

From Europe to India for a better environmental sustainability/“TECO”, Indo-European network for environmental sustainability

CNR coordinates a mobility project towards India, funded by European Union, to support ideas and researches about water and soil conservation. It will be possible to spend up to six months in India. The first call will open the 15th of July 2015.

Promotion of collaborations between Europe and India in the field of environmental sustainability: this is the main goal of **TECO – “Technological Eco-Innovations for the Quality Control of Polluted Waters and Soils”** (TECO goal is to improve and promote collaborations between Europe and India in the field of environmental sustainability). TECO project is funded by European Union and coordinated by Italian National Research Council (CNR) in collaboration with National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI, India).

The total funding is about 440.000 EUR. A part of it is bound for the mobility of European researchers, engineers and experts who wish to spend a period up to six months in Indian research institutes or private companies to develop innovative ideas in the field of new technologies applied to the decontamination of waters and soils.

“India has a strategic role in this era of global changes and challenge for a sustainable future. India, with its huge population, second only to China’s, is living an industrial and social change never seen in its history” Massimo Spadoni (CNR) project manager explains. “This transformation must consider important aspects such as preservation of biodiversity, good management of the territory, conservation of soils and waters from the increasing chemical and biological pollution and, last but not least, the food security of population”.

TECO aims to support such innovative technologies that can help to prevent or to fight the deterioration of natural resources. New opportunities of collaboration with private companies or public administration will be particularly take into consideration.

A Europe-India network is growing between researchers, innovators, private companies with the purpose of sharing experiences and expertise and to improve new collaborations, research projects and start-up.

The first call will open the **15th of July 2015** and will close on the **15th of September 2015**. A scientific Indo-Italian committee will select the projects. The mobility Programme will start from January 2016.

All information on www.tecoproject.eu.

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