



# **BOCCONI EDC AND THE ITALIAN EDCs NETWORK**

## **Sharing synergies and best practices**

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# The Network – How many EDCs? Where?

**Bocconi**



**50 EDCs** in Italy

Mostly in the **Universities**  
and **Research Centres**



# Working together

## Organization

- 1 national coordinator
- 1 deputy coordinator
- 1 coordination group (6 EDCs)

## Meetings

National meeting once/year supported by the  
Representation of the European Commission in Italy

 last one in October 2011 (19-21) in Rome

# Working together

## (Online) Activities

- National website [www.cdeita.it](http://www.cdeita.it)
- Discussion list
- Wiki guide The logo for 'abCDEuropa' is displayed within a blue-bordered box. The letters 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 'e', and 'o' are in various colors (green, blue, red, purple, etc.), while 'p' is in a light blue color.
- FaceBook page
- Publications (print/e-book)
- National projects in cooperation with other relays and supported by the Representation of the European Commission in Italy

# National website

## Information

- Created in June 2000; developed in March 2006; updated daily
- Edited by a group of 5 EDCs, with the contribution of all Italian centres
- Web server and web master: University of Sassari EDC

# National website

## Mission

Spreading **updated information** on EU policies **to citizens and general public** in our national language (newsletters, events, publications...)

Sharing **documentation referring to the Italian EDCs Network activities** (programmes and slides of meetings, training courses, tutorials, information press...)

Archiving the **documents produced by the Italian EDCs** (meeting reports, official reactions to common questions, national projects...)

**National web site as  
the repository of the Italian EDCs**

National website: <http://www.cdeita.it>

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Progetto nazionale intra-reti 2011-2012

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La [Wiki Guida](#) dei CDE italiani

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Commissione Europea - Rappresentanza in Italia

Parlamento europeo - Ufficio per l'Italia

Documentazione ufficiale

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Le guide della Rete italiana dei CDE

Periodici elettronici

Banche dati online

Finanziamenti UE

Master e corsi

Eventi in Italia sull'UE

Novità





Risorse e strumenti per gestire un CDE  
Vademecum - 2010

Anno europeo del volontariato 2011

 [Il Trattato di Lisbona](#)

 ... diventa un nostro fan

# Discussion list

## <http://www.cdeita.it/node/18>

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I CDE Documentazione dell'UE Periodici elettronici Banche dati Finanziamenti UE Eventi in Italia sull'UE  
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### Lista di discussione dei CDE italiani

I CDE italiani dispongono di una propria lista di discussione **CDE-IT**. Aperta nel 1999 dal Coordinatore nazionale dei CDE [Elisabetta Pilia](#), è ospitata sul LISTSERVER del CINECA e gestita da [Eugenio Gatto](#) della Segreteria tecnica di [AIB-CUR](#) (lista di discussione dei bibliotecari italiani) e dal Gruppo di Coordinamento dei CDE.

Per l'iscrizione o cancellazione e per ulteriori informazioni consulta le pagine <http://list.cineca.it/archives/cde-it.html>

Il sito della Rete italiana dei Centri di Documentazione Europea è un punto di riferimento per la collaborazione, proposte e suggerimenti di tutti i bibliotecari italiani.

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Join the discussion list or  
ask for further information



# International cooperation

## PEWG on Electronic Repositories

Launched in Spring 2010 (call for proposal) to **stimulate co-operation** and pool members' expertise for the benefit of the EDC Network and **to revitalise our Network** within restricted resources (especially staff and time)

November 2010 - 1st meeting in Brussels: after survey and selection of repositories, working plan for 2011 and **creation of 2 sub-groups**

November 2011- 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting during AGM in Malta: **evolution of ESO in a Pan-European EDCs project**; next step: training and pilot project with a group of 12-25 EDCs from different countries

# International cooperation

## Our reactions to the evolution of ESO

**Promotion and debate** at a national level: sharing information, web page about the project, brainstorming...

**Interest for the project:** highest number of participants from Italy (25% of feedback)

**Questions** about the next stage of the project (training, information sources, details about the contribution asked to the Italian EDCs ...)

**Request** of the Italian member **to participate** in the trial project **in representation of the network as a whole:** free subscription for all, possibility to train other EDCs in Italy after the training in Cardiff, Italian contribution managed at a national level

# Bocconi EDC Daily Work

## (Online) activities for the Network

Cdeita

Wikicde

PEWG

Publications (presentations, guides, ...)

## Activities for main users (Students, Faculty)

Reference & Research assistance on EU policies

Bocconi EDC website

Training seminars for Bocconi Students

Orders of publications to OPOCE

Cataloguing (coordination with Cataloguing dept.)

## Events open to the general public

Conferences

Fairs

Cultural events, concerts

# Bocconi EDC website:

## <http://lib.unibocconi.it> > EDC



### Resources

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## European Documentation Centre (EDC)

The European Documentation Centre (EDC) of the Library was established in 1983 based on an agreement between Bocconi University and European Commission. It is part of a network which includes 600 centres across the world, mostly in universities, research centres and national libraries, with 400 of them in the Member States and 51 in Italy.

The EDC provides access to the European information for the University Community and general public, and offers:

- information and bibliography reference services
- access to the official EU databases
- books and journals (for consultation only)
- free booklets on European policies

The Bocconi EDC is member of the Editor's Group of **wikicde**, the wiki guide of the Italian EDCs, and of **cdeita**, the national website of the Italian EDCs network.

To visit the EDC it is necessary to make an appointment. Please send an e-mail to [cde@unibocconi.it](mailto:cde@unibocconi.it), or call  +39 02 58365147  during the **opening hours**.



# Conclusions

- 1) EDC is part of the **host institution** (in our case the University Library):
  - Support from the host structure is fundamental
- 2) Main and usual EDC **users** are students, professors, researchers:
  - Cooperation with the Faculty is very important
  - Scientific and specialized publications are needed
- 3) EDC staff members are **EU Information specialists** with a long experience on finding the EU information and documents:
  - Main role of EDC as **centre of guidance on how to find and use EU information**

# Conclusions

- 4) Nowadays EDCs are part of the Europe Direct Network:
  - EDC can promote events open to the general public in cooperation with other networks (in our case EDC as coordinator of other networks in the University)
- 5) Usually EDC has restricted resources (staff, time, funding):
  - Co-operation, sharing best-practices among EDCs and support from the Representation of the European Commission are the key of the activity of the Italian EDCs Network

**Thanks for your attention!**

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