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Project title: Indigenous Cultures in Evolution: Governing Rights and Responsibilities through Sustainable Law and Ethics	
Coordinator Lapin Yliopisto Rosa Ballardini rosa.ballardini@ulapland.fi	<p>INCLUSION is a two years' project aiming at strengthening cooperation between the participating HEIs to promote education, teaching and learning on the law and ethical issues at the crossroad of the regulation and governance of Indigenous peoples' rights to their culture, with particular focus on the digitisation of Indigenous peoples cultural heritage (IPCH) and with a comparative analysis between the Global North (Finland and the Sámi people) and the Global South (Peru and local Indigenous peoples) approaches.</p> <p>Indigenous peoples have expressed concern over the lack of respect of their own ethics and rights in governing their culture for decades. Yet, the educational programmes on this topic remain to date very scarce. There is a strong need to train students, scholars, future lawyers, policy makers and experts on Indigenous studies, and to raise general awareness by stressing the impact that ethics should have on the regulatory frameworks of the IPCH. In this respect, it is fundamental to point out digitisation projects of IPCH, as they will play an important role to enable and ensure preservation, accessibility and developments of these assets for future generations.</p>
Partners Helsingin yliopisto, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP),	<p>The project pursues three main objectives, with different target groups:</p> <p>1) The first and primary objective is to train law and Indigenous studies students on the ethical means to conciliate the various areas of law relevant to IPCH (e.g. human rights, international trade, intellectual property laws, and legal informatics) in general, and Indigenous peoples' rights to their culture, in particular. This objective is achieved via creating the INCLUSION international summer school, which will be held in Lima (Peru) in 2023 and in Rovaniemi (Finland) in 2024.</p> <p>2) The second objective is to raise awareness of the legal and ethical framework surrounding IPCH, targeting Indigenous peoples. This ambition will be achieved via including in summer schools group works where students would need to engage with knowledge-sharing and knowledge co-creation especially with Indigenous peoples.</p> <p>3) The third objective is to raise general awareness about the project's themes, targeting broadly all the many stakeholders involved with the regulation of IPCH (e.g. scholars, GLAM sector, corporations, policymakers, general public). This objective will be achieved via the project's website, as well as the planned dissemination events.</p>

Beyond providing rewarding training to students and enriching their curricula, the project will spur students' and other stakeholders' social responsibility, raising awareness on important societal challenges in the specific context of law and ethics of IPCH, and by empowering them to provide for concrete solutions designed to restore justice and balance transnational economic relationships. Indeed, our overarching goal aims to promote knowledge and education on this important topic also outside the organizations that are formally part of this project.



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