

# COMPEL Project

MSCA-PF proposal accepted at the EF-SOC panel  
(2023 call)

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## Team

### PI: Pablo Ruiz Fabo

Area	Digital humanities, Natural Language Processing, Computational Literary Studies
Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maître de conférences (≈assistant professor) at Université de Strasbourg</li> <li>• Teaching (192 hours/year)</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Administration</li> </ul>
MSCA-PF application goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 months of full-time dedication to research</li> <li>• Step towards applying for positions with a larger research component and larger projects</li> </ul>

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### Supervisor: Paulo Gamallo

Area	Natural Language Processing (NLP)
Situation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leading researcher in NLP</li><li>• Major contributions to the European research space thanks to coordinating several types of European projects</li><li>• Currently coordinating projects related to the MSCA proposal</li><li>• Associate professor at USC and CİTIUS researcher</li></ul>

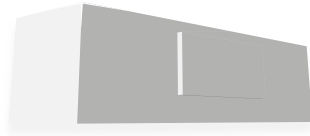
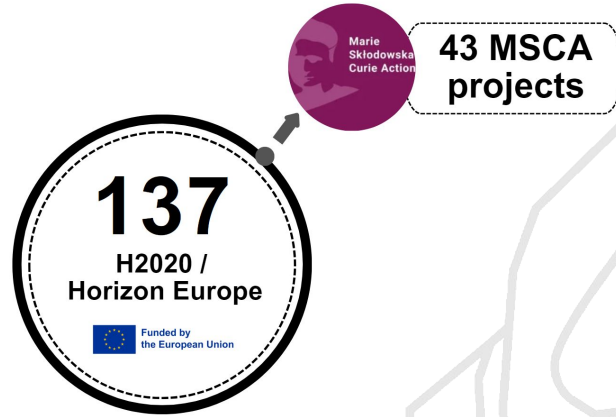
Host: CiTIUS

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# CiTIUS

Centro Singular de Investigación  
en **Tecnoloxías Intelixentes**

# USC's Singular Research Centers Network



## DISPOSITIVOS Y COMPUTACIÓN VERDE E INTELIGENTE



Computación de altas prestaciones



Diseño electrónico de dispositivos inteligentes

## FUNDAMENTOS DE LA INTELIGENCIA ARTIFICIAL

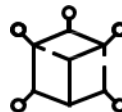


Aprendizaje y razonamiento automáticos



Ciencia e ingeniería de datos y procesos

## TECNOLOGÍAS INTELIGENTES



Realidad virtual y aumentada



Visión por computador



Tecnologías lingüísticas



Robótica

MARCO ÉTICO, LEGAL, SOCIAL, ECONÓMICO Y CULTURAL (ELSEC)



IA fiable



WHEREVER YOU COME FROM,  
**GROW IN AI**



¿Tienes interés en incorporarte al equipo  
del CiTIUS?  
¡Te esperamos!

## Convocatoria Postdoctoral MSCA-PF

Ponte en contacto con nosotros y te  
ayudaremos a preparar una propuesta de éxito!

- ✓ Hasta **30.000€** de financiación  
adicional para los proyectos  
concedidos
- ✓ Programa de formación  
propio
- ✓ Posibilidad de una estancia en  
el CiTIUS para la preparación



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## Team

### Secondments

1. Uni Ritter (Porto Alegre, Brasil)  
Prof. Raquel Bello

Directed by an expert in two main project topics:

- Comparing Galician and Portuguese literature
- Women authors and gender
- **International** experience

2. Editorial Galaxia (Vigo)  
Xesús Domínguez

- One of the main publishing houses for Galician literature
- We will apply methods developed in the project to its catalogue
- **Intersectoral** experience

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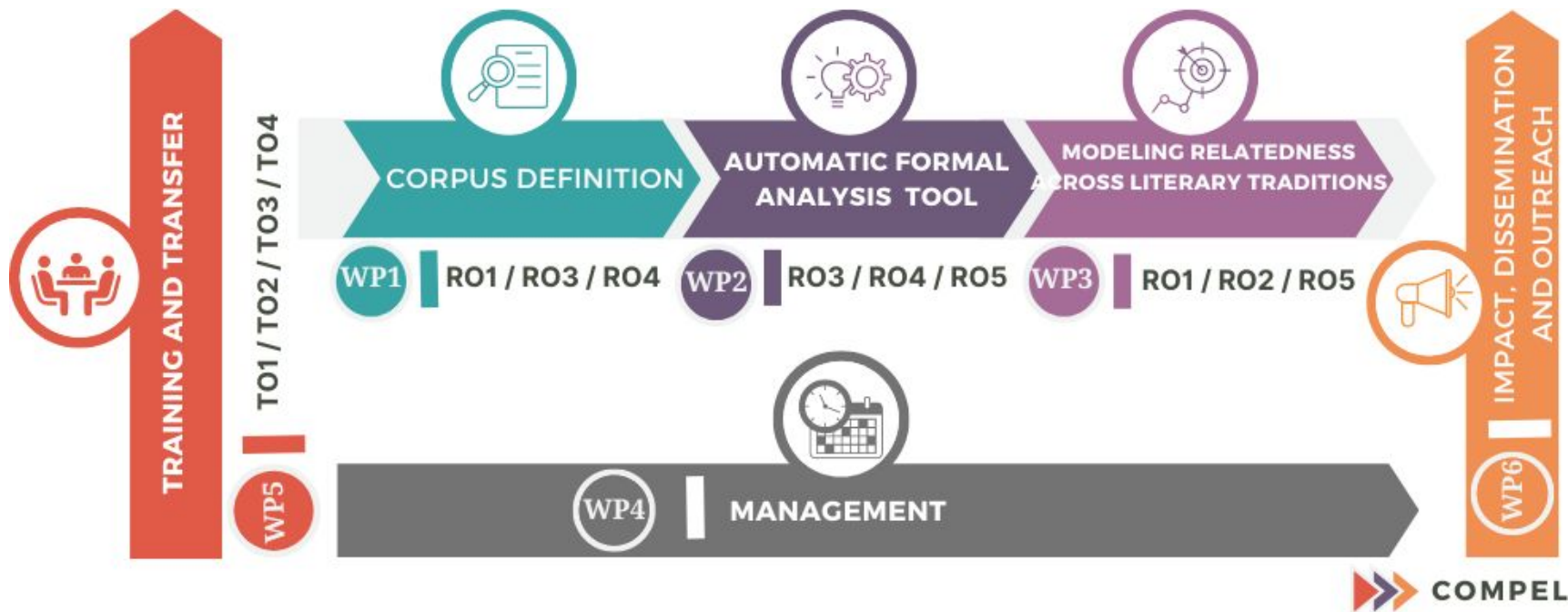
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- **Starting point:** Observe a lack of resources for the computational analysis of literatures in minority languages
- **Tasks:** Comparing poetry and narrative in Galician, from two 19th century movements
  - with Portuguese and Spanish poetry and narrative
  - formal and content features
- **Implications:**
  - Comparing peripheral and central literatures
  - Describing canonical features in emerging literatures
  - Resource development for minority languages and literatures
    - Variety, **inclusiveness and digital equality**
    - **Empirical variety** in Computational Literary Studies

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## First steps

- First meeting with Knowledge Management and Transfer (KMT) department at CiTIUS and with the supervisor, in April
- Writing up a preliminary version of the proposal
  - Next time, I would follow the MSCA template from the outset
  - Or just write an extended abstract with the core elements
- Visit at CiTIUS, in June
  - Thanks to CiTIUS' short research stay program
  - Meetings to exchange ideas about the proposal

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## Write-up and submission: Main steps

- Two or three **versions** , gradually improved based on feedback by host team and supervisor
- Added **secondment** details as these were confirmed
  - Don't wait until the end to organize the secondments
  - It affects the write-up whether they get confirmed or not
- **Submission:** Make sure to submit a (nearly) final proposal several days before the deadline
  - The platform may get overloaded and malfunction on the last day or two before the deadline

## Write-up : July to early September 2023

- Followed the guidelines closely to **make sure that content respects the criteria maximally**
- **Integrate all feedback** provided by the host team
- Cite **reference texts** in all areas of the proposal
  - Open science
  - Diversity
  - Artificial intelligence
  - Ethics
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EC Gender Equality Strategy  
Horizon Europe Programme Guide  
Ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI

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  - Excellence 50%
  - Impact 30%
  - Implementation 20%

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Weighting

50%

30%

20%

Score obtained

5 / 5

4.8 / 5

4.6 / 5

Total: 97.2 / 100

## Negative evaluation points

- **Impact**

- Given the researchers' current position and training [...] the impact on the researcher's career perspectives and employability is expected to be moderate.

- **Implementation**

- For some tasks, the verification measures are not fully convincing.

## Positive evaluation points

Interdisciplinary

Intersectoral

International

Two-way knowledge transfer between PI and host

Open science

Gender and diversity

24 Supervision Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDG)

Agreement with priorities in Horizon Europe clusters

Non strictly academic aspects: Outreach activities

Impact magnitude quantification

Potential benefits for different target publics

Risk management

Host and secondment choices



# Thank you!

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