

Success story: SCATOLIFICIO LARIANO

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Scatolificio Lariano is a small artisan company located in Valmadrera (Lecco) since 1950.

Products: corrugated cardboard packaging, from simple packaging to the most elaborate types of die cut.

Philosophy: continuous innovation and quality with particular attention to eco-sustainability.



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In 2014, Scatolificio Lariano created *UNCA - unconventional cardboard – design* brand, that differentiated the production from the company core business.

Products:

- fittings (exhibition and commercial spaces),
- furniture and complements,
- daily use items.

All in recycled, recyclable, reusable cardboard.

Philosophy: *DESIGN* today is the ability to create a functional beauty. We aim at making that **ecologically sustainable**.





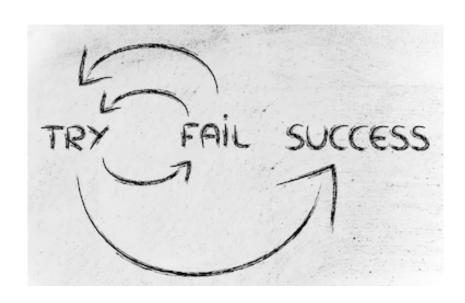
UNCA has deepened the technological opportunities to further development towards new sectors/markets (outdoor).



In 2016 the first dialogue with the world of research failed due to 3 main reasons:

- 1. Problems with understanding/communication
- 2. Proposal out of target
- 3. Lack of an intermediation





In 2019, Confartigianato Imprese Lecco proposed to deepen our needs through the PMI Network project services.



Preliminary meeting with university led to a **feasibility study** and identified the **scientific competences** to realized our *project in the drawer*: make our eco-sustainable cardboard products resistant in outdoor environments.



Confartigianato's Projects Office looked for possible founding calls **to take action**.





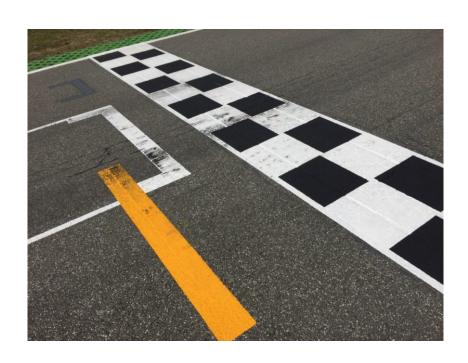


January 2020 we applied for the Innodriver grant of Lombardy Region with the UNCA ECO OUTDOOR project; our proposal has been awarded.

PMI Network allowed to:

- better clarify our real needs,
- define the issue to be investigated,
- identify the scientific competences required,
- draw the **feasibility plan**,
- access to public funding.





Now... we are ready to go!

Which are our expectations?

- Work with Politecnico researchers to identify the best solution for our project.
- Develop new partnerships with other companies in the supply chain, thanks to the links created by PMI Network.
- To be supported by our Association, with increasing Value–Added services that help our company competitive growth.





What is going to happen? Are we going to find the solution we are looking for?

\rightarrow YES

Our company will take advantage on the competitors and we will conquer new sectors/markets. We will be able to consider innovation and new growth projects.

\rightarrow NO

We will have had a new experience that allowed us to deepen the knowledge of a world that we have never directly met before and, maybe, we will consider further collaborations on new projects.





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Thanks for listening

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