1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words):

The course addressed important aspects for researchers to share their intellectual knowledge using on-line wikimedia platforms (primarily Wikipedia).

The first part of the workshop was theoretical, it mainly consisted of an introduction and history to the Wikimedia platforms. Then a more practical session was carry-on, all the participants were working on their own computers and created a wiki account. Based on attendants’ preferences, languages, and expertise different platforms/or Wikipedia pages were explored in order to find gaps of knowledge. If gaps were found participants were instructed on the ‘Wiki code’ in order to make modifications in the public platforms.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

I found very useful to better understand the Wikimedia platforms and how they are structure in different groups. In order to contribute to the platform is important the understanding of how these public accessible platforms are maintain and how the gaps of knowledge can variate from country and/or language. I knew Wikipedia can be a great outreach resource but being bilingual let me realised differences among pages and there is the possibility to contribute greatly. These contribution cannot only be made in my topic of research but also base on my background for example when is a page in a different language.
3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

The workshop class was very small, it was a great opportunity for meeting the presenter and his experience collaborating with the Wiki platforms in Italy. Although, he is not linked with the English or Spanish pages his knowledge and guidance has been useful to complete information in Wikipedia. The most immediate actions after attending the workshop is to make contributions in the wiki-platforms if I come across missing information.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

Mainly all the information/additional resources we spoke at the workshop are in the Wikiplatforms. At the bottom all the different resources besides Wikipedia can be found, which several of them I did not have knowledge of.

https://www.wikipedia.org/

We also spoke about:

https://www.scopus.com/search/form.uri?display=basic

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings.

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

The main tips I learned is that everyone can collaborate to share knowledge in Wikipedia. There are codes of conduct where people that have more experience with the platforms manage it. There are also subgroups based on expertise, the more experts there are in the groups the more likely information about the topic will be up to date. If there are not conflicting opinions in general is very easy to improve the pages.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event

Wiki is non-profit and something to think about is that conferences, universities, schools are good scenarios to have many people interested in certain topics that can lead to collaborations to improve the pages.