**EUROPE NETWORKS AND MANAGERS - EUROPE TECHNOLOGY CENTRES 2019 (EUROPA REDES Y GESTORES - EUROPA CENTROS TECNOLÓGICOS 2019)**

**Title**: Consolidation of USP CEU European Projects Office (C-EUrope)

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**Summary:**

C-EUrope aims to consolidate the Office of International Research Projects (OPII) of Universidad San Pablo-CEU (USP) to improve the support in the field of participation, management, justification and audit of proposals to present to Horizon 2020 (H2020).

USP participates in the EU Research Framework Program since FP6, but it begins to consolidate its participation in H2020. This growth is directly related to the creation of the OPII within the Office of the Vice-Rector for Teaching Staff and Research (ViPI) in 2017. The Office has one person, who carries out the activities of: Promotion, consultancy and support in the presentation of proposals. The team of the Research Management Unit of ViPI supports the axis of project management, and Human Resources team supports training.

This structure has been sufficient for the start of the OPII in its first two years, but the objectives of the USP for H2020 and the increasing competitiveness of the Program, makes necessary to expand the team.

For this reason, C-EUrope complements the commitment made by USP with the creation of the office, by strengthening the team and providing high-level training and management tools, which will guarantee a successful participation in H2020 and the future Horizon Europe. Funding is requested for five areas of action: 1) Hiring a technician, 2) Training of OPII staff and USP researchers, 3) Increasing international visibility of USP and its research groups, 4) Support for the writing of complex proposals and 5) Acquisition of software for project management.