



# Strengthening university autonomy and increasing accountability and transparency of Western Balkans Universities (STAND)

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## **University of Foggia (UNIFG)**

The University of Foggia (UNIFG) started as an offshoot of the University of Bari in the early 1990s. Since its foundation (Italian Ministerial Decree 05.08.1999), the University has presented – in terms of education and research – a dynamic and innovative approach.

The research funding is covered by more than 90% by participation to regional, national and international research projects.



### We are here: Foggia, Apulia Region, South Italy







## **UNIFG: University autonomy**





## Higher education in Italy

The State has exclusive legislative competences on the the education system (e.g, general dispositions, minimum standards, school staff, quality assurance, State financial resources).

The *Ministry of education* and the *Ministry of university and research* carry out the functions of the State.

Universities are autonomous bodies; in terms of **governance** they adopt their own statutes, establishing their own governing bodies (such as the rector, senate, and board of management) as well as their teaching and research structures (Autonomy governance 65%, according to Scorecard, EUA, 2017).

**Financial autonomy:** Universities are characterized by fairly flexible public funding modalities (70%, according to Scorecard, EUA, 2017).





## UNIFG: organizational structure



UNIFG is a cultural center in which young people can acquire academic and professional training that meets the needs expressed by society and the world of work.

## 1. Sciences of **Departments** Agriculture, Food and **Environment**;

- 2. Economics;
- 3. Law;
- 4. Humanities, Literature, Cultural Heritage, Education Sciences:
- 5. Clinical and Experimental Medicine;
- 6. Medical and Surgical Sciences.

- 16 first level degree courses,
- 15 second level degrees,
- 18 Master's degree courses (I and II level),
- 6 PhD courses.
- 11 medical specialist

- more than 300 Teaching Staff Members:
  - 85 Full Professors,
- 96 Associate Professors,
- more than 170 Researchers.
- 354 administrative staff.
- More than 35% of the academic staff is below 40 years old (Italian average 17,5%).

## Student

### Student population

- Almost 10.000 graduate and master students,
- More than 100 PhD students,
- About 70 Post-Doc.



Department of Law



Department of Economics



Department of Medicine



Department of Literature and Education



Department of Agriculture and food science





## UNIFG - Dep. of Economics expertise: Research and development

UNIFG – Department of Economics - has been developing a network of researchers, professionals and PhD students with a **strong commitment toward international research and focused on research, project management and knowledge and innovation transfer.** 

The Department has contributed at local and European level to the objectives of the EU's Social Agenda as well as to the five ambitious headline targets by the Europe of 2020 Strategy and beyond (employment, research and innovation, education, social inclusion and climate/energy) in Apulia Region and Italy as a whole.

The Department, moreover is pursuing local growth through **Third Mission**, **Laboratories**, **Doctorate schools**, **Spin-offs**, promoting the connection between research and marketplaces:

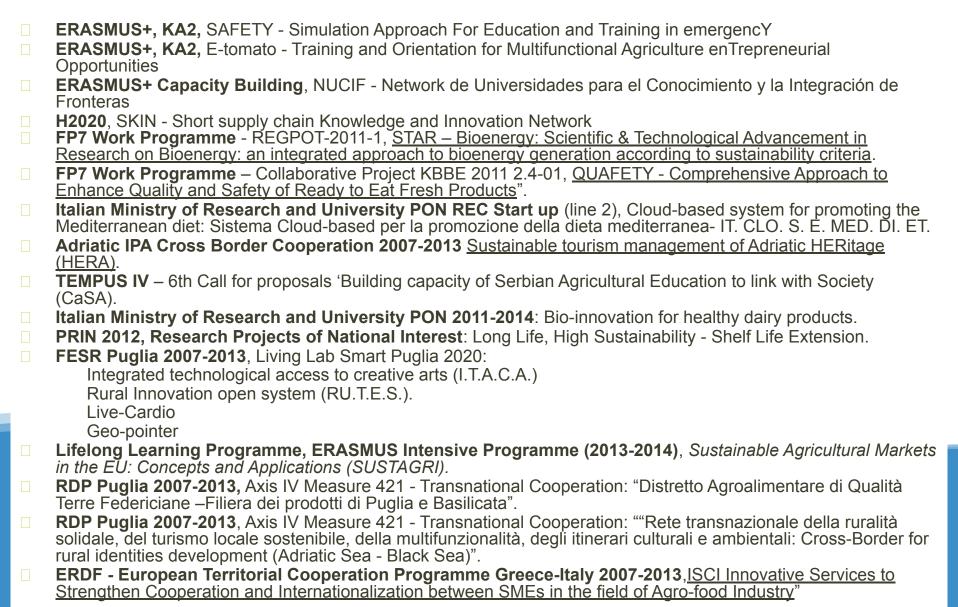
- □ Laboratory of Rural studies and Laboratory of Health Economy (HERMES)
- ☐ The main objectives of spin-off are
  - the realization of industrial research projects in the areas of computer science technologies, ICT and economics;
  - the development of innovative products, integrated systems and services supporting innovative solutions for SMEs;
  - the promotion of businesses and enterprises networks at a local, national and international level;
  - the selection and training for technical staff in the agri-food sector.





## **UNIFG - main R&I projects**











## **UNIFG: role in STAND**

WP3: Enhancement of University governance for promoting autonomy (UniFg Co-lead)

WP4: Upgrade of national and university regulations (UniFg partner)

**WP5. Management** (UniFg partner)

WP6. Quality Plan (UniFg partner)

WP7: DISSEMINATION & EXPLOITATION (UniFg Co-lead)







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## **UNIFG: Strategic partnerships**



To promote cooperation at EU and International level, UniFg is part of different **networks**, among those:

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- Compostela network
- EMUNI network
- Erasmus Networks and I.S.L.E. Network
- Cooperation programme between UNESCO-Iraq office in Amman, Jordan, and the University of Foggia
- Corridoio produttivo turistico-culturale Italia- Argentina (CPTCIA)
- Peace programme
- Magna Charta Universitatum
- UNIMED Unione delle Università del Mediterraneo
- Rete ERRIN

...and always open to new cooperations...







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Vielen Dank

Grazie

