

## Preface

During the last decade a number of national and international financial instruments have been funding research, innovation and development programmes. From local to global scales, many projects have been funded delivering research and industrial innovation through reinforcing the excellence of science, speeding up the industrial leadership, and supporting the growth of new markets.

These initiatives have been driving economic growth and creating employment opportunities, by addressing societal challenges, boosting productivity and securing competitiveness.

Promoting collaborations activities among related projects and boosting the growth of profitable cooperation among the involved partners is an important key enabler to increase the success of these projects, even after their end, and the possibility to conceive new project proposals.

To this aim, the Projects Showcase event at STAF'15 (<http://www.disim.univaq.it/staf2015/projects-showcase/>) is dedicated to national and international projects dissemination and cooperation. The event provides the opportunity for researchers and practitioners (from both academia and industry) involved in completed, to be started or ongoing research projects related to Software Technologies, Applications, and Foundations, to share opinions, propose solutions to open challenges and generally explore novel and emerging ideas for future project proposals possibly advancing existing ones with suitable follow-up projects.

The Projects Showcase received contributions disseminating the objectives of various projects, outcomes of specific deliverables, the project final outcome, as well as, advances beyond the state of the art, overall innovation potential, exploitation approach and (expected) impact, marketing value, barriers and obstacles. Thus, the Projects Showcase at STAF'15 represents a concrete opportunity for participants to share experience, ideas, on-going work, and knowledge that can lead to fruitful collaborations and cross-sectorial concertation among projects.

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