Soe@Unisi - the experience of Siena University

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The EC Seal of Excellence

- A quality label awarded by the Commission to proposals which has been assessed in a call for proposals under a Union instrument and are deemed to comply with the quality requirements of that Union instrument but could not be funded due to budgetary constraints.

- The Seal of Excellence certificate recognises the value of the proposal and helps other funding bodies take advantage of the high quality Commission evaluation process.

https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/seal-excellence_en
UNISI and Excellence in Research

To promote synergy, UNISI used its own funds in 2021 to recruit young, promising researchers, allowing them to pursue their research ideas in a stimulating, collaborative working environment.

SOE@UNISI, 2° EDITION 2022 welcomes applications from promising researchers who were awarded the "Seal of Excellence - MSC Actions" in the MSCA-PF-2021 call.

The University of Siena has allocated 360,000 Euros as part of its 2022 Research Support Plan to projects that received an excellent evaluation (>85) but were not funded.
UNISI and Excellence in Research

Our strengths as Host Institution for a MSCA fellowship:

• Highly performing research facilities and laboratory equipment
• Commitment towards the implementation of good employment conditions: UNISI was one of the first Italian University to sign the ‘European Charter of Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers (C&C)’ and has been recently awarded with the Human Resources Strategy for Research HRS4R label
• Qualified support provided to researchers by Research and Grants Management Division when applying for international funding, from proposal preparation to grant management and the opportunity to attend our "MSCA-PF School"
• Support to incoming researchers and their families when moving to Siena from abroad, as UNISI is also a Euraxess Contact Point
SOE@UNISI

- Call usually open in late spring
- Proposals are evaluated by a commission of University professor after an eligibility check by Research Division
- Applications from people not having chosen the University of Host institution are welcomed too
- Candidates have to identify a UNISI supervisor and ask for a letter of support to be provided by the Call deadline
Seal of Excellence

Unisi's Seal of Excellence Initiative on Europeex Portal

Since 2015, the European Commission has been promoting the Seal of Excellence (SeE), a quality label awarded to projects that were judged worthy of funding but received none due to budget constraints. The SeE was launched by commissioners Moedas and Cretu on 12 October 2015 in the framework of the mandate received from President Juncker to maximise synergies between Horizon 2020 and Structural Funds.

To promote synergy, the University of Siena shall use its own funds to recruit young, promising researchers, allowing them to pursue their research ideas in a stimulating, collaborative working environment.

SeE (UNISI) 2023
The MSCA Seal of Excellence @ UNISI initiative welcomes applications from promising researchers who were awarded the "Seal of Excellence - MSC Actions" (i.e. a score higher than 85/100) in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie - Postdoctoral Fellowship actions.

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Related links
What is the Seal of Excellence?

https://en.unisi.it/research/unisi-host-institution-apply-us/seal-excellence
MSCA – Key aspects are ensured by UNISI arrangements

- Support the *mobility, training and career development* of researchers from all over the world
- Participation of *non-academic sector* is possible too
- For researchers at *every stage* of their *career*
- *Bottom-up* approach
- *Attractive working and employment conditions*
SOE Funding opportunities at national level

THANK YOU

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