Acronym – TESI – TN MASTER

Title – Training and Education in Social Innovation TransNational Master

Scientific coordinator – Ezio Micelli

Project ID – IPA ADRION 547

CUP (National project ID) – F73C26000190006

Department – Department of Architecture and Arts

Iuav role – Project Partner

Lead Partner – Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna (Italy)

Other partners – University of Belgrade – Faculty of Philosophy (Serbia), University of Tirana (Albania), Science and Research Centre Koper (Slovenia), Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb (Croatia), Hellenic Open University - Department of Special Account for Research Funds (Greece)

Duration – 48 months

Start – 01/05/2026

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Iuav budget – € 89 425.00

Funding to Iuav – € 89 425.00

- € 76 011.25 Interreg IPA-Adrion (85%)
- € 13 413.75 Rotation Fund – National public contribution (15%)

Source of funding – Interreg IPA-Adrion Programme 2021–2027 - 2nd Call for Proposals

Description – The project aims to develop a **transnational Master's program** focused on advanced training in the areas of social innovation, urban regeneration, and territorial transformation. The program is designed to strengthen the skills of professionals, graduate students, and practitioners working in the public sector, the third sector, and organizations involved in the design, management, and evaluation of social innovation initiatives.

The project involves six universities and one research center from six Adrion countries (Italy, Croatia, Greece, Albania, Serbia, and Slovenia), with the support of the University of San Marino as an associated Partner, and aims to build an international network for training, research, and practice in the field of **social innovation**. Planned activities include educational modules, seminars, opportunities for dialogue with practitioners, mobility programs, internships, and project work.

The IUAV University of Venice is participating in the project by contributing specifically to the topic of **urban regeneration** as social innovation, with a focus on processes of urban and territorial transformation, the creation of public value, collaborative governance, and the assessment of social, economic, and environmental impacts.

Objectives – The Joint Master's Program TESI intends to train the professional role of the "social innovator" expert capable of designing, implementing, promoting, and evaluating innovative tools and interventions to support public administrations, Third Sector organizations, and private sector actors in the Adriatic-Ionian area in their activities to respond to and combat contemporary social challenges. This highly qualified expert must be capable of understanding and responding adequately to the needs of the area in which he/she operates, considering socio-economic, cultural, environmental, and institutional aspects.

The trained figure will be able to work within a multi-stakeholder territorial governance, with a managerial role, placing him/herself within public administrations, Third Sector organizations, and private enterprises, where he/she will plan innovative social interventions and realize synergies between the actors involved, responding to the needs of the community. Ultimately, they will be able to monitor and assess the social impact of the measures and strategies implemented.

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The JM will enroll 25 participants from the IPA Adrion countries. The Master will emphasize the importance of sharing knowledge and good practices in Social Innovation and will strengthen the principle of equal access to information and training. Within the project activities, including the selection of candidates for the Master program, we will vigorously promote gender equality by adopting the 'gendered innovation' approach, as defined by the EC, which integrates a sex and gender perspective in knowledge generation and develops specific tools.

Project website – www.tnmastertesi.interreg-ipa-adrion.eu

Master programme website – www.master.unibo.it/tesi-training-education-social-innovation/en

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