

TESI



# TESI – Training and Education in Social Innovation

## Project main achievements

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## The Joint Master in Social Innovation

**Second-level/executive Master Program (60 ECTS)** jointly accredited by:

Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna  
University of Belgrade - Faculty of Philosophy  
University of Tirana

In partnership with the other project partners:

Hellenic Open University - Department of Special Account for Research Funds  
University IUAV Venice  
University of Zagreb  
ZRS Koper – Institute for Social Studies (Slovenia)



The Joint Master is structured to attract both post-graduate students and practitioners who want to gain knowledge and hands-on-experience in designing, implementing and promoting innovative social solutions and tools to respond to contemporary social issues within Public Administrations and social organisations.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> level (executive) Master Program (EQF 8 – Master di secondo livello) – 60 ECTS**

Enrolment requirement: 240 ECTS – this means having completed a 4 years Bachelor or 3+2 cycle.



Reasons for choosing this path:

- The mapping of educational offer on Social Innovation and other project's activities have highlighted the necessity of offering a highly specialised program on Social Innovation, accessible also to practitioners working in public and civil sector;
- It is a program that can offer a specialised path to students and practitioners in need of acquiring further theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the field of Social Innovation;
- It is recognised in all TESI Partner countries;
- It allows the flexibility to structure the program to attract potential students that are already employed (length of 15 months, lectures during the weekend);
- This choice was also taken based on the UNIBO and its partnership experience in planning and managing international 1-year Master Programs that proved successful. See, for instance: [MAGIW](#), [U-Rise](#), [ERMA](#), [MIEX](#).

## Accreditation steps

### University of Bologna

- The request for approval to the university bodies of the JM proposal was approved for the academic year 2024. At the end of 2024, it will be necessary to submit a new application for accreditation if the JM is to be launched in 2025.

### University of Tirana

- Approval from the UT bodies (according to UT regulations and with the Ministry of Education license /open) – the main UT authorities have already given their full availability and interest in the JM.

Procedure for quality assurance of the program, through ASCAL, the agency that certifies the quality of the program – accreditation, which has an agreement of cooperation with the Italian counterpart (ANVUR) facilitating considerably the procedure.

### University of Belgrade

- The Feasibility Study has been approved by the Faculty of Philosophy and the University of Belgrade.

Currently, they are in the process of preparing an elaborate document that needs to meet the standards set by the National Entity for Accreditation and Quality Assurance in Higher Education.

This marks the final stage of the accreditation process, they are proceeding cautiously until we receive clarity on the Adrion situation

Procedure costs 5.000 euro

- The **EU Project Partners** will recognise the JM (through direct EU procedures) and participates in the Program through lecturing and by hosting students for the mobility.



## Structure

The Joint Master has an overall duration of **15 months**.

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).

The teaching modules are organised and carried out by the whole TESI partnership through the **mobility of professors and teachers**.

Each teaching module includes **lectures, case studies and laboratories**.

During the second part (July – October), students spend a period of **mobility** within a partner university where they attend specialised laboratories and study visits and serve an **internship/project work** within a business partner.

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

Activity	ECT S	Hours
Teaching	30	750
Internship/project work	20	500
Other activities (labs and workshops during mobility)	3	75
Final Thesis	7	175
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1500</b>

## Teaching Modules

The program grounds into 10 core modules, 8 in presence and 2 online, to provide participants with an interdisciplinary and integrated approach to Social Innovation oriented to a problem-solving approach.

### Core courses list and responsible partners

	TOPIC	COORDINATING PARTNER	SUPPORTING PARTNER
1	<b>Theory</b> – What is Social Innovation: how to define the “social” of social innovation	IUAV	UNIBO
2	<b>Theory</b> – Policies and Governance	FFZG	UT
3	<b>Tools and Methodology in SI</b> - data analysis and participatory design	HOU	UT
4	<b>Tools and Methodology in SI</b> – Participatory Social Impact Evaluation	UNIBO	HOU
5	<b>Tools and Methodology in SI</b> - Project Design, Project Management and Capacity Building	UNIBO	HOU
6	<b>Subject</b> - Labour market inclusion and corporate social responsibility	FFZG	UNIBO
7	<b>Subject</b> - Social innovation in the inclusion/integration of migrants and vulnerable groups	UBFZF	ZRS
8	<b>Subject</b> - Intergenerational relations in ageing societies	ZRS	UBFZF
9	<b>Subject</b> – Urban regeneration processes and social innovation	IUAV	UBFZF
10	<b>Subject</b> - Education and youth empowerment	UT	ZRS

## Mobility, internship and final thesis

- **3 months** mobility in a partner university where the student will be engaged in:

**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.

**Internship/project work:** the Joint Master includes 500 hours of internship/project work within a business partner (**we are finalising a list of organisations**) or research institute of the project TESI.

### - 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 at the University of Bologna in front of a commission composed by representatives of the Joint Master' partners.



## Budget

ITEM	ENTRY	EXIT
<b>Students' fee</b>	15.000 € (x25)	
<b>Teaching Costs</b>		37.500 €
<b>Teachers' mobility</b>		36.500 €
<b>Students' mobility +internship</b>		175.000 €
<b>Tutorship</b>		60.000 €