BOCCONI EDC AND
THE ITALIAN EDCs NETWORK

Sharing synergies
and best pratices

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The Network – How many EDCs? Where?

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**

- Discussion list

- Wiki guide **abCDEuropa**

- 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**

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

Discussion list
http://www.cdeita.it/node/18

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- 2nd 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

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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

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) Nowaday 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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