

# Curriculum Vitae of Ms. Katja Legiša

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## Personal Summary

Katja Legiša is an Italian consultant with seven years of experience in international and EU project management, promotion and support of research and development activities.

Her professional and educational background is in Project Management, Public Relations and Communication. She has an in-depth knowledge of various EU programmes and policies especially in the areas of ICT, International cooperation and research.

Her specific skills include project management, evaluation, analysis of ICT policy and research programmes, organization and moderation of various discussion round tables at EU and International level, monitoring, leading and supervising the work of International partner consortia and external experts, promotion and communication of European projects results in the Research and Development sector.

## Employment History

### May, 2005 to present, TESEO Sprl Brussels, Belgium, Project Manager

TESEO is a Brussels based consultancy specialised in securing EU funding for research and innovation. Katja is currently Project Manager of several international cooperation projects. In particular, she employs her knowledge of the Indian research policy system to lead EU-India cooperation projects that are funded by the European Union. Her role involves managing a team of consultants internally, managing a multinational team of project partners (several other companies from different countries are involved in each project) and coordinating the work of each partner within the project as well a liaising with the European Commission and with other projects. The job also involves ensuring quality control and managing project budgets, administration and reporting. In addition, Katja has also been closely involved in the contract negotiation of EU funded projects.

Katja has worked with EU-India cooperation projects since 2004 when she became involved with *INCITE, Catalyst for Euro-Indian IT Research*, an EU-funded initiative and worked on setting up the Indian ICT National Contact Point.

**2007:** Project Manager of the *INDIA-MENTOR* project which supported joint Research and Development collaboration between European and Indian organisations with European Funding and participation in the ICT programme of EU Framework Programme, the largest European funding scheme for research. During this time, she organised many training seminars on the EU Framework Programme which were carried out at different locations in India. In the same year she was nominated the main responsible within the TESEO Company for the Euro-India cooperation.

**2008:** Project Manager to the *Genesys* project, supporting developers of advanced ICT-enabled energy-efficiency Systems in India, USA and Europe.

**2010:** Project Manager of the *SYNCRONISER* project, an EU-funded initiative to contribute to and adapt the EU Research Policy Dialogue to the particular needs and conditions of India. She

leads and organises policy-dialogue meetings and guides the group of ICT policy experts who are developing ICT policy recommendations for joint priorities between India and Europe. She was also appointed to the SEACOOOP Advisory committee for policy-dialogue between the countries of the South-East Asia and EU.

During her time at TESEO, Katja has also worked on the following EU projects:

- *Secure Force*, to support and stimulate European SMEs faced with research issues in the field of ICT security.
- *Secure-Chains* to support integration of security technology supply chains and identify weaknesses and untapped potential ;
- *Transfer-east* project, to transfer ICT good practices to government from business in Eastern European and new EU Member States.

**November 2004 to April 2008, MINERVA Consulting & Communications, Brussels, Belgium, Project Consultant**

At MINERVA Consulting & Communication, Katja was a Project and Communication Consultant. She was responsible for publicising the research results achieved by various R&D projects. She contributed maintaining media relations and promoting EU projects in the research and development sector and was in charge of the media activities of the projects, drafting and distributing press releases, news and articles to journalists. She also organised events, round tables, press conferences and training for journalists and researchers in order to enhance the visibility of project activities.

**March 2004 to July 2004**

At the beginning of the professional career Katja worked for RAI (the Italian National Broadcaster) and RTV Koper – Capodistria (a Slovene Television channel) where she produced and presented radio programmes and news bulletins.

**Education**

Katja holds a Degree in Public Relations from the University of Udine, Italy, obtained in 2005.

**Languages, other skills and interests**

Mother tongue: Slovene, Italian  
Fluent in English and French.  
Basic knowledge of Spanish and Russian.

Very good knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, Picture manager and Publisher.

Her main interests are in international cooperation and research policy development, science and society, communication and promotion of scientific research results, education, new learning systems and awareness research technology.

Kung Fu, Tai Chi, psychology, travel, outdoor sports, reading, economy and current affairs.