



<p>ORGANISATION</p>	<p><u>Finlombarda S.p.A. (Regione Lombardia)</u></p>
<p>Profile</p>	<p>Finlombarda S.p.A. is the in-house public financial institution 100% owned by Regione Lombardia and a financial intermediary supervised and authorised by the Bank of Italy. Finlombarda’s mandate is promoting the economic development of the regional territory.</p> <p>Finlombarda designs, implements and manages financial products and services - with its own, regional and EU resources - to support businesses, professionals and public administrations in Lombardy and supports Regione Lombardia in structuring financial operations in strategic areas for the attractiveness and competitiveness of the territory.</p> <p>Finlombarda supports the Regional Government implementing the regional Open Innovation platform (www.openinnovation.regione.lombardia.it) launched in 2015 to aggregate the community of innovation and research professionals, providing tools to facilitate sharing ideas, access to competencies, creation and management of projects, valorization of results and dissemination. Open innovation has over 20,000 participants (citizens, enterprises, research and academia, government and civil society).</p> <p>Finlombarda is a member at national level of ANFIR - National Association of Regional Financial Institutions, ABI - Italian Banking Association, AIFI - Italian Association of Private Equity, Venture Capital and Private Debt and at European level of EAPB - European Association of Public Banks and of EEN - Enterprise Europe Network. He is Fixed Income Partner of Borsa Italiana for the development of minibonds on the ExtraMOT PRO3 bond segment, corporate member of the Fintech District and member of ISPI - Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale.</p>



Previous
experience in
European
projects

SIMPLER

Co-funded by the European Commission (COSME Programme), the SIMPLER project represents the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) in Lombardia and Emilia-Romagna regions. EEN is the world's largest support network for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with international ambitions. Active in more than 60 countries worldwide, it helps businesses innovate and grow on an international scale.

The SIMPLER project is managed by a Consortium of 11 partner, of which

Finlombarda is the Coordinator since 2008.

The project aims to enhance the capacity of companies, especially SMEs, to compete internationally, both in the Single Market and at global level, through free services such as: support for internationalization, innovation and technology transfer, search for international partners, improvement of innovation capacities of SMEs, access to EU funding programmes and to investors, protection and exploitation of IPR, etc.

KAMINLER

Funded by the European Commission (Horizon 2020), the KAMINLER project's aim is to promote growth and to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of SMEs through the delivery in Lombardy and Emilia-Romagna regions of specific Enterprise Europe Network services in order to enhance the innovation management capacity of SMEs. KAMINLER is managed by the SIMPLER partners, coordinated by Finlombarda.

The main objective of the project are:

- to ensure that the SME beneficiaries of the EIC Accelerator (H2020/Horizon Europe) receive the most appropriate support in order to enhance the probability of a successful exploitation of their innovation projects and favour their future sustainability growth, through dedicated Network services complemented by coaching services;
- to support SMEs, with potential for growth and significant innovation activities, by providing an in-depth assessment of their innovation management capacity and assisting them to improve their innovation systems and to exploit their innovation activities in the Single Market and beyond.



	<p>IFISE</p> <p>Co-funded by the European Commission, IFISE is a Multi-regional assistance (MRA) project under the Fi-compass action, for the assessment of the potential use of financial instruments supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF). The IFISE project includes four Regions: Piedmont (Finpiemonte as project coordinator), Lombardy (Finlombarda and Regione Lombardia), Andalusia (the Agency of Innovation and Development of Andalusia IDEA) and Valencia (Generalidad Valenciana and Institut Valencià de Finances). Started in 2017 and completed in 2019, this project worked on capacity building of managing authorities and intermediate bodies, with the final aim to extend the offer of funding instruments to the actors of social economy. The action aims to overcome the conventional bank approach based on balance sheets and business plans, leading to social investments.</p> <p>TRANSFORM</p> <p>The EU-funded (Horizon 2020) TRANSFORM project is putting Responsible research and innovation, or RRI, principles into practice. RRI requires researchers, citizens, policymakers, businesses and third sector organisations to work closely together. It involves the aligning of research and innovation with societal values, needs and expectations. It brings together three European regions – Lombardy (Italy), Brussels-Capital (Belgium) and Catalonia (Spain) – to design, test and disseminate three sound co-creation methodological frameworks (participatory research agenda setting, design for social innovation and citizen science) within their Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3). The three implementing regions will engage in mutual learning within and beyond Europe, pairing with a co-design initiative in Boston (USA).</p>
<p>Interests for future projects proposals</p>	<p>We are interested in projects concerning innovation, SME support services, sustainability, fintech, new funding instruments, regional development, both projects aiming at developing new methodologies and services and projects aiming at the exchange good practices</p>
<p>3 key words</p>	<p>Innovation, funding, sustainability</p>
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