



## Activity Report 2015

ASLERD has been created since less one year and, thus, we are still in what we may define a consolidating phase.

We have elected our first President and Executive Committee and have put in place all the administrative procedures to support ASLERD activities included a Paypal and a Bank account.

We have bought the ASLERD domain, as [www.aslerd.org](http://www.aslerd.org), and realized a website that has been used to communicate the activities of the Association, including the SLERD conference. All this without any expenses thanks to the home technologies and the server made available by the University of Rome Tor Vergata.

In these months 18 individuals and 3 Institutions joined the association, while 9 additional individuals are joining the Association trough the participation to SLERD 2016. We have not been successful in attracting all members of the previous Observatory on Smart City Learning but most of them are on board. To consolidate the Association is important to disseminate our activities and encourage colleagues, institutions and companies to join it. This will be one of the main objective for the next future.

In 2015 we have been able to organize three workshops on occasion of Critical alternatives 2015 (Aahrus), EC-TEL 2015 (Toledo) and Culture and Computing (Kyoto) and an event at ICT 2015 (Lisbon) but, what is more important we have launched and organized, thanks to the group of the Politehnica University of Timisoara our first independent conference, SLERD 2016. In this conference a declaration - Timisoara declaration - will be presented and signed on occasion of a panel featuring members of the most representative European Scientific Associations. Participation to the conference has not been extraordinary but in line with other conference (like ICWL that has a longer tradition) and the acceptance rate for full papers was also reasonable, 27%.

ASLERD has also been invited to act as promoting scientific partner of EMEM2016 Italy on occasion of which is expected to organize three panel sections.

ASLERD has also submitted a proposal to organize a Dagstuhl seminar with no success. The intention is to give another trials.

Thanks to Paloma Diaz, Monica Divitini and Fernando Ramos we were able to produce the issue N. 27 of the IxD&A journal. Issue 31 will contain the papers accepted as full papers for SLERD 2016.



Issue N.27 represented an important milestone because we managed to publish the first scientific work co-produced by members of the Association that, we no dedicated financial support, have been able to develop and validate a bottom-up model to benchmark learning ecosystems. Additional publications on the Aveiro case study have been accepted for presentation in a couple of conference and other joint publications are in progress.

The number of Institution that are adopting the method is slowly growing and possibly in the future it will be exported also in other countries and continents.

Another experiment on the application of the same approach to benchmark the smartness of schools is currently under way with more than 10 Italian schools belonging to two different networks of schools.

ASLERD has signed two Memorandum of Understanding with ISIA Rome, the school network SKILLAB of Rome and the Italian School Manager Association. Some more are underway to produce additional concrete actions to support schools, and more in general learning ecosystem to get smarter and, as well, to influence future policies.

The Italian branch of ASLERD has been also successful in supporting participation of some schools in local calls: two schools obtained a grant to develop improvement action plans; one school has been charged to develop a training program to innovate the schools (as territorial training knot); two networks of schools have been admitted to the second step of a two steps procedure to establish territorial labs for the dual education.

One of ASLERD objective for the future will be to develop similar and/or other initiatives on local scale with the aim to favor the development of smart learning ecosystems and to support social innovation and territorial development.

Another objective will be the use of the background of activities realized during the past year to prepare proposals for the next ERASMUS+ calls.

In the while ASLERD members have been part of a new submission of a previous COST proposal but we don't have received any notification yet.

Unfortunately the capability to promote consortia able to compete for financial support at European level has not been yet satisfactory developed, and have to commit to work on it.