Welcome from the European Projects Track Chairs

Welcome to the European Projects Track (EU Projects track) of the 17th European Conference on Software Maintenance and Reengineering (CSMR 2013), to be held in Genova, Italy, March 2013.

Today’s European projects, try to bridge the famous gap between research (e.g., academia) and practitioners (e.g., industries). These projects, in fact, can allow the research community to practice with their research ideas in real industrial environment while, at the same time, can raise the need for new and different research inspired by the needs of industry.

The EU Projects track of CSMR 2013 provides an opportunity for researchers involved in ongoing and recently completed European research projects (both national and international) related to the themes of the conference to present their projects and disseminate the objectives, deliverables, or outcome of these projects. Hence, on one side, the EU Projects track offers the possibility to project participants to share and disseminate their project results. On the other side, it allows the CSMR participants to get a better insight in which research projects are currently going on in Europe within the field of software maintenance and reengineering. The EU Projects track of CSMR represents a consolidated forum where projects, researchers and industrial practitioners can share experience, ideas and knowledge.

In this edition of the EU Projects track, we overall received 8 submissions. Each submission has been reviewed by three up to four members of the program committee of the track, composed of 14 international scientists, working in academia, research centers and industries. The reviewers assessed the completeness of the information reported in the submission about the presented project, as well as the quality of and the relevance of the submission for the CSMR audience. Of all submissions, 7 have been accepted to be published in the CSMR conference proceedings. The received submissions involved 42 authors working in 20 different institutions (10 universities, 3 research centers, and 7 industries) of 10 different countries. These numbers and the high quality of the received submissions confirm that European projects can play a key role to fill the gap between research (academia) and practitioners (industries). The final program of the EU Projects track 2013 is composed of a set of interesting works reporting promising projects investigating different fields and funded by different institutions, for instance, the European Union, national organizations, and even by individual industries.

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We hope you enjoy the track and the reading of the track proceedings.

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