



PhD in URBAN PLANNING, DESIGN, AND POLICY - 38th cycle

PNRR_352 Research Field: THE ROLE OF SOCIAL ACTORS IN DEFINING AND IMPLEMENTING TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Monthly net income of PhDscholarship (max 36 months)

€ 1195.5

In case of a change of the welfare rates during the three-year period, the amount could be modified.

Context of the research activity

Motivation and objectives of the research in this field

The Italian General Confederation of Workers (CGIL) is the largest Italian trade union. CGIL Lombardia is the largest regional structure of CGIL and it is actively engaged in co-design and implementation of sustainable territorial development strategies in Lombardy, with particular attention to social issues and contrast to territorial inequalities. The objective of a PhD scholarship activation is the study, also in a comparative perspective, of social actors and of trade unions role in the definition and implementation of territorial place-based development strategies. In current implementation start-up phase of investments envisaged by EU programming in our country (National Program for Reprise and Resilience - PNRR, Complementary Fund, EU Structural Funds Programming for the period 2021/2027), it is important to understand the way territorial actors (business associations, trade unions, local and third sector actors, institutions) play an important role in guaranteeing efficiency and effectiveness for public investments. In particular, in the context of development strategies aimed at ecological transition of territories and business system, it is very important to understand what role of co-design and implementation can be played by social actors and their associations. Given these general objectives the research is coherent with the strategies of Italy's Recovery and Resilience Plan (PNRR). In particular, the research is focused on the conditions to reinforce Italy's Economic and Social Resilience, through



	<p>actions that will enhance social and territorial cohesion, promoting the transformation of vulnerable territories into smart and sustainable areas. The main focus of the research undertaken by the PhD candidate is coherent with many PNRR missions and submissions. Among them the most important are: Mission 2: Green Revolution and Ecological Transition Mission 3: Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility Mission 5: Inclusion and Cohesion and especially Submission 5.1 Policies for work Submission 5.2 Social infrastructures, households, community and third sector.</p> <p>The general objective of PhD Scholarship is therefore divided into three sub-objectives: 1. Construction of an updated theoretical framework, based on an extensive review of international literature and cases, on social actors role in definition and implementation of place-based development policies and strategies aimed at ecological transition, with reference to the European context; 2. Comparative analysis, on a European scale, of social actors active involvement in the implementation of investments planned under the structural funds programming and Next Generation EU; 3. An in-depth study of policy processes and dynamics in programming and implementation of PNRR and structural funds in the context of the Lombardy Region with particular attention to forms of involvement and dialogue with social actors and especially with trade unions.</p>
<p>Methods and techniques that will be developed and used to carry out the research</p>	<p>The research will be developed through a mix of quantitative and qualitative methodologies. As regards the construction of the theoretical framework, it will be built through comparative analysis of international literature on territorial development policies in Europe, and in particular on place-based strategies, with reference to 'An agenda for a reformed cohesion policy - A place-based approach to meeting European Union challenges and expectations', the independent Report prepared by Fabrizio Barca at the request of Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy, in April 2009. The place-based approach will be investigated with reference to most recent developments in the international literature on territorial development policies and on the role of public and private actors in</p>



	<p>design and implementation of policies aimed at ecological reconversion of European economies and at contrasting socio-spatial inequalities, in the context of indications of the European Commission. A quantitative survey will also be carried out, through analysis of documentation and interviews, on role and relevance of the involvement of social actors, and especially of trade unions, in definition of objectives and in implementation of ongoing European Commission planning (PNRR and Structural Funds). Comparative analysis on a European scale will be developed through dialogue with other trade union organizations belonging to European Trade Union Confederation, through interviews and analysis of documentation that will allow us to reconstruct a comparative framework at European level. A case study relating to Spain will also be developed, through a period abroad that the PhD candidate will be able to carry out in Barcelona at the Commissions Obreres. In this context, a relationship will also be developed with the IGOP - Institute of Government and Public Policy, a research center of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB). The case study objective will be a comparison between Lombardy and Catalunya interaction mechanisms between institutions and social actors in definition and implementation of regional development policies. Finally, as regards the in-depth study of the Lombard case, the PhD Candidate will follow institutional negotiation activities carried out by CGIL Lombardy, using participatory observation techniques to understand the mechanisms of involvement of social actors in territorial social dialogue processes. The 6 months period at CGIL Lombardia will focus on the study and active participation in social dialogue activities for the implementation of territorial cohesion interventions in which CGIL Lombardia will be involved. The 6 months stay abroad will be carried out in Spain, partly at Commissions Obreres in Barcelona, studying methods and practices of involvement of Spanish social actors in territorial cohesion policies; partly at IGOP - Institute of Government and Public Policy - Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB).</p>
Educational objectives	



	<p>The main educational objectives will be as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop theoretical and empirical skills related to analysis and evaluation of development and investment policies on a European, national, and regional scale, with particular reference to the role of social actors, business associations and trade unions. 2. To allow the PhD Candidate to use quantitative and qualitative methodologies in the analysis of social interaction processes and mechanisms, in particular in the context of policies for ecological reconversion and reduction of social and territorial gaps. 3. To guide the PhD candidate to gaining direct experience, in Italy and abroad, of place-based programming practices in a strong relationship with both local social actors and academic institutions.
Job opportunities	<p>According to its international orientation, the PhD program in Urban Planning, design and Policy trains highly qualified researchers and professionals in the fields of spatial planning, design and management of urban projects and policy, urban studies and urban governance. Researchers with such profile may be employed by Italian and international academic institutions, public bodies and research centres, public and private development agencies, and other private firms. The PhD candidate may also be engaged in research and design activities carried out by social actors, and in particular by trade union organizations, with particular reference to social dialogue and co-design activities in local and regional development strategies.</p>
Composition of the research group	<p>12 Full Professors 13 Associated Professors 0 Assistant Professors 45 PhD Students</p>
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Additional support - Financial aid per PhD student per year (gross amount)

Housing - Foreign Students	--
Housing - Out-of-town residents (more than 80Km out of Milano)	--

Scholarship Increase for a period abroad

Amount monthly	597.76 €
By number of months	6

National Operational Program for Research and Innovation

Company where the candidate will attend the stage (name and brief description)	CGIL Lombardia
By number of months at the company	6
Institution or company where the candidate will spend the period abroad (name and brief description)	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
By number of months abroad	6

Additional information: educational activity, teaching assistantship, computer availability, desk availability, any other information

Personal funds are available to purchase books and material, participate to summer schools, workshops and conferences:

1st year: max 1.624.30 euro per student

2nd year: max 1.624.30 euro per student

3rd year: max 1.624.30 euro per student

Various forms of financial aid are available for both research and teaching activities. PhD



students are encouraged to take part in these activities within the limits allowed by the regulations.

In the PhD room workstations are available for shared use connected with a printer. All PhD students can use their own laptop with a wireless connection. Workstations and other equipment are available in the various laboratories linked with the doctoral programme.