

TESI



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Aim of the Proposal

The Joint Master intends to prepare policymakers and social practitioners in the Adriatic-Ionic Area in the field of social innovation, departing from the theoretical framework to then provide practical skills and tools to develop and implement social innovative policies and projects.

Joint Master Overview 1

The Joint Master includes ten teaching modules held at the University of Bologna and a mobility period within another partner university where students participate to additional laboratories and study visits to local innovative social businesses and engage in an internship/project work within a business partner.

Joint Master Overview 2

With this aim, each teaching module includes workshops and laboratories held both by academic staff and social innovation's practitioners, aimed at introducing students with real-life case studies and providing technical skills to design innovative social solutions. The teaching modules are organized and held by the whole partnership of the project TESI, through schemes of professors' mobilities.

Joint Master Overview 3

In order to involve social innovation practitioners in teaching and to offer students internship opportunities in social innovative business organisations or research center, the Joint Master benefits from a network of business partners, created in the framework of the project TESI.

Target groups

- Junior or mid-senior officers working in an NGO, public body or private sector who intend to improve their understanding of social issues and acquire new tools and skills to address them;
- Post-graduate students with little professional experience in the social and public sector who intend to build a career in the field of social innovation

Learning outcomes

- Improved understanding of the debates and significance of Social Innovation in contemporary societies;
- Ability to recognize, assess and evaluate social needs;
- Capacity to use the main project and policy tools to achieve Social Innovation's objectives;
- Improved understanding of the main contemporary social issues in the fields of: labour, social integration of migrants and marginalised groups, aging, urban and rural regeneration, education and youth empowerment.

Structure 1

The first 9 months (October - June) are held at the premises of the University of Bologna with 10 teaching modules - 8 in presence and 2 online. Each teaching module consists of 15 hours of teaching (Friday and Saturday, once a month) with 60 hours of home working, and it provides 3 ECTS, for a total of 30 ECTS. The teaching modules are organised and carried out by the whole TESI partnership through the mobility of professors and teachers.

Structure 2

During the second part (July - October), students spend a period of mobility to a partner university where they attend specialised laboratories and study visits (75 hours - 3 ECTS) and serve an internship/project work within a business partner for 500 hours (20 ECTS).

Structure 3

The last two months of the Joint Master are dedicated to writing the final thesis, to be discussed by December (7 ECTS).

Teaching Modules

	TOPIC	COORDINATING PARTNER	SUPPORTING PARTNER
1	Social innovation theory – What is Social Innovation: how to define the “social” of social innovation	IUAV	UNIBO
2	Theory of Societal Transformation: Social structure, action and change	FFZG	UT
3	Tools and Methodology in SI - data analysis and participatory design	HOU	UT
4	Tools and Methodology in SI – Participatory Social Impact Evaluation	UNIBO	HOU
5	Tools and Methodology in SI - Project Design, Project Management and Capacity Building	UNIBO	HOU
6	Labor, socioeconomic relations and social responsibility	FFZG	UNIBO
7	Social innovation in the inclusion/ integration of migrants and vulnerable groups	UBFZF	ZRS
8	Aging society	ZRS	UBFZF
9	Urban and rural regeneration: policy, project and environment	IUAV	UBFZF
10	Education and youth empowerment	UT	ZRS

Mobility 1

The Joint Master includes mobility within a partner university/research centre.

Within the period of mobility, the participants are engaged in additional laboratories/workshops and study visits on specific topics. At the same time, they serve an internship/project work within a business partner of the TESI network.

Mobility 2

The students express their preferences in regard to where to go for the mobility period and internship within the first three months of the Joint Master. The academic staff of the Master will then decide on the mobility of each student according to their preferences and availability of places.

Mobility 3

- **Laboratories, interactive workshops and study visits**

Each partner university organises laboratories and interactive workshops for the development of specific skills in Social Innovation

During the mobility period, the program includes study visits to local organisations and business partners to discuss with practitioners on experiences of social innovation.

Mobility 4

- **Internship/project work**

The Joint Master includes 500 hours of internship/workshop within a business partner or research institute of the project TESI. In this way, participants have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience and to engage in the development of innovative solutions to social problems by applying the knowledge and skills acquired during the program.

Mobility 5

- **Final Thesis**

For the completion of the Joint Master, students are required to finalise and defend their project work developed during the period of mobility. The thesis is prepared under the supervision of a professor from a Partner University and evaluated by a second supervisor from another Partner University. The final thesis is defended in Bologna in front of a commission composed by representatives of the Joint Master' partners.

Awarding of the title

The awarding of the second-level professional Joint Master and the related university educational credit is subordinate to: the achievement of a minimum mandatory attendance of 80% of classroom activities, the completion of the internship and project work based on the requirement of the Master's study plan, passing of all exams related to each core course.

Thank you!

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