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With a background in Political Sciences and European Studies, I participated in the first edition of the Master in European Project Planning and Management organized in Florence by Pixel in 2012 – 2013. I chose the program from Pixel since it **was deeply oriented to the labour market**, with a detailed program aiming at enlarging our knowledge on the European Funding opportunities as well as improving our skills on project planning and management, as well as a mandatory internship included in the program.

In spite that Pixel proposed my several organizations where I could perform the internship, I decided to identify one the perfectly suits with interests and objectives. I found Conexx-Europe, an NGO based in Brussels. I moved there for a **3 months internship and at the end of the period they proposed my a full-time contract in the organization.**

The master courses provides you with a wide information about projects, programmes, frameworks and funding opportunities, and you start mapping and organizing once you start working on the field. Therefore, the internship experience was very useful for me to understand the full picture, as well as get into the working flow of the EU funding atmosphere. **After 6 months working at Conexx-Europe, I received a proposal from the UAB Research Park in Barcelona for a full-time job as a Project Manager** in the international department of the organization, basically, supporting projects outside Europe.

After 20 months working at the UAB Research Park, **I received a proposal from a network of Spanish universities (Alianza 4 Universidades) to become Coordinator of the network** while the current coordinator was on maternity leave, for a period of about a year. Although I was happy with my job position it was quite challenging and interesting to accept the proposal. After a negotiation, both organizations (UAB Research Park and Alianza 4 Universidades) accepted to contract me in a part-time job so I had the chance to work in both positions.

I was working in both organizations during 15 months, when the person I replaced at the Alianza 4 Universidades get back to work on October 2016. At that point both organizations proposed my a new full-time contract **but I decided to stay at the UAB Research Park, as a project Manager under the Innovation projects unit, and from then until today that has been my job position.**

I do believe that the Master organized in Pixel is an outstanding gate to entry in the European funding world. Nonetheless, it really depends on each of us to take advantage of this opportunities an turn it into real job opportunities.

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