

Acronym – POLIS-Veneto

Title – POLIS-Veneto - Action Plan for Employment and Social Integration for Third-Country Citizens in the Veneto Region

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Department – Department of Architecture and Arts

Iuav Role – Project Partner

Lead partner – Veneto Region

Other partners – Veneto Lavoro, University of Padua, Ca' Foscari University of Venice, University of Verona, Municipality of Padua, Municipality of Treviso, Municipality of Venice, Municipality of Verona, Municipality of Vicenza

Duration – 54 months

Start – 20/03/2025

Closure – 19/09/2029

Project budget – € 5 046 000.00

Iuav budget – € 100 000.00

Funding to Iuav – € 100 000.00

Source of funding – Multi-action public call for the submission of projects to be funded under the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (FAMI) 2021–2027 – Specific Objective 2. Legal Migration and Integration, Implementation Measure 2.d, Scope of Application 2.h Regional Action Plans for the Integration of Citizens of Third Countries Nationals (Decree No. 56 of August 7, 2023, issued by the Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Policies)

Description – POLIS is a five-year project aimed at fostering the effective and sustainable integration of third-country nationals (TCNs) in the Veneto Region by promoting their active participation in social life. Through the **Action Plan for Employment and Social Integration (POLIS)**, the goal is to transform intervention sites into spaces for social interaction and inclusion. The approach adopted is structured and based on the consolidation of territorial capital, through the strengthening of multilevel networks among institutions, services, and local communities. Planned actions include training, job placement, combating educational poverty, access to housing, and support for vulnerable individuals.

Established under the 2014–2020 FAMI program, the **POLIS partnership of public entities** has proven capable of providing extensive and coordinated support throughout the Veneto region. The Veneto Region, as Lead Partner, ensures strategic coordination and monitoring of the interventions. The Region has invited the four public universities in Veneto to participate with proposals aimed at enhancing a real and in-depth understanding of the migration phenomenon and promoting the identification of tools useful for planning and developing policies on specific issues. To strengthen initiatives for labor market inclusion, the key partner is Veneto Lavoro, a regional agency responsible for coordinating the activities of the 40 regional Employment Centers and the Informa Lavoro offices within the municipalities. To address specific needs beyond those identified by the network of Employment Centers, the municipalities of Padua, Treviso, Venice (in agreement with the Municipality of Chioggia), Verona, and Vicenza have been involved.

Within the POLIS project, the UNESCO Chair on the Social and Spatial Inclusion of International Migrants (SSIIM) at the Iuav University of Venice contributes to Action 01 – Support for improving multilevel governance for the social and labor market integration of migrants, which aims to enhance the skills and knowledge of public service providers on key issues related to the integration of third-country nationals in Veneto—such as housing, employment, health, education, participation, and inclusion. The activities proposed by SSIIM/IUAV focus on the **precarious housing conditions and vulnerability** of third-country nationals (and aim to strengthen the capacity of public and private social sector operators to support TCNs' access to and retention of housing through the generation of new knowledge, the promotion of networks, and the organization of “tailor-made” training and exchange modules, equipping practitioners with knowledge and operational skills that enable them to provide more appropriate responses to the housing needs of TNCs and strengthen housing integration and support services.



Objectives – The Specific Objectives and Expected Outcomes include:

1. **Consolidate shared, multi-stakeholder, and multisectoral governance:** strengthen and enhance cooperation among local stakeholders in migrant integration policies; initiate action research and innovative interventions.
 - *Expected Outcome:* greater involvement of stakeholders in the sector, through the establishment of networks and/or memoranda of understanding, the professional development of service providers, and the sharing of policy tools.
2. **Harnessing the full potential of foreign citizens** to improve employment prospects and personal autonomy, including through skills development.
 - *Expected Outcome:* Support at least 2,500 third-country nationals in their social and labor market integration and provide them with guidance.
3. **Promote third-country nationals' access to active community life** to foster dialogue, inclusion, and greater participation in the social and cultural spheres through communication and information activities.
 - *Expected Outcome:* Engage foreign associations through the implementation of migrant-led micro-initiatives and the promotion of sports as a vehicle for inclusion and intercultural dialogue.

Lead Partner website – www.venetoimmigrazione.it/polis

Dedicated section on SSIIM Unesco Chair website - www.unescochair-iuav.it/polis/