsible Research and Innovation ThrOugh the involvement of local R&I Actors) and GRACE (Grounding RRI Actions to Achieve Institutional Changes in European Research Funding and Performing Organisations). She holds a Master’s Degree in Applied Linguistics with TESOL with Merit from CITY College, the International Faculty of the University of Sheffield. Prior to that, she completed her BA studies in the School of English of Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Faculty of Philosophy). She has also worked as a teacher of English as a Foreign Language (EFL) in private language teaching centers in Thessaloniki.

Ms Ilina Athanasovska, is a part-time intern working on DIGI-GRENT, PROSFET & HELIX4EU projects funded by the European Commission, as well as she is part of the organizing committee of the European Triple Helix Congress on Responsible Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ETHAC). Currently, she is finishing her Bachelor Studies in Accounting & Finance at The University of Sheffield, International Faculty CITY College. Also, she works for the President of the Triple Helix Association, Prof Henry Etzkowitz, on matters related to developing and coordinating research publications & projects.
4 Appendix:

4.1 Publications


Bellavista, P., Giannelli, C., Lagkas, T., & Sarigiannidis, P. (2018). Quality management of surveillance multimedia streams via federated SDN controllers in FiWi-iot integrated deployment environments. IEEE ACCESS.


**PLEASE NOTE** that these lists might be incomplete since the publications database is continuously updated. For a last update please follow the link below: 

4.2 Open Seminar Series

**March 26, 2018:** "Public perceptions of Carbon Dioxide Utilisation (CDU) technologies in the UK & Germany and energy security in Greece & Turkey" delivered by Dr Chris Jones, Psychology Department, University of Surrey.

**May 2, 2018:** "Sustainable Functional Materials" delivered by Prof Ian M. Reaney, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, The University of Sheffield.

**May 2, 2018:** “The Advanced Resource Efficiency Centre & Environmental Sustainability” delivered by Prof Lenny Koh, Management School, The University of Sheffield.

**May 21, 2018:** “Neuroleadership. Sustainability and Organizational Performance” delivered by Ms Anka Gorgiev, Neuroleadership Institute, New York.

**June 14, 2018:** “Narcopolitics and the Legalising of Cannabis: The Turning Tide of Drug Policy in the Americas” delivered by Dr Matthew Bishop, Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute, The University of Sheffield.

**November 29, 2018:** “Research Workshop on the REF exercise and quality of publications” delivered by Prof Richard Bentall, Department of Psychology, The University of Sheffield.

4.3 Research Student Seminars

**March 15, 2018:** “Examining the Role of Acculturation and Language Learning and Use Motivation in the Bilingual Cognitive Advantage” delivered by PhD student Ms Aleksandra Laketa

**March 15, 2018:** “What Mechanisms Drive the Bilingual Cognitive Advantage? A Comparison of Similar vs. Different Language Pairs” delivered by PhD student Ms Arvesa Studenica

**April 25, 2018:** “Decoding employee voice in countries of crisis: New models of understanding and development” delivered by PhD student Mr Drilon Lajci

**December 6, 2018:** “Attitudes towards Minority Languages in Kosovo” delivered by PhD student Ms Arta Musollaj

**December 11, 2018:** “Bank Capital and Liquidity in Europe” delivered by PhD student Mr George Kladakis

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