



Department of Law

Excellence Project

Law, Changes and Technology

In 2017, the Verona Department of Law won a national selection, launched by the Italian Ministry for University and Research (MIUR), which has identified a number of “Departments of Excellence” in Italy.

As a result of this recognition, the Department of Law presented an Excellence Project on the topic “*Law, Changes and Technology*”, which will last five years (2018-2022). The MIUR has granted nearly 7 million Euro to support the activities of the project.

The main objective of the Project is to deal with the various legal aspects related to changes that occur in relation to decision-making processes, sociocultural and socioeconomic changes, migrations and technologies, which require legal scholars to investigate and update legal institutions and rules on a permanent basis.

In particular, through this Project the Department aims to pursue the following objectives:

1. more focused research activities and educational innovations to foster the profiling of legal studies at Verona University;
2. the achievement of a leadership position of our research activities with regards the topic of this Project;
3. the matching of legal research results and the production world (with a focus on Industry 4.0), professions, institutions and the third sector;
4. the development of research networks and multidisciplinary projects which blend together the different competences of legal studies into research teams.

In the context of the Excellence Project, the Department has planned the following actions:

- involvement of qualified personnel among professors and researchers with a strong international and interdisciplinary background in order to further enhance the research activity;
- creation of two internal structures, i.e. the Excellence Center dedicated to the integration between research and education (**IUSTeC**) and the Laboratory for the Educational Innovation (**IDEA**) fostering new learning and teaching skills for professors and students.



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In order to further develop the perspective of Industry 4.0, the project will have special focus on the fields of **fashion** and **food**, both aimed at producing excellence in a context of innovation and competitiveness. The research intends to investigate and deepen the peculiarities of these sectors, as well as to foster their growth and improvement, thanks to the redefinition of the legal framework in which the challenge is to combine industrial, technological and organizational factors.

The Project will involve not only professors and researchers of our Department of Law but also external experts with an excellent international curriculum. The experts are the component of the **Advisory Board**, the internal body of the Project with consulting and scientific monitoring functions through biannual reports.