



O.T1.1. Innovative Transnational Network

1. Overall goal of the network, highlighting the link with the leading goal of the funded project.

The present document represents a proposal agreement for a 1-year second-level Master in Social Innovation jointly accredited by the University of Bologna, the University of Belgrade –Faculty of Philosophy and the University of Tirana, and delivered in partnership with the Hellenic Open University, the University of Zagreb, the University IUAV Venice and the Science and Research Institute of Koper. 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, with particular attention to the fields of migration, aging, social economy, urban and rural regeneration, education. The proposal is jointly prepared by the University of Bologna, Hellenic Open University, University of Belgrade –Faculty of Philosophy, University IUAV Venice, University of Tirana, University of Zagreb, ZRS – Science and Research Institute Koper, project partners of TESI.



2. Memorandum of Understanding for the activation of the II-level professional Master's programme in Education and Training for Social Innovation (TESI)

The MOU is directly activated between ALMA MATER STUDIORUM – UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA; THE UNIVERSITY OF TIRANA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE – FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY.

ACKNOWLEDGING THAT

- Alma Mater and the University of Tirana and the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy intend to activate in the next academic years a one year, joint II-level professional master's programme entitled *TESI – Training and education in social innovation*.

IT IS NOW AGREED AND SET DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1 - Recitals

The recitals are an integral part of this agreement

Article 2 - Object of the Agreement

The object of this agreement is to:

- establish, via collaboration between Alma Mater and the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy and the University of Tirana a II-level Professional Master's Programme in *Training and Education in Social Innovation*;
- collaborate in the cultural, economic, organisational and logistical areas in order to activate, promote and implement the above Professional Master's Programme.



Article 2 - Intentions of the promoters

The partner Universities agree to:

- a) work together on activation of the II-level Professional Master's Programme in *Training and Education in Social Innovation*, which will lead to the award of a joint degree;
- b) collaborate on the formulation of the teaching project and the technical organisation of the Professional Master's Programme, providing the ancillary teaching services necessary for its delivery (lessons, seminars etc.);
- c) ensure support for the Professional Master's Programme via the use of their teachers.

Article 3 - Content of the Professional Master's Programme

The one-year Professional Master's Programme in *Training and Education in Social Innovation* awards 60 University educational credits, allocated among lectures, assisted learning, seminars, preparation of projects or reports, and personal study. All of the above activities, taken together, correspond to 1,500 hours.

Article 4 - Location of the teaching activities

All teaching activities will take place at the University of Bologna.

The annual calendar of activities will be prepared by the Head of the Professional Master's Programme, working together with the Scientific Board.



The credits corresponding to the various activities will be awarded after the subject-specific competencies are verified.

The award of the Professional Master's Degree is dependent on acquiring the above 60 credits.

The complete teaching and learning programme comprising the Professional Master's Programme is indicated in the **Attached Project**.

Article 5 - Financial plan for the Professional Master's Programme

The financial resources needed to cover the expected cost of delivering the Professional Master's Programme will come from enrolment fees and any grants from external, public, and/or private funding bodies. The Professional Master's Programme will not place any economic burden on the Universities involved.

The financial feasibility plan for the Professional Master's Programme, based on the expected minimum number of enrolments, is set out in the project. Any changes to the financial plan resulting from greater income will be recommended by the Scientific Board, prepared by the Head of the Professional Master's Programme and adopted in compliance with the Universities' Regulations.

Article 6 - Final exams and award of degree

The final exams will be held at the University of Bologna. The II-level Professional Master's Degree will be awarded jointly. The degree will carry the logos and the signatures of the Rectors of the partner Universities.



Article 7 - Scientific Board and Head of Programme

Responsibility for the overall organization and proper conduct of the teaching activities for the Professional Master's Programme is assured by the Head of the Programme and by a Scientific Board comprising 2 representatives of Alma Mater, 1 representative of the University of Belgrade –Faculty of Philosophy, and 1 representative of the University of Tirana. In the Scientific Board, we also added four other Professors coming from partner Universities: the University of Zagreb, the Koper Research Institute in Slovenia, and Hellenic Open University in Greece.

The Head of Programme is appointed by the members of the Scientific Board. The Head of Programme represents the Professional Master's Programme, chairs the Scientific Board and arranges to implement its resolutions. The Head of Programme monitors the proper conduct of activities and exercises all the powers granted by the University Regulations and this agreement.

The Scientific Board will appoint tutors, with specific skills in relation to the content and objectives of the Professional Master Programme, to provide organisational support, active teaching support, coordination among teachers and coordination for internship activities.

Article 8 - Faculty

The Universities will contribute to the implementation of the Professional Master's Programme by making available, in the manner indicated in the related project, the skills of teachers, researchers, and academics drawn from various disciplinary areas. The appointments and contracts will be assigned based on



proposals from the Head of the Programme, having heard the opinion of the Scientific Board. Faculty may move between the partner Universities to carry out the teaching activities associated with the Professional Master's Programme.

For University professors and assistant professors, depending on their individual status, teaching in the Professional Master's Programme represents the fulfillment of their academic duties to the extent of and by the statutory and regulatory instructions issued by their University.

Article 9 - Administrative Office for the Professional Master's Programme

The Professional Master's Programme will be administered by the University of Bologna. The Department of Political and Social Sciences will provide secretariat, administrative and technical support.

Any off-site secretariat functions, established following a recommendation from the Scientific Board, will report to the administrative office and will be paid for from the funds available to the Professional Master's Programme.

As provider of the administrative office for the Professional Master's Programme, the University of Belgrade –Faculty of Philosophy and the University of Tirana agree to:

- make its offices available to supply the technical-administrative support needed to activate and manage the Professional Master's Programme;
- publish calls for applications and manage enrolments, candidate selection and, in overall terms, the academic careers of enrolled students;
- award the joint II-level Professional Master's Title in ***Training and Education in Social Innovation***



- guarantee the administrative management of all aspects of the Professional Master's Programme;
- guarantee the general financial and accounting management of the Professional Master's Programme, ensuring that all receipts deriving from grants, fees and other funding are recorded in the accounting records of the Programme, as envisaged in the approved project, and to guarantee proper accounting for the expenses incurred.

Article 10 - Obligations

Except for the commitments made in this deed, the implementation of this Professional Master's Programme shall not result in any financial charges or obligations of any other nature for the signatories of this agreement.

Article 11 - Duration

This agreement shall have a duration of one year, which may be renewed for one year should the Professional Master's Programme be activated again by the Universities for the subsequent academic year, subject to the receipt of a written request from the Parties, giving reasonable notice and in any case prior to the respective deadlines set by the Parties for the presentation of projects for professional training courses.



3. Methods and strategy to widen the network, Openness to additional members: and Network duration.

To widen the network, open it to additional members, and establish network duration, we prepare a General Agreement of Cooperation (GAC) for the establishment of an Innovative Transnational Network (ITN) in the framework of the Adrion-Interreg TESI project between project Partners and other relevant stakeholders in the field of social innovation to develop, promote and implement the Joint Master Programme on Social Innovation within the Adriatic-Ionic macro-region.

TESI brings together six universities and one research centre (Project Partners):1.Alma Mater Studiorum –University of Bologna (Lead Partner, Italy),2.University Iuav of Venice (Italy),3.University of Belgrade -Faculty of Philosophy (Serbia),4.University of Tirana (Albania),5.University of Zagreb - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (Croatia),6.Hellenic Open University -Department of Special Account for Research Funds (Greece) and7.Science and Research Centre Koper (Slovenia).

It is supported by the following Associated Partners:

- 1.UniAdrion - Association of Universities of the Adriatic-Ionian area (Italy);
2. Italian Association for the Promotion of the Culture of Co-operation and of Nonprofit (Italy);
3. Development Agency of Una-Sana Canton Bihac (Bosnia and Herzegovina);



4. Centre for Legal Empowerment (Albania) and 5. Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport (Slovenia).

The Joint Master Programme on Social Innovation will offer education and training on social innovation to support innovative solutions toward processes of empowerment and bottom-up participation to address contemporary social challenges in environmental sustainability, aging, education, labour, and migration.

ITN aims to connect Project Partners, Associated Partners, Universities, Research Centres, Non-Governmental Organisations, Public Authorities, and Small and Medium Enterprises in Social Innovation to support and promote the Joint Master Programme on Social Innovation.

The membership is voluntary and does not entail economic costs. The members of the Innovative Transnational Network will

- receive information on the development and implementation of the Joint Master Programme, as well as on activities such as workshops, seminars, online training courses and summer schools organised within the framework of the Joint Master Programme on Social Innovation;
- support and promote the Joint Master Programme on Social Innovation within their means;
- have the possibility to promote their activities within the network.

This Agreement shall be concluded for three years and automatically renewed for two years. The Members may terminate the Agreement at any time.

