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Research and Research Administration in UCSC

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UCSC at a glance

Founded in Milan in 1921 by Father Agostino Gemelli, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore is Europe's most important Catholic university and it is also the only university in Italy with campuses all over the country: in **Milan (main campus), Piacenza - Cremona, Brescia and Rome** – which is also home to the **Agostino Gemelli General Hospital**.

Mission:

- ✓ academic excellence
- ✓ commitment to charting the frontiers of research
- ✓ high standards of services

Università Cattolica holds a place in European tradition as a seat of **cultural development**, which is translated into its mission to offer an education focused on the **person as a whole**.



12 Faculties

- Economics (Milan and Rome)
- Economics and Law (Piacenza-Cremona)
- Law (Milan)
- Arts and Philosophy (Milan)
- Medicine and Surgery (Rome)
- Psychology (Milan and Brescia)
- Food and Environmental Sciences (Piacenza-Cremona)
- Banking, Finance and Insurance Sciences (Milan)
- Education (Milan and Piacenza-Cremona)
- Linguistic and Foreign Literatures (Milan and Brescia)
- Mathematical, Physical and Natural Sciences (Brescia)
- Political and Social Sciences (Milan and Brescia)



People and Structures of Research

- 1349 Tenured Researchers
- 27 Departments
- 41 Institutes
- 89 Research Centres
- 5 University Centres
- 10 Research Areas
 - 191 Specific Research fields
- 7 Spin-offs



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Research in Figures

10 of the 14 Italian Research Areas are covered by UCSC

Mathematics and Computer Sciences

Physics and Environmental Sciences

Biology

Medical Sciences

Agriculture and Veterinarian Sciences

Archaeology, Philology, Literature and Study of the Arts

History, Philosophy, Education and Psychology

Law

Economics and Statistics

Political and Social Sciences



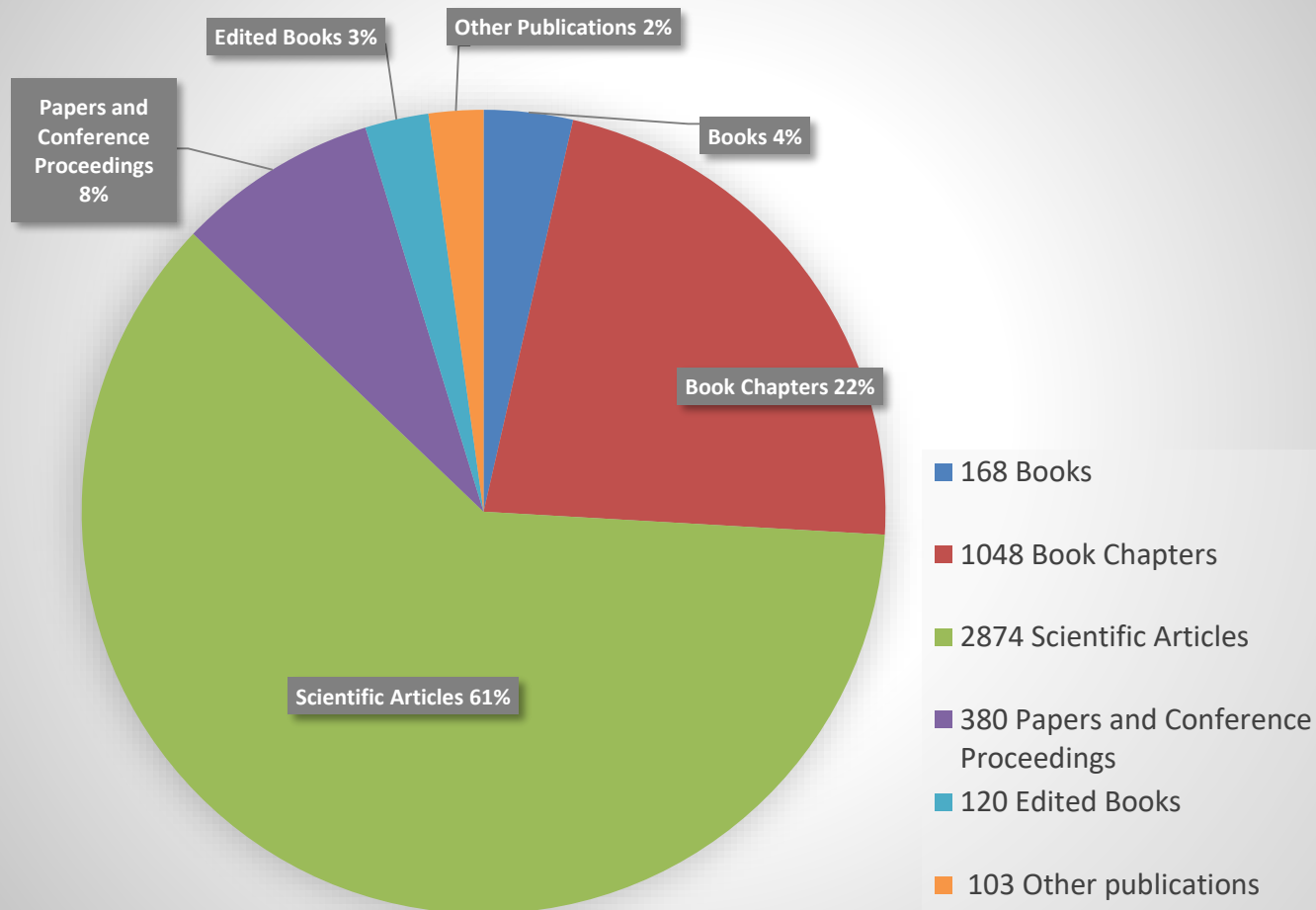
Investments in Research

30 M Euro over the 4 Campuses each year

- ✓ 11,7% from own funds
- ✓ 11,7% from National Grants
- ✓ 25% from International Grants
- ✓ 51,7% from applied research with private and public, national and international entities



4693 Scientific Publications in 2015





Main Challenges for the Research Administration

- ➔ 4 different campuses
- ➔ 10 different research areas
- ➔ One University

Solutions

- ➔ Commission for Research Strategies (Policies)
- ➔ Research and Development Area (Administration)



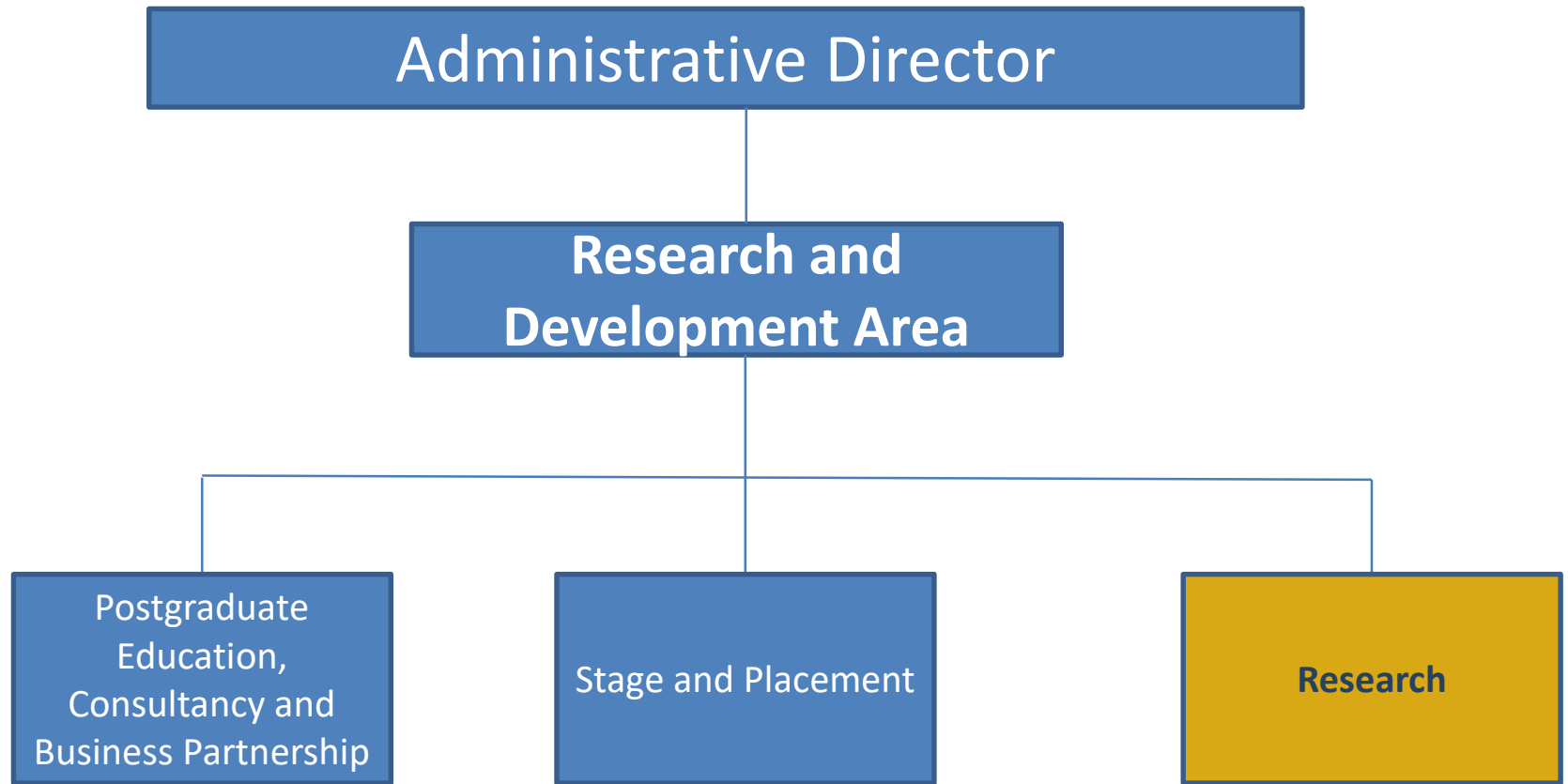
Commission for Research Strategies

Composition: Appointed by the Academic Senate, it is chaired by the Rector who can nominate a Coordinator. It is composed of 5 delegates from all faculties.

Mission: identification of research strategies and policies, both at national and international level; identification, drafting and modification of procedures and regulations on research to be submitted to the Academic Senate;
identification of research topics for internal funds;
evaluation and control on research projects funded by UCSC.

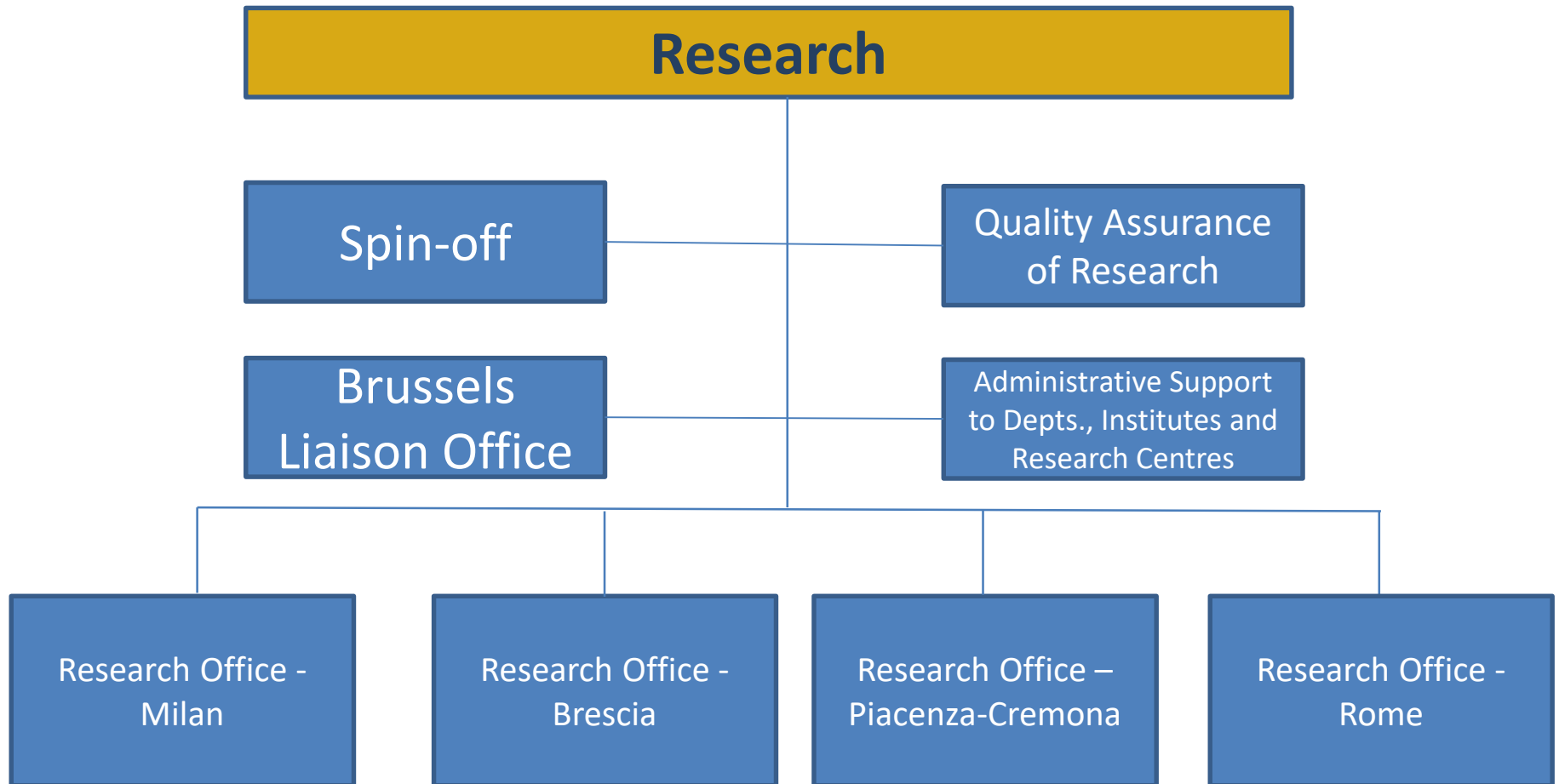


Challenges and Solutions





Organization of the Research Administration





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Research Office

Research Office -
Milan

Research Office -
Brescia

Research Office –
Piacenza-Cremona

Research Office -
Rome

Deals with...



UCSC FUNDS FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES



NATIONAL GRANTS



INTERNATIONAL GRANTS



APPLIED RESEARCH WITH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC,
NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES



Main Tasks



Management of research funds

- Preparation of administrative documents requested by the funding programs;
- Negotiations of contracts with the funding entities;
- Control and authorization of expenditures;
- Drafting of contracts for additional personnel;
- Cost statements;
- Ensuring general compliance with the financial and contractual rules;
- Coordination with other administrative office involved in the management of contract and funds (legal and accounting offices);
- Ex-post Audit from the funding entities.



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Focus on International Research



Staff specifically engaged in EU and International funds management in each research office (H2020; ISF; Justice; Progress; Life)



Pre-award and Post-award activities



Brussels Liaison office



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Pre-award

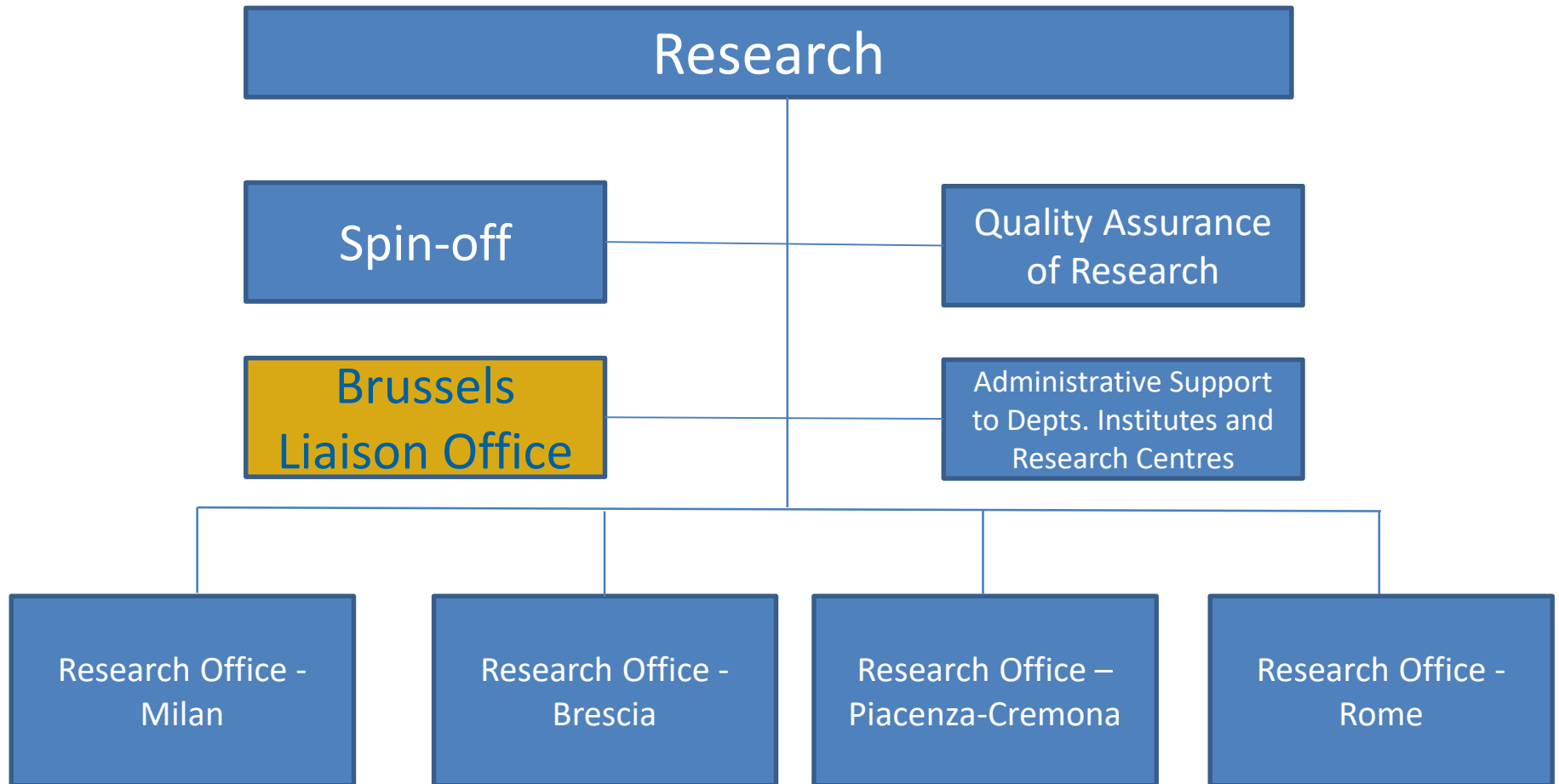
- Support in the identification of potential research funding opportunities;
- Support in drafting the proposal, particularly with reference to cross-cutting activities (Ethics, Data Management, Open Access, Management);
- Preparation of administrative documents requested by the funding programs;
- Negotiations of grant and consortium/partnership agreement

Post-award

- Management of financial and legal aspects within the research consortium;
- Supervision of the day-by-day management of the projects awarded;
- Ensure general compliance with the financial and contractual rules;
- Cost statements, intermediate and final reports;
- Ensure effective allocation of human and financial resources following the approved budget;
- Control and authorization of expenditures;
- Provide advice to the partnership on contractual duties and obligations.
- Ex-post Audit from the funding entities.



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Brussels Liaison Office

Role: contributes to the strategic management and overall communication policy of UCSC towards its stakeholders at EU level in fields of interest for UCSC research policies.

Mission:

- To strengthen the visibility and impact of UCSC research on policymaking at EU level, by developing and broadening the cooperation with the EU institutions and with representatives of other relevant actors
- To monitor developments in EU policies on R&D



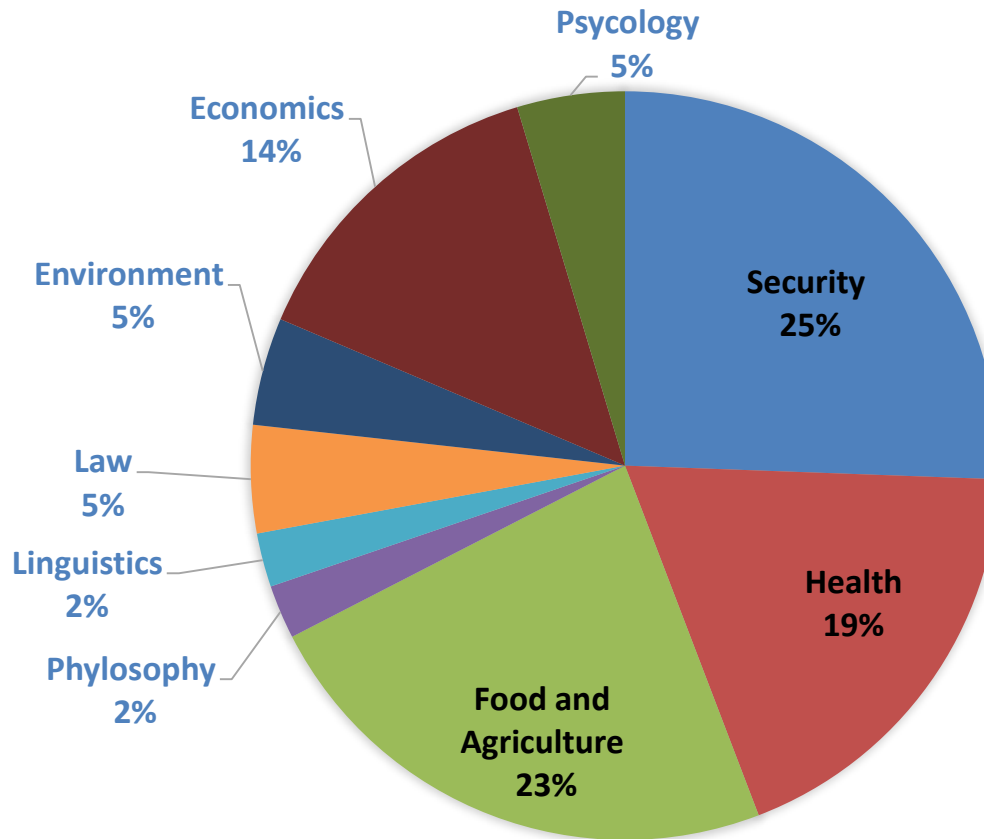
Numbers of International Research (2014-2016)*

Campus	H2020	Other EU funds	Total
Proposals submitted	251	87	338
Projects Awarded	20	23	43
Success rate	7,97%	26,44%	12,72%

* Data from January 2014 to December 2016



SCIENTIFIC AREAS OF PROJECTS AWARDED



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Thank you!

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