

GRANT MANAGEMENT*November 20, 2025 - from 2 pm to 5 pm CET***Introduction:**

Effective grant management is a key skill for young researchers involved in national and international funding programmes. This 4th webinar provides a comprehensive overview of the essential elements required to successfully manage funded projects, from understanding the Grant and Consortium agreements, to applying sound project management principles, ensuring proper data management, and navigating the complexities of real-world research funding.

Through both theoretical concepts and a practical case study, participants will gain the knowledge and tools needed to manage grants efficiently and in compliance with funding regulations.

Programme:

2.00pm - 2.10pm CET	Introduction Chiara Gabbi, <i>OECI Academy Scientific Coordinator</i> Per Anders Sandström, <i>Member of OECI Academy Scientific Board</i> Carla Finocchiaro, <i>Member of OECI Academy Scientific Board</i>
2.10pm - 2.40pm CET	The Grant and Consortium Agreements – Ilaria Marsili <i>Head of European Project Management, European Research & Innovation Office (ERIO), Research & Innovation Services (RIS), University College London (UCL).</i>
2.40pm - 3.10pm CET	Principles of Project Management – Paola Gabaldi <i>Chief Operating Officer of the Research Area at IRCCS Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi Onlus</i>
3.10pm - 3.40pm CET	Q&A
3.40pm - 4.10pm CET	Data Management – Chiara Fanciullacci <i>Clinical Trials Unit Lead – IRCCS Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi ONLUS</i>
4.10pm - 4.40 pm CET	Real world practice of research funding: a case study – Manuela T. Raimondi <i>Full Professor of Bioengineering at Politecnico di Milano</i>
4.40pm - 5.00pm CET	Q&A and conclusions

Learning objectives:

- Understand the structure, purpose, and key provisions of grant and consortium agreements.
- Apply fundamental project management principles to the planning, implementation, and monitoring of research projects.
- Develop effective data management plans that align with open science and FAIR data principles.
- Analyse real-world practices of research funding through the examination of a practical case study

Speakers:



Ilaria Marsili is the Head of European Project Management, European Research & Innovation Office (ERIO), Research & Innovation Services (RIS), University College London (UCL).

Ilaria has more than 13 years' experience in the management and delivery of complex, large scale, multi-partners, multi-million, cross-sectoral and multidisciplinary research and innovation projects. She joined UCL in 2011 as European Project Manager and became the Head of the European Project Management Service in 2015. Ilaria and her team are in charge of the delivery of a €100Mil portfolio of projects the majority of which are coordinated by UCL. **APMP** certified project manager and **MSP** certified programme manager, Ilaria has extensive experience in project and programme management, problem solving, budget monitoring and reporting, stakeholders' engagement, changes, risks and issues management.

She has a strong interest in international relations and a passion to manage large and complex projects.

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Dr. Paola Gabaldi is the Chief Operating Officer of the Research Area at *IRCCS Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi Onlus*, a leading Italian institution in rehabilitation medicine with 55 facilities across 9 regions.

She has over thirty years of experience in managing and coordinating complex research projects within the Life Sciences sector, with a strong focus on strategic planning, project management, and the development of large-scale initiatives funded by European and national programs (e.g., Framework Programmes, ESF, Erasmus+, and national research schemes).

Before her current role, Dr. Gabaldi served as Chief Operating Officer at the *Scientific Directorate of Fondazione IRCCS Istituto Nazionale dei Tumori di Milano*, overseeing multidisciplinary research programs and institutional collaborations in biomedical innovation.

She holds a Master's degree in Foreign Languages and Literatures, specializing in Russian and Old Church Slavonic linguistics, and is fluent in English and Russian.



Dr. Chiara Fanciullacci is the Clinical Trials Unit Lead at IRCCS Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi ONLUS, where she provides organizational and monitoring support for clinical studies conducted within the Foundation's centers.

Throughout her professional career, she has gained extensive experience in clinical research and data management in accordance with international standards and regulatory guidelines, particularly those defined by the International Council for Harmonisation – Good Clinical Practice (ICH-GCP).

Her expertise includes the planning and coordination of experimental protocols in the field of neurorehabilitation, with a specialized background in biotechnology. She holds a PhD in Biorobotics from the BioRobotics Institute of Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Pisa, Italy) and is a licensed Clinical and Health Psychologist (Order of Psychologists of Tuscany, No. 6123).



Manuela T. Raimondi, Full Professor of Bioengineering at Politecnico di Milano, leads the Mechanobiology Group and is ranked among the world's top 2% scientists. She pioneered technological miniaturization for the 3Rs, creating microphysiological systems, organoids-on-chip, and implantable imaging windows to replace animal testing. Her leadership spans five ERC grants—including one Consolidator and one Advanced—making her the first woman in Italy to win an ERC AdG in engineering. She has held visiting positions at leading institutions such as the University of Pennsylvania and serves on ERC evaluation panels. Recognized as Fellow and Board Member of the Italian Academy of Engineering and Technology, she has managed over €7M in competitive funding. Her track record includes 370 publications, 10 patents, and the spin-off MOAB srl, where she is President and CSO. Through these achievements, Raimondi has shaped a paradigm shift in ethical, high-precision biomedical research.