

**Acronym** – NEIGHBOURCHANGE

**Title** – Social innovation and urban revitalization in hyperdiverse local societies

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**ERC sector** – SOC - Social Sciences and Humanities

**Iuav Role** – beneficiary

**Hosting outgoing phase** – University of Toronto, Canada

**Hosting secondment** – Technische Universiteit Delft, The Netherlands

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**Description** – Traditional state-driven top-down revitalisation strategies have resulted in new urban dynamics and tensions, gentrification processes and social exclusion. In the meantime, ethnic concentration in neighbourhoods overlaps with situations of social exclusion and deprivation. The aim of the project is to investigate whether and how area-based programs inspired by an innovative social approach targeting deprived and hyperdiverse neighbourhoods can intervene on increasing socio-spatial inequalities, at the same time promoting institutional learning. Institutional learning is in fact considered as a pre-condition to assure the publicness and sustainability of bottom-up initiatives. The project stands on the assumption that promoting social cohesion in hyperdiverse cities urgently demands a new approach to territorial development.

**Objectives** – The aim of the project is to investigate whether and how area-based programs inspired by an innovative social approach targeting deprived and hyperdiverse neighbourhoods can intervene on increasing sociospatial inequalities at the same time promoting institutional learning. Institutional learning is in fact considered as a pre-condition to assure the publicness and sustainability of bottom-up initiatives. The timeliness of the project stands on the assumption that promoting social cohesion in hyperdiverse cities urgently demands a new approach to territorial development in time of crisis when urban societies become more and more contested. Moreover social innovative initiatives in Europe are not yet producing the social and spatial impact they should (Europe 2020 Flagship Initiative, Innovation Union, 2010). The project is fully consistent with the 3rd Priority of Horizon 2020 'Tackling societal challenges for a better society' and with the specific objective 'Inclusive innovation and secure societies'. Specific objectives -

SO1: to develop a set of case studies to empirically assess the governance framework and social and spatial effects of innovative area-based programmes targeting hyperdiverse neighbourhoods in Europe and Canada

SO2: to define and implement a set of methods of action-research (i.e. Urban Living Labs) capable of maximizing the public engagement impact of the fellowship;

SO3: to foster the circulation of good practices among different contexts as well as the transfer of knowledge to other research settings and domains (i.e. policy making, volunteering sector, social enterprises active in the project domain) through the organization specific moments of discussion/collaborative works at local level as well as through specific interpersonal and mass media communication strategies.

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