



Letter of endorsement
regarding participation in the
'Joint Doctoral Programme in
Sustainable Industrial CHEMistry (SINCHEM)

The University of Messina (UNIME) has an old dated cultural and educational tradition. It is one of the three main Universities of the island Sicily with more than 35.000 enrolled students, 10 Faculties, 52 Departments and has an optimal students to academics ratio of about 25.

The research activities at UNIME in sustainable chemistry are promoted from several years with particular emphasis on the development of innovative catalytic materials for sustainable industrial processes, environmental protection, and clean energy.

UNIME took part of several international networks (including EU NoE IDeCAT, Coordination Action CONCORDE, COST,), and was participating in several EU projects (including ELCAT, NATAMA, NANOSTRAP, SMART etc.). In particular it is at present involved in the coordination in the 7 FP of the EU Large projects NEXT-GTL and INCAS.

UNIME is willing to contribute to SINCHEM Doctoral School as a full partner. This includes

- the training (through both teaching and supervision of research activities) of SINCHEM students;
- supporting scientific boards;
- the delivery of joint degree diplomas/titles.

The University of Messina is organized into ten Faculties covering the widest range of subject areas. Regarding academic services and student facilities offered by the University, each Faculty has its own Main Library, there are also specialized libraries in the single Institutes and Departments. From the University network (www.unime.it) it is possible to consult the various on-line data banks and the last updated information on the teaching activities, research and services offered to students.

At the beginning of each semester International students registered at the University of Messina, may benefit intensive Italian language courses.

Cultural activities and social events are integral part of students' life and the University itself promotes links with different sectors of the local community.

Sports facilities available to students are offered by the University Sports Centre where students can enjoy either several outdoor sport facilities as well as indoor gyms, ball-game pitches and swimming pools.

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